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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 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 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.

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 offered projects and electives. The compulsory and electorally compulsory modules are organized consecutively for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd semester. These models are necessary to know how to handle a heritage site or building.

We offer in the optional projects and electives individual study priorities, for different fields:

- Architects will find a design in context with historical sides,
- Landscape architects will develop strategies to continue the garden design in the 21st century,
- For Urban designers/theoretic we offer strategies, how to understand and save the infrastructure in historical cities, and to show how to keep them alive.
- Any kind of Designers can work on the visualization for 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, which attendance is compulsory; it depends on your supervisor.

Students from different background in the program can strengthen their career in context with Architectural and Cultural Heritage, or even develop a personal individual profile basis on the course structure they choose additional 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 opens everyone's view, including the staff. This shows that your career fits this program. With your studies in business administration and civil engineering, you bring an overview of different sciences.

When you like to find more information, please use the following internet page:

www.hs-anhalt.de/mac

We generally recommend full attention and presence in or near 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. Admission

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. Other alternatively, relevant professional experience related to cultural heritage preservation can be considered. Candidates are asked to submit a motivation letter.

We accept Bachelor and Diploma degrees with a minimum of 3 years of the regular curriculum. Either has to amount to 180 credits to be eligible.

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 605 paper-based points / 88 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.

Besides, academic documentation is required. Do check the following list of all necessary application items carefully.

PLEASE NOTE:

From the intake for 2019 on we are shifting our application process to **Uni-Assist**. You can use the online application system by Anhalt University to navigate your application:

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

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
6. Transcript of records Bachelor

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

For more information take a look at the youtube-video "How to apply with Uni Assist" of our Student Service Center: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHgYNLbL-cQ&t=17s>

2. Dates

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

Admitted applicants choosing to enroll, they must submit their semester fees by September 15th and arrive in Dessau latest by October 1st. **We advise new students to arrive for two weeks in advance to prepare their stay here.**

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 more or less than 1000, - EUR per month of stay. Those who need a 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.). Do check in with the homepage of DAAD where information is always updated.

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

4. Scholarships

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

Various scholarships are offered by the IO - International Office of the Anhalt University but since the number of applications by students from the entire university is high whereas the number of awarded scholarships is low, it will be difficult to obtain such a scholarship. Please check the information provided by the IO regularly to not miss an opportunity. However, you may, of course, apply for external scholarships for example with the DAAD.

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, please visit www.daad.de.

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

5. Living Coast

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 approx. EUR 1.000 per month in Dessau; in Berlin or Munich, or Hamburg, a student needs about 1,900 EUR every month. This includes rent, travel expenses, expenses for food, clothing, learning materials, health insurance, telephone, internet, radio and television fees, and for leisure activities.

6. Seven steps before arriving in Germany:

When you get admission to any university in Germany, you should keep in mind what will be the next steps. What types of preparation you need to take. What you need to work on before coming to Europe and things you have to take care of right after your arrival here.

Seven steps 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 [living style 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 takes about 3 weeks before your blocked account is active and you can use it.
7. Pay the two administration Fee for the MAC master program.

Three more websites, which 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

Do this at an early stage after admission has been granted, as places, there are high in 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. You are requested to apply directly with the Housing Administration from Studentenwerk Halle. Can apply online at <https://www.studentenwerk-halle.de>

For Dessau, you can also check in the Bauhaus foundation's guesthouse for a couple of days, as many students live here to prepare for starting their life in Dessau. There is a special option for students. Another good choice is for a short time, you can stay in 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 look in advance. Please check the accommodation conditions carefully: with or without furniture (incl. or excluding an unfurnished kitchen), 'Warmmiete' or 'Kaltmiete' with or without WiFi and/or TV, with or without 'Kautiön' - a security deposit of usually three monthly rents, 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

Besides, 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 also can 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, canteen, and last but not least a student cafe.

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, metal construction workshop, model making workshop, milling, laser, and 3D printing laboratory as well as our new Robotic Lab - our employees are always at your side with advice and action.

You will use as MAC Student the following workshops and laboratories at the Campus Dessau during your study.

- Model making workshop/milling and laser laboratory
- carpentry and plastic workshop
- Computer cabinets
- Historical building material collection

Our campus café offers you relaxation with a daily fresh selection of soups, salads, sandwiches, and more. Lots of 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 a student from abroad, who requires a visa to enter Germany. We, therefore, advise any of this student to apply for the visa as soon as he/she has 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, the health insurance, the town hall, or the activate/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.

YOU FIND FURTHER INFORMATION IN THE DOCUMENT 'ENROLLMENT AND REGISTRATION'.

In academic matters of 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:

Mrs. Yili Lu

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With best regards,

The MAC Team