



Study
NEO and Classical Tantra
At the
Rasayana Tantra Academy

The First European Tantric Professional College
Affiliated with the Connection Academy for Advanced Erotology

The
***Rasayana Tantra
Academy***

***Regular Educational Program
or
a la Carte Educational Program***

Enrich your professional and personal life with embodied tantric knowledge, experience in-depth neo and traditional tantric systems, become a love and light worker with a true tantric body, heart and soul!



Advanced Professional Tantric learning for Tantric Practitioners

Part time Tantric Studies at AD, Bachelor and Master Level

Register now for the academic year 2019 / 2020

Minimum 18 students, maximum 32 students!

Introduction of an integral, transformative learning system



Tantra as a true passion and as a profession

If tantra is your true passion you may decide to make it your goal in life to take your tantra practice to a high level and make it your daily profession. This way you can share and support people on their life journey with your tantric insights and wisdom on an everyday basis.

In this case you would want to invest time, energy and money. You are really prepared to deepen, learn and explore and to establish a daily tantric discipline and express this attitude to your intimate circle and to the world.

Tantra in Eastern (Asian) cultures is a thousand of years old way of learning and philosophy in which tantric masters educate their students on their path to enlightenment.

Tantra as a therapeutic or educational profession on the contrary is a young and new phenomenon, which is introduced in the west in the 20th century by neo-tantric practitioners.

Background and Context

Proudly, The Connection Academy presents the first European certified and accredited tantra professional training:

The Rasayana Tantra Academy was established in Leiden, The Netherlands, since 2013.

In 2008 the idea was born to establish Europe's first Tantric University. From September 2012, after we had accomplished our International University accreditations, we created a unique professional tantra training program with a classroom instruction system and an online curriculum.

In 2017 due to legal changes in the Netherlands concerning educational laws, private universities were no longer accepted in our country, therefore we had to change our university title into an academy title for the professional and academic tantric studies.

Rasayana is a Sanskrit word that in essence means *elixir of life*

The Connection Academy for Advanced Erotology trains diverse talented professionals, who in turn coach clients in order that they can experience more love, connection, health and happiness in intimate relationships.

With the establishment of this educational institute we would like to be the real ambassador of the reconnection of love, sexuality and intimacy on the highest possible level of our consciousness and existence. In this way we hope to make a modest contribution for a better and more peaceful world where people live who can feel connected deeply with themselves, their lovers, their social environment and nature that surrounds them. People who take full responsibility for their (love) actions.

In the Netherlands the development of the profession of tantra has been very stormy the last years. A lot of tantric masseurs and trainers have started to work recently. However, most tantric practitioners are not really schooled as a true tantric. They have not had a chance to study with tantric master for years, nor had a thorough professional tantric training elsewhere. From our experience it is known that what is now happening in the current tantric profession in the Netherlands and other European countries is detrimental to the essence of wisdom of tantra.

Already Six Years of Certified Tantric Education

With the introduction of the 1st European Tantra Academy professional tantra training with high professional standards is now accessible for everybody, who is interested in tantra. We offer affordable tantric professional and scientific training with certified diplomas on AD, Bachelor and Master level.

Besides, we offer students diverse methods for financing their tantric studies, so paying for their education doesn't have to be a problem. Ask the Dean for our bonus system.

Most of our students, who have registered in our institute are European, over 25 years old and have completed already some education at AD, BA or Master level.

Our intention is always to start with an excellent group of students, so preselection is part of the process. Their academic achievements will be our reference for future students.

Last academic year volunteered in the selection procedure more than 60 prospect students, of whom 18 participated in the three selection weekends. Ultimately, from this large group only 12 students were selected.

Our students indicate that they are looking for professional, efficient and affordable tantra education. They want to deepen their current tantric knowledge and improve their tantric

practice and skills in order to become true tantric trainers and skillful tantric massage therapists.

Our mission and Our Vision

Our societal mission is establishing Tantra as a science of the Present. Especially, in our western society. Tantric exercises contribute to a more conscious Being and conscious living on different levels in loving connection with other humans and our surrounding world. Because, only through this loving connection we truly experience happiness. Tantra lets us experience what we truly are: we are essentially One.

Our professional vision is to professionalize Tantra in the Netherlands, Europe and further. A lot of tantric schools are recently emerging. In itself this would be a positive development, but often Tantra is given by passionate amateurs, with (hopefully) integer intentions, but too little knowledge and experience of Tantra and tantric science.

Tantra is a serious Vedic philosophy of consciousness with divers' aspects and many deeper layers. You cannot learn Tantra in a weekend or even a training of a year. As you become a tantra professional you will seriously study modern tantric variants and philosophies and also classic forms of Tantra. Tantra is not only about knowledge for the mind but emphasizes embodied knowledge and deep experience. Our body is an unknown source of wisdom, beauty and a temple for the soul. Learning through bodily experiences is one of the fundamental starting points of the Rasayana Tantra Academy

The education of the Rasayana Tantra academy is universal. Different essential movements and visions about tantra, tantric exercises and tantric massage will be presented. We work with an excellent international skilled staff. Students will have broad knowledge and abilities when they have successfully completed their tantric education in our institute.

Moreover, we also teach students therapeutic communication skills, techniques and methodologies from psychology and sexology to optimally prepare them as tantric therapists for western clients. Besides, knowledge and skills, the development of a professional attitude and ethics is an important part of the education program. We are the first tantric institute to teach the subject of *Tantra Ethics*.

About Tantra

"Tantra enlightens our soul, expands our consciousness, our body, and enriches our love. Tantra makes us investigate and fundamentally grasp our deepest intentions and desires. Tantra lets us play with our desires, lets us be creative and open, full of passion and surrender until the moment all our desires and intentions are balanced in a perfect harmony. At this moment we become Stillness. Tantra represents then irrevocably the Here and Now."

Dr Tara Long, 2013.

The traditional tantric traditions find their origins in Asian and Eastern Cultures. It is known by old Buddhist and Hindu (Vedic) scriptures that 5000 years ago spiritual masters were concerned with subjects like sexuality, spirituality and procreation.

Modern tantric masters like Osho, Kenneth Ray Stubbs, Margot Anand and others have put tantra to the attention to westerners in the 20th century. They have done so with great success. From this different visions and methods emerged, all under the name of Neo-Tantra. This is how we call the modern tantra, to indicate that it has had its own separate influences and development apart from the classical or traditional Eastern tantric traditions.

In Neo-Tantra tantric exercises and concepts are used to let the western human reconnect and experience intimacy in her/his sexual and loving relationships. More and more western couples search for a tantric deepening in their relationship by tantric training and exercises. Moreover, western Tantra stimulates spiritual awareness and growth of the individual.

Tantra in its broadest way, is about life itself with all its opposite forces and resistance that we have to experience in order to unite in our human existence. Tantra in Tibetan language also means 'to weave'. We weave our life into an artistic and unique whole. Besides this Tantra is about finding balance between the godly (spiritual), emotional, sensual and earthly dimensions in our life.

Tantra in essence also means extension or even enlightenment by practicing awareness of our consciousness. Tantra also is about the unification of the female and male parts in ourselves and our partner. We are able to have more life strength and joy if we have made conscious and experienced our vital life energies (Prana). Therefore, Tantra is for many practitioners about living a life of the highest love.

'Tantra in the west is often seen as a new exotic series of techniques to find out more enjoyment and ecstasy in sex. While the original function of tantra is a spiritual practice to free the self from sexual obsession and needs and in the end, to end the human suffering and finally reach enlightenment.' Quote by Geurtz, J. (Dutch Buddhist Teacher).

Your Future profession and Indications of Monthly Salaries

Tantra is a special way of living and at least a passion to share with others. By exploring tantra you will surely work on your personal development and growth. Learning the profession and developing yourself deeply go hand in hand with our educational programs.

The first year educates to professional and certified tantra bodyworker / tantra wellness masseur (practitioners / AD level). As a tantric wellness masseur, you will be able to start your own massage practice and you may organize group massage workshops as well. A professional schooled tantra masseur/masseuse earns full time about 2400 Euros gross income a month

It is possible to continue and learn for tantra coach or tantra massage therapist (BA level). The tantra coach may offer clients personal coaching session on tantra, intimacy and sexuality from an integral and transpersonal perspective. Besides, it is possible to organize workshops for professional organizations and individuals. A tantra massage therapist applies various tantra massage techniques in order to give therapy sessions for individual clients. A tantra coach / massage therapist earns fulltime about 3200 Euros gross income a month.

Hereafter, it is possible to specialize for Tantra Counseling and Tantra Science on academic level. With the master counseling it is permitted to give individual coaching session to clients, but also to teach undergraduate tantra students. A tantra counselor earns fulltime about € 4500 Euros gross income a month.

A graduated student in Tantra Science is equipped to perform scientific research on Tantra (history, theory, transpersonal philosophy and methodology), intercultural aspects of intimacy and sexuality according the TAO method. This all combined with an integral and transpersonal methodology and philosophy as the fundamental structure of studies.

Innovative Teaching

An Integral Transformative Teaching Method. The education at the Rasayana Tantra Academy is taught according to an innovative methodology. The ***integral, transformative educational methodology***. With this methodology practical experience and theory organically unite into an interesting holistic whole. The knowledge isn't only offered in theory but is experienced through the body and is actively practiced in class-room situations and work laboratories. This gives our students the embodied (spiritualized) knowledge and ability which is necessary to practice this profession for a long time. This education not only challenges the mind, but also the student's emotional, body and spiritual intelligence. This unique form of education is developed in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Jorge N. Ferrer at the California Institute of Integral Studies in the United States.

Applying this teaching methodology, it is consciously avoided that intellectual knowledge is overvalued. Only the last phase of the education (the 4th year, training for tantric scientist), because of the pure academic character, can be considered as "*cognicentric*". However, also in this curriculum tantric practice plays a significant role, because in our institute we pursue "*Practical Scholarship*", in which practice and theory have an organic balance and strengthen each other.

To our experience a lot of training in the complementary healthcare and wellness is often offered as a spiritual "fast food model". With this "fast food model" the training consists of different workshops without a good inter-connection, presenting as a whole. With such training the student has to somehow connect all the loose elements of knowledge and experience to make this into a whole (integral) understanding. In our vision such a way of working will not lead to true embodied knowledge but will lead to bewilderment and professional vagueness.

With our teaching method we clearly distance ourselves from the snack bar pick and choose model above. At the beginning of the Rasayana Academy a period of nearly four years has passed in which staff, teachers and advisors have intensively and thoroughly researched diverse aspects to develop a thorough and integral tantric curriculum and integral educational method. Care is put into connecting to teachers with high professional standards, but also finding a way of educating which optimally prepares the students to the demands of the tantric profession in the world of today.

Phases and Duration of Tantric Professional Education

The Rasayana Tantra Academy education structure is built in follow-up steps and stages. This means that after each year it is possible to receive a certified diploma, with which you can already start your practice as an independent tantra professional.

The educational stages and professional specializations are built as following:

Year 1:

Part-time certificate training for **tantric bodyworker** (Intermediate Practitioners level, diploma certificate)

Part-time diploma course for **tantra wellness masseur** (Advanced Practitioners level, AD level, diploma certificate)

Part-time diploma course for **tantra group instructor** (Advanced Practitioners level, AD level, diploma certificate)

Year 2:

Part-time diploma course **tantra (group) trainer** (Bachelor level certified diploma)

Part-time diploma course **tantra (couple/ women) coach** (Bachelor level certified diploma)

Part-time diploma course **tantra massage therapist** (Bachelor level certified diploma)

Part-time diploma course **tantra kriya yoga instructor** (Bachelor level certified diploma)

Year 3:

Part-time diploma course **Integral Tantra Counselor** (Practical Master level certified diploma)

Part-time diploma course **Classical Tantra Master**, (Practical Master level certified diploma)

Year 4:

Part-time diploma course **Tantra Scientist**, (Master or MPhil level certified diploma)

Year 5 - 7:

Part-time **PhD in Tantra Philosophy**

Please note:

Mandatory Internships

1st phase:

In the first year to become a tantra masseur / masseuse, tantra group instructor or tantric bodyworker, a half year internship is mandatory. This means that the diploma is rewarded only when the internship has been completed successfully.

2nd phase:

Further professional specializations: tantra trainer, tantra women coach, tantra Kriya yoga instructor or tantra massage therapist. A half year of internship is mandatory. The diploma is only rewarded when the internship has been completed successfully.

3rd phase:

Classical Tantra Master & Integral Tantra Counselor: Also six months of successful internship is mandatory before receiving the diploma.

4th phase:

Tantra Scientist / Philosopher requires no mandatory internship.

The Curriculum

Our Motto: *Every student should be able to blossom in its own rights.*



Hereunder an example of a selection of compulsory curriculum 1st year courses, modules, electives (free-study-space) and masterclasses by our international guest lecturers and tantric experts:

The 1st year Tantra curriculum subjects (Please note: academic courses may vary per study year)

1. Tantric professional ethics
Anatomy & physiology
Hygiene and Practice Policy
Various (Tantric) massage techniques including subjects as Neo – Tantra, Tibetan Kum-Nye Massage, Ayurvedic Massage, Kashmirian Couple Tantra (for massage specialization only!)
Sexual Tao & Sexual Kung Fu
2. Couple Tantra
3. Tantric Esthetic Dance
Classical tantra: Veda, Tibetan Tantra (= Tantra history)
4. Tantra Meditation & Pranayama

5. (Kundalini) Yoga

Tantra & Energetic Protection / Chakra Healing Systems

6. Kaula Tantra & Kriya Yoga

7. Introduction into Ayurveda

The subjects which are burgundy colored should in principle be attended by each student, unless the student can clearly demonstrate that this knowledge is fully known and ample integrated already into the earlier educational / professional practice of the candidate.

Already, it is possible to choose two electives (subjects) in your free study space. This is not mandatory, but optional.

For the year 2019/2020, the regular and 'a la Carte student', 1st grade (AD-level) tantra wellness-masseur / tantric body-worker, may choose from the following electives. This is just an example list, ask for the latest year program to overview the current offered electives / subjects.

Electives for the academic year 2018/2019

Maximum 2 electives per student.

1. Tandava dance and Kashmiri Tantra
2. Orgasmic continence techniques for men and ejaculation techniques for women
3. Introduction into TAO sexual reflexology
4. Tantric rituals and tantric communication
5. Buddhist meditation / dynamic forms
6. Internal Branding and (e)-marketing practices of tantra / tantric schools.
7. Tantra & Shamanism

Please note: All courses and masterclasses will be announced in our academic-year-program. This program may somehow vary per academic year; however, all the necessary content of the various modules is included into the curriculum year program as will be presented every new academic year starting in September and January. Students are requested to make their own selection at the beginning of their studies, except for the compulsory courses and modules, which will be always included into the curriculum.

The regular 1st year Curriculum

For the regular international curriculum, the students choose eight different subjects from the academic year program as offered in a particular academic year (inclusive the compulsory subjects).

This list will always offer various subjects such as: Tantric Massages Courses (neo tantric and classical style), Tantra Ethics, Tantric Philosophy and Vedic Science, Anatomy & Physiology, Sexual Tao, Energetic Transformation and Anatomy, Tantric Yoga, Meditation, Integral and Transpersonal Sexology, etc.

Every year the institute organizes several masterclasses by international recognized tantric expert teachers. Regular students have to attend at least two of these masterclasses.

After every (weekend) course students send in their personal reflection reports.

Study à la Carte and design your own Curriculum

Tailor Made Tantra Curricula

Preferably, some students are looking for tantric studies according to a tailor made curriculum. Some students are advanced enough to compose their individual study path. These students will study the *à la Carte curriculum*.

For the **à la Carte curriculum program** the 1st year curriculum contains 8 courses (including 1 masterclass). This program is suitable for semi-professional students, who do have some professional experience with tantra. In the à la Carte learning system only experienced tantric practitioners are allowed!

In the **à la Carte International curriculum** students are free to compose their a la Carte curriculum with at least six tantric courses (including compulsory subjects) and one masterclass. These can be internal courses (courses within our tantric academy) and external courses (outside the institute after written approval by the student counselor). External courses need to be financed by the student. A la carte students also have to attend one masterclass, as offered in the academic year program.

Please note: **Students can only be admitted to the à la Carte study when they do have previous experience with tantra, holistic / complementary medicine, sexology / psychology, energetic healing, yoga, spiritual training or massage. The final admission is for the Rasayana staff (Student Counselor and Head of Studies) to decide!**

The free curriculum student designs together with the student counselor and Dean an individual study path.

Background of the à la Carte Curriculum

Three years ago, the Rasayana staff considered, if we could meet the individual needs of our students. Therefore, we have also consulted with the accrediting bodies. The accrediting offices allowed us to introduce a pilot of five years, after which this dynamic study system called '**a la Carte Study Program**' will be evaluated.

Benefits of this dynamic, tailor made learning system

The student may choose within the offered curriculum 6 major modules, which the student assists to achieve the desired professional level. The individual learning path and program will be discussed and approved by the student counselor and the Dean.

The other advantage of the 'a la Carte' study system for the student is that this system follows a curriculum that integrates seamlessly with the individual wishes and personal needs of the individual student.

A la Carte Curriculum

Every student can enroll any time of the year and start the program on his or her own level. The student can study and graduate in his or her own pace. Students may complete the 1st year in one year, two years or even three years depending on personal development through the year and earlier professional experiences.

At the end of each academic year the student can apply for a final (trial) exam. The Rasayana examination commission assesses whether the student has passed the exams and possibly may be referred to the next level of education, provided of course that the student aspires the next level of education.

Training for a (AD, BA or Master level) diploma, a student may use up to three years to achieve the required level. However, the student can work also much faster and achieve the degree in one and a half year, depending on the personal and professional experience that the student arrives with participating in our education program.

Suspensions

Suspension of study duty is rewarded by the institute in case of serious illness, death of a family member, divorce or other serious urgent matters. Students have to give notice in writing (email is also allowed) to the Student Counselor or Head of Studies as soon as possible when they experience delay of their studies. In this case the student does not need to pay new tuition fees for the coming academic year.

Forced Suspension

In case the student counselor and the Head of Education decides at a certain point that the student cannot continue studies for various grounded and serious reasons, the student will be suspended from the program and for an indefinite or definite period removed from the institute. Against this strict measure no appeal is possible and also no reclaim of earlier paid tuition fees.

The challenges of an experimental, explorative learning system for students

We expect the 'à la Carte' student has an independent, autonomous working and study attitude. Also, we expect that our students have high moral standards. The student is fully prepared and responsible to take care of his / her own academic progress and personal well-being and educational development. Only with written permission of the academy staff a student is allowed to practice tantra sessions for money with clients during the first year of studies!

The student counselor of the academy holds the study results of the "à la Carte Curriculum" student, gives advices and adjusts where necessary and desirable the curriculum for the student.



Individual approval of the 'à la Carte' curriculum

Furthermore, the student's individual learning program / curriculum will be sent to the school administrator and Head of Studies (Dean) to be approved. It may be the case that for some (partial) subjects a student needs to perform an aptitude test (practically or theoretically) first, before a dispensation is granted for that particular subject.

Please Note: For the student who will study the 'a la Carte system', it is important to remember that all learning material in the compulsory curriculum should be known, even if the student received dispensation for a certain module. All the subjects of the 1st year curriculum can be part of the final exam, whether the student studied these subjects in our academy, or elsewhere.

Possibility to switch to the Classroom (Regular) System for the a la Carte student

'A la Carte' students may incidentally also rotate in consultation with the student advisor or their mentor with the regular student group, in case a regular group is available that particular academic year. This is subject to additional costs. The 'a la Carte' student pays € 1.050, - extra tuition fee to become a regular (group) student.

Assessment of Tantric knowledge & Skills, Final Exams

Assessment of knowledge and abilities takes place according to the integrative and transformative education method. This means that besides theoretical tests and written papers and practical exams, performances, individual presentations and creative results are expected as final tests for different courses.

The training is completed with an integrated final exam for the Connection Academy examination commission in which internal as also external exam commission members will be seated.

During the final exam not only theory but also tantra practice will be part of the exam.

The students will also be evaluated on their **personal development** (ability to grow and personal transformation) during the year as well on their **professional attitude** (professional ethics, integrity and the development into an authentic tantric professional with a clear tantric vision and mission).

6 Months Traineeship / Internship

After successful completion of the final exam a student enters a traineeship period (maximum 6 months). During these months a student has to produce 25 test client (massage / case) reports or 10 reports on tantra group training processes. Each report from a different client or group. Only after successful completion of the traineeship a student is rewarded with a certified diploma.

Accreditation

The Connection Academy diplomas are certified and accredited by the Connection Institute and the Coniugium, professional Board. Graduated students can register with our European professional register for professionals in complementary, integral and transpersonal sexological therapy and care.

Initially, it is possible to register as aspiring member, after three years as aspiring member it is possible to register as a full registered member.

Rasayana's Teachers Team and Staff

The Rasayana teacher team 2018 / 2019 you will find onto our webpage:

www.connectionacademy.org

(Guest) teachers will vary per course and per academic year but are all experts in their field and where required academically qualified. Our teaching staff has more than 20 years of experience in their field of tantric teaching.

In addition, international teachers or expert practitioners, teach the courses, which students have chosen in their free curriculum space. This may vary per year and even per student.

In case a teacher /lecturer because of other important work / activities will be not available, suitable replacement will be provided. This also applies in the case of illness or any other urgent conditions.

Our institutional staff currently consists of The Dean, Student counselor, 1st and 2nd year Program manager, Financial manager and Admission Officer / Secretary.

Register and enroll as our student?

First, filling out an application / registration form and scheduling a (Skype) interview with the 1st year program manager. Send us an e-mail: info@connectionacademy.org and request the student application form.

If a student wishes to enroll for the 'à la carte' curriculum, there will be after registration and payment of tuition a comprehensive intake interview with the student counselor to estimate the student's level and former professional experiences.

During the intake session is discussed what the relevant training and previous professional experience are of the prospect student. Also, what the student's wishes and expectations are about the (regular, or the à la carte ') curriculum and tantra training program. How the student wishes to develop professionally eventually, after the professional training, as a graduate and tantric professional, etc.

Based on this interview and student report a student is admitted, an individual learning plan is designed, aimed, as closely as possible, to the needs and learning goals of the individual student.

We advise all prospect students to take part in an introduction weekend organized by the academy. Costs € 295, - [accommodation not included].

1st Year Tuition Fees

€ 7.250,- for a regular student (the regular program contains 10 long weekend courses, 50 hours individual guidance (mentoring and supervision) + course material.)

€ 3.750,- for a student who wants to do the first year of study in two years, the 50% program: (the 50% program contains five long weekend courses, 20 hours individual guidance and course material.) Please note: the student needs to do the other half the next academic year to be able to get a certified diploma.

€ 5.500,- for the professional tantric student who has enough professional (tantric) experience in order to do a less intensive program (this professional program contains 8 long weekend courses, 35 hours of individual guidance + course material).

€ 7.500,- for the individual curriculum student for whom we design an à la Carte tantric 1st year curriculum. (contains 7 long weekend (internal) courses, 3 external courses (to be financed by the student!), 60 hours of individual guidance, course material).

Please note: included in the course prices are 2 vegetarian meals per day, drinks and healthy snacks, 3 supervision sessions and six mentor sessions. Except external courses, festivals or conferences! Compulsory reading list is not included in this price and will cost the student about € 550,- per year.

Please note: overnight stays, student accommodation and travel costs are not included in the tuition fee!

Refund policy of tuition fee

In case a student quits studies during the academic year, there will be no refund of earlier paid tuition fees! Full payment of tuition needs to be met at any time!

IMPORTANT: In case of serious illness or other serious personal circumstances, a student gets a fair chance to catch up with the missed courses another year. A student needs to apply in writing (email) for suspension of studies at the Connection University Examination Board. The board will decide if suspension is awarded. The board's decision is binding and cannot be appealed against.

Study Guide

The study guide, training regulations, examination regulations and the 1st (half) year planning of the curriculum will be handed to the individual student after completed registration, payment of tuition and acceptance after the intake interview (compulsory). In the study guide one can find descriptions of the courses, subjects, and several key features. Moreover, examination requirements for each subject listed. You will also find the CV's of the various teachers.

You will also receive the required reading list for the first year, about 10 textbooks. Some books / articles you will get sent or linked to you. Other books and or articles you should order yourself and buy at your own expenses.



Learning materials to purchase or bring your own:

- writing materials
- required study books
- sufficient notebooks / folders
- sound meditation cushion
- protect (cover) sheet (against oil and other fluids) for a one - person massage mattress
- large bath towels 2 pcs.
- yoga clothes
- flipflops (only for inside!)
- bathrobe or lungi (wrap)
- warm socks
- fleece blanket

All material with labels / stickers with your first and last name on it.

The academy provides massage mattresses, massage tables, massage oil and other materials.

It is imperative that you are in possession of a computer (PC). A laptop or tablet are certainly convenient!

School Vaccination(s) Policy

We require all students to be vaccinated against hepatitis B, and also bring a proof of this vaccination. When a student objects to vaccinations he / she must report that in time (at the beginning of the academic year, or when commencing a course at our school). Extra precautions will be taken.

Teaching locations

So far, we are a Nomad Academy, which is also a unique concept for Europe. Our instruction weekends take place in various cities and locations: Leiden, Berlin, London, Copenhagen. Most of the instruction weekends will be planned in Leiden, The Netherlands.

Minimum Number of Students per Course

When eight or more students of the 1st year student population have chosen a subject, teaching takes place at one of the Academy training locations.

In case a course involves only 1 to 4 students, teaching may take place in the teacher's practice or workrooms, or in case possible by Skype.

Planning Instruction Lessons and Lectures

Students receive practical instruction in principle during weekends; starting on Friday evening or Saturday morning, afternoon and optional evening, Sunday morning and afternoon every third or fourth weekend of the month, unless indicated otherwise in our study program.

Mentorship and Supervision

Each student is appointed with a student mentor and supervisor. The student is free to choose mentors from the teaching staff or can seek for external mentors. The student contacts the mentor at least once every ten weeks. There are also supervisors for the students available: Silja Rehfeldt (1st year study counselor), Kenneth Ray Stubbs, PhD, Anand Rudra, PhD and Dr Tara Long. Students need to arrange at least three meetings with their supervisor during the 1st year.

Mentoring and supervision fees depend on the teacher providing them. Ask the fees in advance! Some teachers will provide mentoring and supervision for free.

Individual and collective research projects

'A la Carte' students can also opt for personal development projects / research. These are individual projects that will deepen the student's knowledge, experience and insight.

During the training a student can point out in which themes or areas he or she has his/her particular interest.

For example, a student has indicated its willingness to delve into tantra and aesthetics , another student has indicated its willingness to delve into Kum Nye and Tibetan Healing Art , another student in tantric initiation rituals and another student in male sexuality and tantra training for men.

For a personal development project, a student can get extra credits, study points. If desired and appropriate, additional guidance from our institute.



The personal development project may be presented at the final exam.

Students may also work in pairs and / or trios deepening their individual projects. What's important during co-operation is that each individual student takes a proportionate share of effort and material and supplies it to the deepening research project.

Tantric Bodyworker or Tantra Wellness Masseur 1st year Exam

At the time that the student is ready for the final exam, the student will report that to the student counselor. There follows a detailed session with the student counselor. If the student counselor and the student agree on the student's progress and completion of the study, then the Dean of studies will be informed by letter that the student is actually ready for the final exam. There will be an exam date agreed and invited an examination committee (consisting of three members : 2 internal examiners (connected with the Academy) and one external examiner (not affiliated with the Academy) when there is doubt if the student is ready, the student may first perform a trial exam.

The cost of the exam is € 250, - for the trial exam and € 575, - for the final exam (paid in advance).

Should the student unexpectedly fail the exam, he or she may request a re-examination within six months after the date of the last exam. The cost of re-examination is equal to the cost of the final exam and are paid in advance by the student.

Otherwise, there is the possibility that the student with the positive advice and consent of the examination committee will understudy the 1st year and will pay the yearly tuition again.

An examination result cannot be appealed by the student. Because, there is a possibility of re-examination.

The final exam terms for the tantra practitioners training are described in the student handbook and study guide that you will receive at registration and payment of tuition.

Become a Connection Academy Talent Scout

In addition, we would like to draw your attention to the fact that (prospect) students can also become Connection Academy Talent Scouts. Being our talent scout you can earn a nice bonus in order to pay for your studies. Contact the student counselor for the requirements and conditions.

Stichting Connection Academy

European Institute for Higher Education in Advanced Erotology, Integral and Transpersonal Sexology & Tantric Sciences

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