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TO
ALL NEW STUDENTS OF DIA
WINTER SEMESTER 2023/24

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

Start of the Program:

The program starts in the winter semester only. The **Introduction** to the DIA Master's program and its courses for Winter Semester 2023/24 will take place on

October 4th 2023

All relevant information about the schedule, course content, choosing subjects and our communication platform **Incom**, will be provided to all **enrolled students** at the end of September.

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

Visa:

Those of you needing a **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 their 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 school's 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 of the permit. 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 accreditation by the German embassy. This procedure can take a while and might mean additional fees. Option two is mostly regarded as easier: open a German bank account with the amount of money needed for at least one semester (6 months) 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 for, as the DIA Master's Program itself does not offer scholarships.

You can find 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 link below for information:

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

Travel planning

The *best way to reach Dessau is by 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 in 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 within walking distance as well.