

**Orientation Course  
Preparatory Course**


**GERRIT RIETVELD  
ACADEMIE**

**Are you thinking  
of applying to the  
RIETVELD ACADEMIE,  
but want to see what it's  
like here first?**

**Or perhaps you don't  
have enough work to  
apply yet?**

**Then the ORIENTATION  
COURSE or the  
PREPARATORY COURSE  
is something for you!**

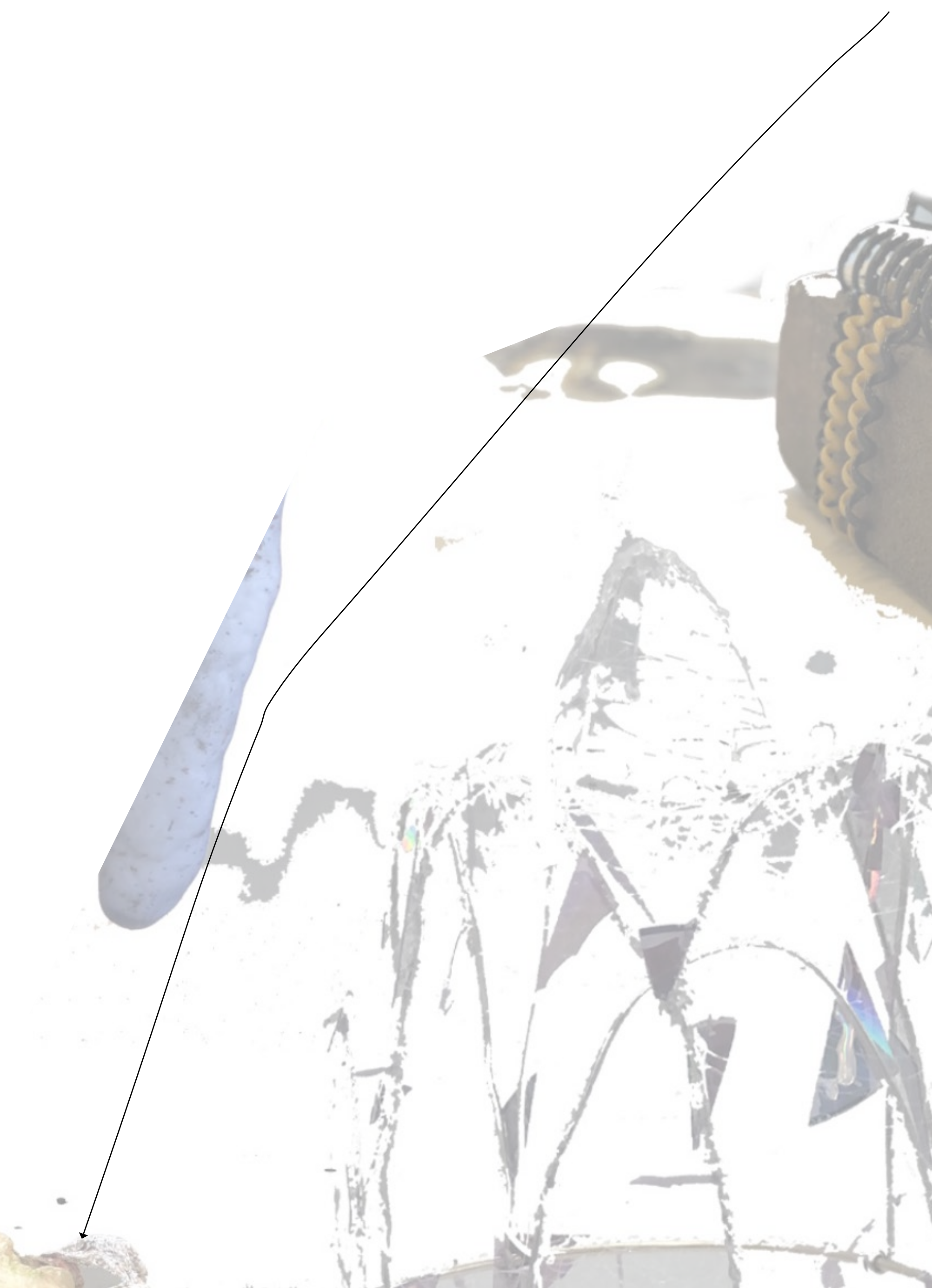




**Both courses** give you the chance to get to know the **Gerrit Rietveld Academie**. Each course runs for **25 weeks**, from the end of September to the beginning of April. During this time, you will come to the academy to create visual work under the supervision of professional artists and designers, discuss your creations and – if you choose to – work towards being admitted to a **bachelor's degree** programme at the Gerrit Rietveld Academie, or another academy. In both courses, you will follow classes in **visual arts** and **design**, including **drawing/ painting, mixed media, graphic design** and **sculpture**. Various assignments allow you to build up a **portfolio** and you experience life at the Gerrit Rietveld Academie up close. You'll get to know a new environment, your classmates and the particular way of working at the academy — it's not just about looking at what you've made, but also about the steps you took to reach that result. This way you can decide whether studying at the Rietveld Academie would suit you.



You will also have the opportunity to follow a number of introductions into the general **workshops**, go on excursions and learn to reflect on your own **work process**, for example through **writing assignments**. You can also follow the lectures of Studium Generale, the academy's theory programme. Our working language is **English** because many of our students come from abroad.





# HOW TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE TWO COURSES?

Which one you should pick is mainly down to your goal, your age, and the amount of time you have.







## **THE ORIENTATION COURSE**

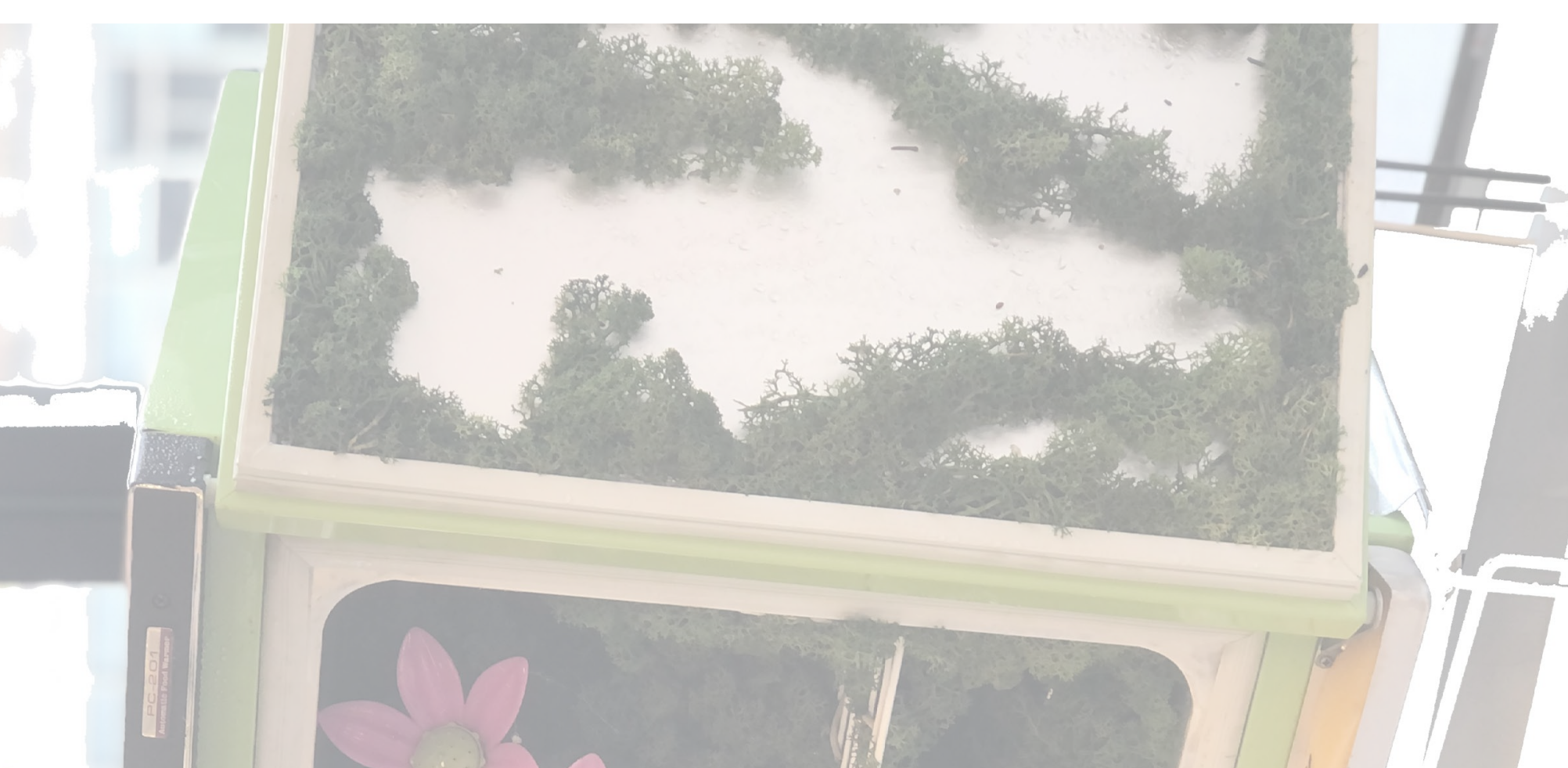

is perfect if you want to find out whether studying at the academy is for you. It can contribute towards admission to the bachelor's degree, or simply offer a new experience. Students taking the Orientation Course are between 16 and 50 years old and come from widely different backgrounds — that's what makes the course so special. You will meet up on Saturdays, when you can show what you've made at home, discuss it with your class and teacher, and create new things. Besides attending the academy on **Saturday afternoons**, you will work on assignments at home for approximately one half-day a week. During the course, you can participate in an internal admission interview to discuss your options for further study. If that interview goes well, you can take the entrance exam for either the full-time or the part-time bachelor's degree at the academy.





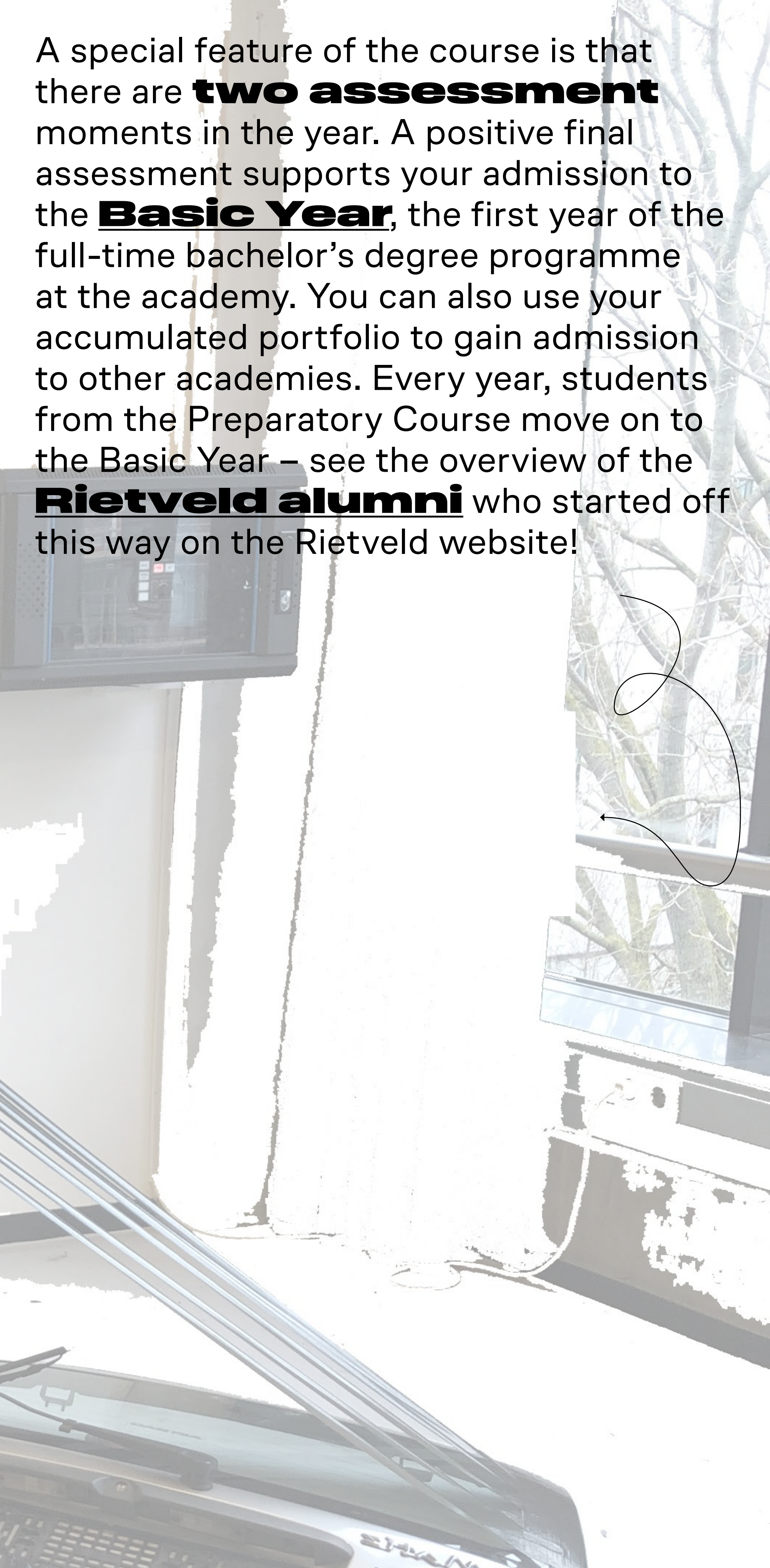
## **THE PREPARATORY COURSE**

prepares you for studying at the Gerrit Rietveld Academie. It's designed for those who know they want to study at the academy and want to prepare for it more intensively. Students taking the Preparatory Course are **25 or under** and have obtained at least a **HAVO or MBO-4 diploma**. You will see each other more often: for **three or four half-days a week**. In addition to the lessons at the academy, you will spend an average of four hours a week at home completing your assignments, preparing your lessons and on assessments. It is also important to be aware of art and design events in and outside the academy.





A special feature of the course is that there are **two assessment** moments in the year. A positive final assessment supports your admission to the **Basic Year**, the first year of the full-time bachelor's degree programme at the academy. You can also use your accumulated portfolio to gain admission to other academies. Every year, students from the Preparatory Course move on to the Basic Year – see the overview of the **Rietveld alumni** who started off this way on the Rietveld website!





To find out more about both courses you can attend **Goedemorgen Gerrit**, an online Saturday morning session in November in which we introduce ourselves and answer all your questions live (this session is in Dutch). We also recommend that you come to the **Open Day** in January (in English), during which there's an introduction to all the departments of the bachelor's degree programme. Of course, you can always visit the course pages on the **Rietveld website**, where we answer frequently asked questions, for example; you can also see what a lesson looks like, what the costs are and how to register for admission.

**Also take a look at RIETVELD OP PROEF**