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The Academy of Arts in Banská Bystrica

Short description: The Academy of Arts in Banská Bystrica (AU BB) is a public higher education institution of a university type providing education structured within the three-tier ETCS system in the field of professional art. It was constituted by Law No. 156/1997 Coll. about the establishment of the Academy of Arts in Banská Bystrica. Its core mission is to develop and disseminate education in accredited study programs in the field of theater, music, art or film art and multimedia, supporting critical thinking, independent artistic research, artistic creativity and research, as well as generous support for the creative spirit of a human society recognizing the values of humanism and tolerance.

List of faculties:

- Faculty of Dramatic Arts
- Faculty of Music Arts
- Faculty of Fine Arts

Scientific research, international relations and projects:

The Academy of Arts in Banská Bystrica is focusing its research on four artistic fields: music, art, drama, film and multimedia. The field of research is coordinated with existing research areas, their staffing,



and the goals that research teams and departments of the three faculties of the university have set themselves. They follow trends in the development of their creative staff and PhD. students in the categories of artistic and publishing outputs. During its development, the university has become the center of artistic research not only of regional and national but also of international importance. The participation in various bilateral projects and in the ERASMUS+ Learning Mobility projects also contributes to this. Through its activities, the project promoted professional relationships between AU BB and European higher education and arts institutions. Important part of the support of art and art research at the Academy of Arts are funds raised mainly from domestic grant agencies (the Arts Fund, the Music Fund, the MŠVVŠ SR, the Art Support Fund, the Audiovisual Fund, the Tatrabanka Foundation).

- Number of students in 2016/17: **549**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **131**
- Foundation year: **1997**

