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TO  
ALL NEW STUDENTS OF DIA  
WINTER SEMESTER 2021'22

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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 2021'22 takes place between

**October 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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 read the following **5 steps** carefully and deal with them possibly in the given order, as this is going to make things a lot easier for you.

#### **Step 1: Accomodation**

"Studentenwerk Halle" is the housing administration responsible for the three student dorms in Dessau. For a room in one of the student residence halls you need to apply online with the housing administration. Please do so immediately, as rooms are allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis.

You can only apply through the Studentenwerkhalle online application form. Here is also an overview of Student Dorms in Dessau for your Orientation.

Contact details of the Housing Administration: STUDENTENWERK HALLE Wohnplatzvermittlung  
Köthen, Dessau und Bernburg Fasanerieallee 1a Mensa 1. OG 06366 Köthen  
wpvkoethen(at)studentenwerk-halle.de

[www.studentenwerk-halle.de](http://www.studentenwerk-halle.de) > wohnen > Online WH-Bewerbung)

For additional options see: <https://www.hs-anhalt.de/en/life/dessau/housing.html>

*Other options to find accommodation*

[www.hs-anhalt.de/en/life/dessau/housing.html](http://www.hs-anhalt.de/en/life/dessau/housing.html)

[www.bewos.de](http://www.bewos.de)

[www.dwg--wohnen.de](http://www.dwg--wohnen.de)

<https://www.wg-gesucht.de/en/>

FACEBOOK: Dessau International

#### **Step 2: Health insurance**

To enroll as a student in a German university you are required by law to have a health insurance that fits German laws. You can choose any insurance company that offers insurances according to these regulations. The school strongly suggest you take up a public German insurance company like TK, IKK, DAK, AOK, etc. Please start contacting a health insurance of your choice **before you arrive to receive a confirmation of insurance needed for the enrolment.**

For more information you can check here:

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

### Step 3: Bank Account

Open a bank account - if you have the possibility to open a bank account on a German bank institution (e.g., Deutsche Bank, Dresdner Bank) from your home country, we recommend to do so. Otherwise, you have also the possibility to open a bank account after your arrival in Dessau. For this you'll need your passport and a copy of it.

### Step 4: Register at Hochschule Anhalt / Student Service Center (SSC)

The enrolment is handled through the SSC Portal. You can start that process as soon as you receive your admission letter.

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

You will be asked to email the following documents to university administration.

- Copy of national identity card or **passport**
- Proof of **health insurance**  
(also possible as a preliminary declaration of intent by the health insurance)
- Proof of payment (deposit slip) of the semester fee

### Step 5: Register at town hall Dessau / Foreign Office

In Germany, every resident is bound by law to register at their local council. For initial registration you only need to bring your passport / ID and a housing contract / proof of residential address. The authorities will issue a registration document for you; do keep this!

At some point, you will also need a **residence permit** - do check the visa-regulations that apply for you! In most cases you will first obtain an entry visa in your home country. Within the period this is valid you need to extend it / obtain a student's residence permit in Dessau.

### Step 6: 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](http://www.bahn.com).

*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.