

String quartet specialization course

Open to existing quartets whose members possess Bachelor or Master-level proficiency in the chosen field of study. No age limit.

Rules for admission

Preliminary selection of quartets based on applications* and joint covering letters.

Then entrance test, subject to available places:

- audition of about 15 minutes (repertoire freely chosen by quartet)
- interview with the jury.

**Applications must include a list of diplomas obtained in both musical studies and general or higher education, as well as copies of certificates.*

Duration of studies

Between 2 and 4 semesters to obtain the diploma (18 hours of lessons on average per semester*)

It is possible to attend only for 1 semester: a certificate will be delivered.

The course will be organised in a flexible manner for each quartet.

Exceptionally, leave of absence may be granted for 1 semester at most.

**Semester 1: October to February; Semester 2: March to June*

Goals and content

The aim of the course is to make quartets aware of the requirements of the genre, through a progressive approach confronting students with the specific challenges of quartet repertoire.

The course will be taught jointly by 3 teachers, enabling students to hone their quartet technique and explore a broad repertoire, which may include premiere performances of contemporary works.

Quartets will be called upon to give public performances.

Diploma

The diploma will be awarded following an examination scheduled during an examination session.

The exam will consist of a 30-minute programme performed in concert format.

Furthermore, the members of the quartet will write programme notes for the concert, explaining how the chosen repertoire relates to the goals outlined at the beginning of the course.

The jury will be composed of the Director of the Conservatoire or his deputy, as well as two invited members (conductors, choral directors, composers, opera house directors, etc.)

Diploma title: Specialization diploma, Strasbourg Conservatoire (string quartet).

Fees

Information on fees can be found on the Conservatoire website.

Fees are updated every year in July.

Non-payment of enrolment fees can lead to exclusion from the Conservatoire. If you have any problem, please contact us.