University of Tartu Viljandi Culture Academy

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- Culture education since 1952
- 1991 first applied higher education curricula in Viljandi
- Since 2005 part of the University of Tartu
- 10 undergraduate programs
- 4 MA programs (1 of them international)
- Roughtly 700 students
- 4 yr undergraduate programs, 240 ECTS (one 3 yr program, 180 ECTS)
- 2 yr graduate programs, 120 ECTS



Aims:

- Enhance creative and entrepreneurial spirit;
- Educate people whose approach to issues would derive from Estonian native culture and at the same time be open to the world;
- Offer flexible higher education in interdisciplinary and borderline fields;
- Generate new knowledge and implemente it to practice.



Facilities

- The main building small lecture halls, dance classrooms, a black box-type theatre hall, a painting class, a class equipped with looms, a multimedia class, computer classes and library. E-centre with video studio and 3D rapid prototyping
- Music House organ class, chamber music hall & recording studio;
- Student dormitories "Oma Kodu" and "Tareke"
- Viljandi Creative Incubator Centre FND. (textile, metal) since 2011
- Vilma House opening soon (creative incubator textile, performing arts)



Traditional Events

- Viljandi Guitar Festival 3rd week of October
- School Jazz=Jazz School workshop for young jazz pupils;
- Jazz clubs on Wednesday evenings;
- Culture Wednesdays performances;
- Dance Week to celebrate international Dance Day on 29th April;
- Student Theatre Festival TTP;
- "Own Culture" series of public lectures.



Estonian Native Crafts

Undergraduate Studies:

- Estonian Native Textile
- Estonian Native Construction
- Estonian Native Metalwork

MA in Inhereted Crafts



Performing Arts

Undergaduate Studies:

- Dance Arts
 - Dance Teacher
 - Choreographer

Theatre Arts

- Actor
- Director
- Amateur Theatre Director

Performing Arts Visual Technology

- Props and Stage Designer
- Lighting Designer
- Stage Manager
- Performing Arts Multimedia Specialist



Culture Education

Undergraduate Studies:

- Leisure-time
 Manager-Teacher
- Culture Management

Master level study module in cooperation with UT in Social pedagogy



Viljandi Creative Incubator Centers

- Native textile handicraft
- Native metalwork

The incubator offers low-budget manufactures spaces (also equipment as infrastructure services) and entrepreneurial support (e.g. legal and economic consulting) for young crafts entrepreneurs during first 3 years, aim to create new businesses.



