



Court and Senate Office
College Gate

6 February 2025

Notice of Promulgation

In terms of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1966, the following draft Resolution, **promulgated by the University Court on 17 January 2025**, has been sent to the General Council Business Committee, and to the Senatus Academicus. The Draft Resolution is hereby published for inspection for a period of 4 weeks:

Resolution 2024 No.1 – Advanced Artist Diploma (Art Dip (Adv))

Court Resolution 2024 No.1 (Advanced Artist Diploma (Art Dip (Adv))) is required to give the University power to award a new Advanced Artist Diploma, to be awarded at level 12 on the SCQF framework (level 8 on the FHEQ).

The Advanced Artist Diploma would be delivered by the Royal Conservatoire Scotland (RCS) in collaboration with Scotland's national professional companies such as Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO) and Scottish Opera and validated by the University in accordance with the University's existing validation Agreement.

The Artist Diploma is a recognised qualification in the sector, and there is growing demand for this form of recognition of professional performance at the highest level. RCS already offers a taught Diploma at level 11 but would like to move to a research-based level 12 award, which would require validation from St Andrews as RCS does not itself have research degree awarding powers.

The advanced award would recognise progression to the uppermost professional standard at the highest level of excellence in musical performance attainment. The award would focus on original artistic contribution with research-equivalent professional practice in the field, including where appropriate in partnership with a professional company. Practical outputs (performances, original compositions) would add original knowledge and new practice to the field and be contextualised within the professional field.

The Advanced Artist Diploma is to be the first of its kind awarded at level 12 in Scotland, with equivalency to current awards at the level being recognised and delivered in England. This would enhance the competitive

appeal of the RCS - University of St Andrews offering and represent a pinnacle of performance achievement in the Conservatoire sector in Scotland.

At St Andrews, the proposal has been reviewed and approved in principle by Education Strategic Management Group. Senate approved the proposal at its meeting of 11 December 2024 and agreed to forward the draft resolution to Court for promulgation.

Any comments on the above should be directed to me within four weeks of this date and will, as necessary, be taken into consideration by the University Court. Subject to any comments received, the Court is expected to give final approval to the Resolution at its next meeting on 4 April 2025.



Executive Officer to the University Court and Senate

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Draft Resolution promulgated by the University Court

Resolution of the University Court [No.1]

Advanced Artist Diploma (Art Dip (Adv))

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1966, the University Court of the University of St Andrews hereby resolves as follows: –

1. The University of St Andrews may confer the award of Advanced Artist Diploma.
2. The Senatus Academicus, with approval of the University Court, may from time to time make regulations on any matters in order to give effect to this Resolution.
3. A candidate who has satisfied the Senatus Academicus that they have attained the necessary standard, who has paid all fees required, and who has satisfied the other requirements of this Resolution, and any regulations made thereunder, shall be entitled to receive the relevant award.
4. This Resolution shall come into effect on the day on which it is approved by the University Court.

For and on behalf of the University Court

Secretary of the University Court

The above Resolution was approved by the University Court on ***.

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