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To
All interested applicants for the MAC/ Master
Architectural and Cultural Heritage

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PROGRAM: MASTER ARCHITECTURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE (M.A. in Architectural and Cultural Heritage)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dear Applicant,

Thank you very much for the interest shown in our Master of Arts in Architectural and Cultural Heritage. Our course forms part of the Post-Graduate Studies Program at Anhalt University of Applied Sciences.

In the full-time Master Program MAC, all classes are held in English.

On successful completion of the course, the **degree Master of Arts in Architectural and Cultural Heritage (M.A.)** is conferred. 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 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 to gain admission into the 4th semester. The Thesis will count for another 30 credits so that the total sum of 120 credit points is necessary to obtain the degree.

The duration of the course is 4 semesters. In the first three semesters, a full curriculum is the basis of studies, with compulsory modules such as Humanities/Philosophy and Theory and Techniques, and an offering of projects and electives. The compulsory and elective compulsory modules are organized consecutively for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd semester. These modules are necessary to learn how to handle a heritage site or building.

In the optional projects and electives, we accommodate individual study priorities for various fields:

- Architects will design in context with historical sides and aspects,
- Landscape architects will develop strategies to continue garden design in the 21st century,
- For Urban designers/theoretists, we offer strategies on how to understand and save the infrastructure in historical cities and to show how to keep them alive and vibrant.
- Any type of designers can work on the visualization of former cities and architecture.
- Interior design in a historical building is an important topic, including the design of furniture.



- Additionally, we offer you the chance to have an inside view of archaeology and different techniques of restoration.

In general, the 4th semester is the Thesis Semester; there are only a few lectures and classes, for which attendance may be compulsory, depending on your supervisor.

Students from different backgrounds in the program can strengthen their career with respect to Architectural and Cultural Heritage, or even develop a personal individual profile basis on the course structure they choose in addition to their major.

For all our students it is also an interesting experience to work together with students from different nations and from different professional backgrounds. It widens everyone's perspective, including that of the stuff, regarding the course contents.

This shows that your career fits this program. With your previous studies, e.g. in business administration and civil engineering, you bring an overview of different sciences.

If you would like to find more information, please visit the following link:

www.hs-anhalt.de/mac

We generally recommend full commitment and presence in or near Dessau throughout the course, including in 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 here more successfully.

1. Admission requirements and process

The course has the following **admission requirements**:

Candidates must have a Bachelor's Degree or a Diploma in Architecture, Archaeology, History of Art, Civil Engineering, Geography, Facility Management, History, Interior Design or Surveying Technology with a minimum study duration of 3 years and a minimum of 180 ECTS acquired. Alternatively, relevant professional experience related to cultural heritage preservation can be considered.

Candidates are asked to submit a letter of motivation.

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 (minimum 605 paper-based points / 88 internet-based), IELTS (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 during the first two semesters of the course. They are compulsory as part of the curriculum.

Academic documentation is required. Please check the following list of all necessary application items carefully.

There are different options to submit your application with the Anhalt University.

1. Option: Only if you hold a **German** university entrance qualification (German Abitur), you can use the SSC-Portal.
2. Option for **international applicants**: You have an international university entrance qualification and the corresponding language qualification for the degree program. Our University is now using **uni-assist** for all international applications. This is a different organization in Germany, which verify the documents from various applicants. We receive documents of applicants only through uni-assist. Therefore, an additional application directly to the university is not necessary.
A service fee of 75 € and 30 € for any further application must be paid to uni-assist. For visas,

schedule an appointment at the embassy on time.

Uni-Assist will ask you to register, upload the documents online, pay their fee, and send them the certified copies of your documents by mail. Please read and follow their instruction for details carefully. You do not need to send us anything concerning your application; it will all be handled and forwarded to us via UniAssist.

Your application is only complete after the hard copies of a certified copy of your higher education entrance qualification (Bachelor or Master degree) and your language certificate have been received.

If you receive your language certification post the application deadline, contact us via E-Mail afg-admission-mac@hs-anhalt.de, so we are aware of this.

Please follow the link to get started:

<https://www.hs-anhalt.de/en/study/paths-to-university/online-application.html>

Application process:

1. Register online
2. Choose your degree program
3. Get your required documents together
4. Mail your complete application package to the given address
5. Once you applied, you have to wait for your application to be processed by uni-assit. This process normally takes a few weeks. Therefore, we ask you to be patient at this time.
6. After uni-assit evaluates your documents, we receive them, and you automatically receive the log-In information from the SSC (Student Service Center) Portal of the Anhalt University. It is imperative to check the portal information regularly. You find in the SSC Portal your admission letter or the rejection, based on the evaluation of your documents by the Anhalt University.
7. In case you are admitted to our Master's program at Anhalt University, you will also receive a second letter of admission from the MAC department.

The following **documents** are required:

1. Copy of your Passport
2. Motivation letter
3. CV
4. Language test certificate, e.g. TOEFL, IELTS
5. Bachelor diploma (Certified copies of original plus English translation)
6. Transcript of records for the Bachelor (Certified copies of original plus English translation)
7. Passport photo

2. Dates and Deadlines

The MAC welcomes new students every winter semester, which starts in the first week of October, and the summer semester, which begins in the first week of April.

The **application period** opens on March 15th and closes **on July 15th** for the **winter semester**, and begins on September 15th and ends **on January 15th** for the **summer semester**.

If admitted applicants choose to **enroll**, they must submit their semester fees by September 15th and arrive in Dessau at the latest by October 1st.

You can find all the important dates for the ongoing and future semesters at <https://www.hs-anhalt.de/en/study/during-your-studies/academic-calendar.html>

3. Administrative Fee

The **administration fee** consists of **750, - EUR for the MAC Master Program plus 86, - EUR administration fee for the University/Student Union (information valid as of October 2020)**. Both amounts have to be paid every semester as one transfer.

Students are required to have sufficient financial means to be able to support their stay here in Germany. These costs are estimated to be approximately 1000, - EUR per month of stay. Those requiring student visa usually have to prove sufficient financial means to the German Embassy (please contact the local German Embassy in your country for current information). Please also check the homepage of the DAAD where information is continually updated.

<http://www.study-in.de/en/>

4. Scholarships

There are no scholarship funds available from MAC for the course.

Various scholarships are offered by the IO - International Office of the Anhalt University, but it is difficult to obtain such a scholarship, as the number of scholarships awarded is low in relation to the number of applications. Please check the information provided by the IO regularly so as not to miss an opportunity. However, you may, of course, apply for external scholarships, for example from the DAAD.

In general, the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst/DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) grants a limited number of scholarships. These grants are highly competitive and applications are received from around the world. For more information, please visit

www.daad.de.

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

5. Living Costs

The expenses that arise in the course of leading a normal life, i.e. for accommodation, food, clothing, and recreational activities, are called living costs. They are about average in Germany compared to other European countries; that is to say, they are significantly lower than in countries like Denmark, Luxembourg, or Switzerland.

On average, a student has expenses of EUR 853 per month in Dessau; in Berlin or Munich, a student needs about 1,500 EUR every month. This includes rent, travel expenses, expenses for food, clothing, learning materials, health insurance, telephone, internet, radio and television fees, and leisure activities.

6. Seven steps before arriving in Germany:

Upon admission to any university in Germany, you should think through the next steps. For example, what types of preparation do you need to make before travelling? What do you need to work on before coming to Europe and what things do you have to take care of right after your arrival here?

Seven steps or information that you need (to take) before arrival:

1. Apply for VISA (check current visa regulations that apply to you either with the German Embassy in your home country or online at www.germany-visa.org or on the website of the German Federal Foreign Office (http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/Startseite_node.html)).
2. Check the [Prerequisite for a further visa extension](#) while [studying](#) and [living in Germany](#).
3. [Weather](#) and [lifestyle in Germany](#).
4. Check what you must bring with you.
5. Apply for a place in a [student dormitory](#) or look at [housing options](#).
6. Bring a min. 2,000 EUR in cash with you; it will take about 3 weeks before your blocked bank account is active and you can use it.
7. Pay the two administration fees for the MAC master program.

Some more websites that could be helpful for you as well:

- <https://visaguide.world/europe/germany-visa/long-stay/student/>
- <https://www.studying-in-germany.org/german-culture/>
- <http://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/for-qualified-professionals/training-learning/study/five-steps-to-studying-in-germany/conditions>
- https://www.study-in.de/en/plan-your-studies/requirements/visa-and-residence-permit_26604.php

7. Housing

Take care of this at an early stage after admission has been granted, as places in the student housing are in high demand. Do also make use of offers on the private housing market.

Studentenwerk (student services) is an independent organization that is responsible for student housing in Dessau. You can apply for a placement in one of the student dorms in Dessau if you are younger than 30 years old. You are requested to apply directly to the Housing Administration from Studentenwerk Halle. You can apply online at <https://www.studentenwerk-halle.de>

For Dessau, you can also check into the Bauhaus foundation's guesthouse for a couple of days, as many students stay here to prepare for starting their life in Dessau. This is a unique option for students. Another good choice, for a short-term stay, is the youth hostel in Dessau. <https://www.jugendherberge.de/en/>

There are many ways to find private housing in Germany. However, you should bear in mind that shortly before the semester starts, it will be more difficult to find a room, so begin looking in advance. Please check the accommodation conditions carefully: with or without furniture (incl. or excluding an unfurnished kitchen), "Warmmiete" or "Kaltmiete" (with or without utilities) with or without WiFi and/or TV, with or without "Kaution" - a security deposit of usually three months' rent, etc. Usually, the rooms and apartments are offered unfurnished. "Kaltmiete" (KM) is the cost of the rent, "Nebenkosten" (NK) are services such as heating, gas, electricity, water, etc. "Warmmiete" (WM) is the Kaltmiete plus Nebenkosten.

Useful websites for private housing are:

- www.dwg-wohnen.de/index.php?id=87
- www.wg-gesucht.de/
- www.studenten-wg.de
- www.immonet.de
- www.wohnungsmarkt24.de

Additionally, you can visit the following link to gain access to additional search portals:
<https://www.hs-anhalt.de/en/international/your-stay-at-anhalt-university/housing.html>

You can also check out the "Dessau International" Facebook Group. People are always looking for a new roommate.

If you have any questions, please contact your course coordinator.

8. Campus

The university campus in Dessau, next to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Bauhaus, was opened in 2000, comprising of studio spaces for students, lecture halls, libraries, workshops, a canteen, and, last but not least, a student café.

Our green campus offers you an ideal environment for your studies. In our numerous new campus buildings, you will find spacious lecture halls and bright seminar and workrooms. In our professionally equipped workshops – carpentry and plastic workshop, metal construction workshop, model-making workshop, milling, historical building material collection, computer cabinets as well as laser and 3D printing laboratory - our employees are always at your side with advice and action.

Our campus café offers you relaxation with a fresh selection daily of soups, salads, sandwiches, and more. Many campus activities await. Look forward to lecture series, exhibition openings, cinema evenings, barbecue parties, etc.

For more information

<https://www.hs-anhalt.de/en/life/dessau/campus.html>

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9. Visa and enrollment at MAC (applies only for students from Non - EU countries)

Experience has shown that it can take quite a long time for students from abroad requiring visas to enter Germany. We therefore advise any such students to apply for the visa as soon as they have the admission papers to MAC 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 the semester starts** to allow time for registration at the university, health insurance, registering at city hall, or the activation/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 at disadvantage in their first semester.

YOU WILL FIND FURTHER INFORMATION IN THE DOCUMENT "MAC_ENROLLMENT AND REGISTRATION".

In academic matters pertaining to MAC, you will be supported by the MAC Coordinator:

Mrs. Priyanka Hufnagel

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In all matters concerning accommodation, insurance, visa, etc., please contact the MAC student advisor:

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With best regards,

The MAC Team