Dessau
International
Architecture

Graduate School

Anhalt University of Applied Sciences

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To
All interested applicants for the
DIA / Master Architecture Course

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Program: MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE (degree: M.A. in Architecture)

Dear Applicant,

Thank you very much for the interest shown in our Master of Architecture Course here at the Dessau International Architecture Graduate School (DIA). Our course forms part of the Post-Graduate Studies Program at Anhalt University of Sciences.

At DIA all tuition is held in English.

It is a course of **4 semesters** duration. In the first three semesters, a full curriculum is the basis of studies, with the **design studio** at its core. The studios and part of the curriculum are organised consecutively for the 1st Year and the 2nd Year, the latter consisting of a preparitive 3rd Semester and the 4th semester being the **Thesis Semester**, where there are only few lectures and classes to which attendance is compulsory.
We generally recommend full attention and presence in or near to Dessau throughout the course including the 4th semester. For foreign students there are language classes in German every week, so that your proficiency in German will help you to integrate yourself here more.

1. Admissions

The course has the following admission requirements:
Candidates must be in possession of a **Bachelor Degree or a Diploma** in Architecture with a minimum study duration of 3 years and a minimum of 180 ECTS acquired. Candidates are asked to submit a **portfolio** with max. 3 recently designed projects. The Portfolio must be sent as a hard copy which the Institute will keep and not return.

After submission and evaluation of the portfolio, an additional personal interview can be requested. Candidates from non English-speaking countries, or countries where English is not used as an official language, must have a **valid English language test**, such as TOEFL test (minimum 550 paper-based points / 213 computer-based / 79 internet-based), IELTS test (score at least 6,5), CAE / CPE (grades A, B, C).
A Test in German as a Foreign Language is not a requirement. However, German lessons will be provided within the curriculum of the course during the first three semesters. They are compulsory and form part of the curriculum.

In addition academic documentation is required. Do check the following , listing all necessary application items, carefully.

Submission of the following are required:

1. Application form (filled out, signed)
2. Copy of your Passport
3. Portfolio
4. CV
5. Language test certificate, e.g. TOEFL, IELTS

Certified copies of original plus English translation of:

6. Bachelor Diploma
7. Transcript of records Bachelor

Details of the required data and documents can be found at:
http://www.hs-anhalt.de/dia

2. Dates

Admission to the course is only possible for the Winter Semester, beginning 1st October of each year.
Complete admission documents must be submitted **by June 15th** of that year**.**

All original documents should be sent to:

Hochschule Anhalt (FH)
Prof. Dr. Jasper Cepl
Dessau International Architecture Graduate School (DIA)
Bauhausstr. 5
06846 Dessau, Germany

3. Degree

On successful completion of the course the degree **Master of Arts in Architecture (M.A.)** is obtained. After each semester a student can only be admitted into the next or the Master Thesis Semester on having obtained the required credit points in the respective semesters. This is especially valid for the studio project in which at least a grade "E" or "pass" is necessary. According to the curriculum a total of 90 credit points must be achieved in order to gain admission into the 4th semester. The Thesis will count another 30 credits, so that the total sum of **120 credit** points is necessary to obtain the degree.

4. Administrative Fee

As of now every student is expected to pay **850,- €** (admin. fee for Master Program) **plus 76,-€** (admin. fee for University / Student Union) per semester.

However, students are required to have sufficient financial means to be able to support their stay here in Germany. These costs are estimated to be approx. 650,- – 800,- € per month of stay. Those who need a student's visa usually have to prove sufficient financial means to the German embassy (please contact the embassy in your country for current information!).

There are no scholarship funds from DIA available for the course.
In general, the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst / DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) can grant a few scholarships. Grants are highly competitive and applications are worldwide for these scholarships. For more information, visit: www.daad.de**.**

DAAD is also a good resource for general information on studying in Germany.

5. Housing

There is capacity in student dormitories of the university. Students are requested to file their application for such places at an early stage after admission has been granted. Application are managed directly with the Housing Administration:

STUDENTENWERK HALLE
Wohnplatzvermittlung Köthen, Dessau und Bernburg
Fasanerieallee 1a
Mensa 1. OG
06366 Köthen

Apply online at https://www.studentenwerk-halle.de

6. Campus

There is a new campus opened in 2000, comprising studio spaces for students, lecture halls, library, workshops, canteen and last but not least a student cafe. Part of the tuition is held in the old Bauhaus Building (opened 1927 by Walter Gropius).

7. Visa and enrollment at DIA (applies only for students from Non - EU countires)

Experience has shown that it can take quite a long time for a student from abroad, who requires a visa to enter Germany, to hold such a visa in his/her hands. We therefore advise any such student to apply for the visa as soon as he/she is in possession of the admission papers to DIA for the requested semester of entry. It is important to know that you will only obtain a visa to Germany if you can provide proof of the availability of minimum living expenses for the duration of your stay to the respective German Embassy or Consulate in your country of origin (please check the exact current amount with reliable resources like the German Embassy directly).

Additionally, we advise our students in general to arrive in Dessau at least 1-2 weeks before classes start in order to allow time for registration at the university, the health insurance, the town hall or opening of a bank account. In some cases in the past, students have had to miss the first weeks of the course, which put them in a disadvantageous situation in their first semester.

In academic matters of DIA you will be supported by:

DIA Coordinator, Mrs. Beeke Bartelt
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DIA Coordinator & PR, Mrs. Sandra Giegler
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DIA Administrator, Mrs. Ulrike Jost
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In matters concerning housing, insurance, etc. do also contact:

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Hoping to hear from you, I remain
Yours

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