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TO
ALL NEW STUDENTS OF DIA
WINTER SEMESTER 2022'23

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Congratulation to the admission to our Master Program "DIA / Dessau International Architecture Graduate School" of Hochschule Anhalt! Below we like to provide you with some important information and the next steps.

Start of the Program:

The program starts with winter semester only. The **Introduction** to the DIA Master program and its courses of Winter Semester 2022'23 takes place

October 5th 2022

Information about the schedule and all relevant information about the content, choosing courses and the communication platform moodle will be provided among all **enrolled students** end of September.

We advise foreign students in general to **arrive in Dessau at least one to two weeks before introduction** and start of classes to allow time for registration and general setup.

Visa:

Those of you needing **visa** should start that process in your home countries as soon as possible. Experience has shown that it can take quite a long time for a student to hold such a visa in his/her hands. Therefore, do apply for the visa as soon as you are in possession of the admission papers to DIA for the requested semester of entry. The letter of admission is made available for download on the schools application portal (SSC Portal) – both in German and English

<https://sscportal.ssc.hs-anhalt.de>

It is important to know that you will only obtain a student's residence permit to Germany if you can provide proof of sufficient funding for the time you want this permit for. At present, foreign students must prove that they have at least 861 euros per month, which is 10.332 euro per year at their disposal.

There are two options recognized as proof: In case your parents (or others) are coming up for your expenses they need to have accreditation by the German embassy. This procedure can take a while and might mean additional fees. Option two is mostly regarded easier: opening a German bank account with the amount of money needed for at least one semester (6 month) and ask the bank then to create a „blocked account“.

Do check in with information provided by the German embassy of your home country, and the homepage of DAAD where information is always updated! The DAAD also offers scholarships that you might be eligible to apply, as the DIA Master Program itself does not offer scholarships.

See further information at

<https://www.daad.de/en/>

After Admission/Enrolment main steps

International students need to go through a number of authorities. Please follow the below link for information:

<https://www.hs-anhalt.de/en/international/your-stay-at-anhalt-university.html>

Travel planning

The *best way to reach Dessau is flying to Berlin*. From there you have to look for possible train connections to Dessau Hbf mostly including one or two changes.

Flying via Frankfurt you also can check the train connections via Erfurt or Leipzig. The train station is located at the airport and connections might be faster than any connecting flight to Berlin or Leipzig/Halle. Trains can be checked easily on www.bahn.com.

When flying via Munich it is recommended to check for connecting flights to Berlin or Halle/Leipzig and continue your journey by train as well.

The train station in Dessau (Dessau **hbf**) is located at the area of the University directly! Walking distance to our office is just five minutes. To reach the accommodation places we suggest taking a taxi, except to the Hotel Radisson Blue, which is in walking distance as well.