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Application information for international students (Master studies)

Thank you for your interest in the Master Courses of our University of Art and Design Burg Giebichenstein Halle. The following Master Courses are offered at our University:

- Conceptual Fashion Design
- Conceptual Textile Design
- Design Studies
- Design of Playing and Learning
- Visual Strategies and Stories
- Interior Architecture
- Furniture and Interior Design
- Industrial Design
- Multimedia Design
- Product Design and Applied Art
(Porcelain, Ceramics and Glass)
- Science of Art

The Master Courses of the University of Art and Design Burg Giebichenstein are directed at graduates with BA and “Diplom” degrees with a primarily artistic / design emphasis. Interested and well qualified graduates from other courses of study can be admitted if their suitability was ascertained.

Please note: All our programs are taught in German!

Duration of MA studies

The duration of the MA course is variable and depends on the duration of the previously completed degree: it can range from a two-semester course (if applicants have a four-year BA degree of the same subject with 240 ECTS credits or a comparable “Diplom”) to a four semester course (if applicants have a three-year BA degree or a “Diplom” of the same subject, as well as for graduates of different artistic / design or other disciplines)

Upon successful completion, students receive the title of Master of Arts.

Objective of MA studies

The MA courses are project-oriented and offer students a comprehensive opportunity to further explore the theoretical and practical aspects of their respective disciplines and to implement them individually in their project work. The high quality equipment, including a variety of specific workshops on the design campus, offers intensive support of the design process through practical experimentation. Generally, the students can propose their own projects or choose from several projects options taken from their respective master’s course. In addition, there are interdisciplinary modules looking at theory-based design issues, professional and social questions or artistic / design themes. Thus students have a variety of options to choose from, when determining their individual field of emphasis and course profile. The highly communicative atmosphere on the design campus and the close contacts of students and teaching staff from other MA courses and from the art campus inspire an active exchange. In many MA programs, transdisciplinary work is explicitly encouraged.

The objective of every master’s degree course is the preparation of the student’s individual MA thesis.

Admission requirements

- Proof of the relevant qualification (Diplom / Bachelor or Magister degree)
- Determination of the course-specific requirements
- Course-specific internship or comparable practical experiences (see study regulations § 2)
- Proof of sufficient German language knowledge (see page 2)

Application procedure

Online application deadlines:

- From April 1st till May 15th for the following winter semester: Conceptual Fashion Design, Conceptual Textile Design, Design of Playing and Learning, Design Studies, Editorial Design, Furniture and Interior Design, Industrial Design, Interior Architecture, Multimedia Design, Product Design and Applied Art (Porcelain, Ceramics and Glass)
- And from October 1st till November 15th for the following summer semester only for master courses: Multimedia Design

In addition to the completed [online-application](#) form please send us the following documents to:
Burg Giebichenstein Kunsthochschule Halle
Dezernat studentische und akademische Angelegenheiten
Neuwerk 7

- D-06108 Halle (Saale)
 - Curriculum vitae
 - Undergraduate Degree course certificate or corresponding transcript of records (certified German translation)
 - Letter of application: motivation, chief expectations, description of the preferred field of interest within the MA courses
 - Portfolio (Print)
 - Publications, if any
 - proof of sufficient German language skills
- For applicants for a two-semester MA program:
- description of the concept idea of the planned MA Project

All documents have to be handed in in German translations. Degrees and foreign educational qualification have to be notarially certified.

Procedure of the entrance examination

Upon receiving and examination of the applications:

- evaluation of the portfolio and the presented motivation
- invitation to an interview for those who obtained the required score

Application material can only be sent back to you if a sufficient stamped and self-addressed envelope is provided.

It can also be collected in person from the Student and Academic Affairs office, in this case please contact: studinfo@burg-halle.de
More information concerning the Master courses can be found in the examination rules and the study regulations for Master courses in the Design department

Language skills for the admission of study

For a successful study very good German language skills are important. That is why you have to proof sufficient German language skills. Without sufficient German language skills a direct admission to the study is not possible.

The proof for sufficient German language skills is designated by:

- [Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang](#) (DSH) Stufe 2 (DSH2)
- [Test – Deutsch als Fremdsprache](#) (TestDaF) Stufe 4 (TDN4) in all fields
- [Deutsches Sprachdiplom der KMK](#) Stufe 2 (DSD II)
- Goethe-Zertifikat C1: [Deutsches Sprachdiplom](#)
- telc Deutsch C1 Hochschule

It is your responsibility to acquire the necessary language skills. We recommend that you learn German in your home country and take the appropriate exam. If this is not possible you could also take the DSH and TestDaF exam at the Studienkolleg (preparatory college) of the Martin-Luther University in Halle. For more information please contact:

- [Studienkolleg der Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg](#)

Nietlebener Str. 6, D-06126 Halle

Tel. +49 (0)345 5524486

info@studienkolleg.uni-halle.de

(DSH preparatory course: Basic knowledge of the German language should be present. Entrance test!)

Near Halle we could also recommend the following institutions:

- [Institut für deutsche Sprache und Kultur e.V.](#) in Wittenberg – licensed [TestDaF-Zentrum](#) Collegienstr. 62b, D-06886 Wittenberg
Tel. +49 (0)3491 466253
sekretariat@sprache.uni-halle.de

— [interDaF e.V.](#) am Herder-Institut of University of Leipzig: DSH
Lumumbastraße 4, D-04105 Leipzig
Tel. +49 (0)341 9737500
interdaf@uni-leipzig.de

Entry and stay permits

Citizens of the following countries do not need a visa for entry:

- European Union as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway – for a stay longer than 3 months you only have to register at the registration office (Einwohnermeldeamt).
- Swiss, Australia, Israel, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, South Korea, USA, Andorra, Brazil, El Salvador, Honduras, Monaco and San Marino – the residence permit can be gathered at the relevant immigration authority after entry.

Citizens coming from all other countries need a „[Visum für den Aufenthalt zu Studienzwecken](#)“ for the purpose of study. You have to apply for this visa after the passed suitability test. Therefore you need the following documents:

- Proof of sufficient [health insurance](#)
- Proof of [financing](#)
- Proof of your previous academic study courses
- Proof of existing German language knowledge (if applicable) or a planned language course in Germany
- Letter of admission of Burg Giebichenstein or rather the confirmation of the passed suitability test

The admission of study with a tourist visa is excluded. We strongly advise against an entry with a tourist visa!

Study financing

Burg Giebichenstein University of Arts and Design Halle does not raise any tuition fees. We do not award any scholarships! Please find out about scholarships in your home country, for example on the website of [DAAD](#).

For cost of living during the studies you should calculate about 800 € per month. The following fix costs occur:
— Semester contribution: 231,4€

(Social contribution for student services 70 € + 8 € Student Union (after the first semester voluntary) + semester ticket for bus and tram 153,4 €)
— Health insurance: citizens of the EU are normally insured with the [European Health Insurance Card](#)

Non-EU citizens have to take care of their insurance themselves. The matriculation at our university is only possible with a valid health insurance (about 80,00 € per month). [Find out more](#)

- Living: A reservation of accommodation is not connected with your study place. You can apply for a room at the students apartment renting of students apartments cost up to 250,00 €. For further information please contact the student services institution:
[Studentenwerk Halle](#), Dept. Studentisches Wohnen
PF 110541, D-06119 Halle
Tel. +49 (0)345 6847 413/414
[Find out more](#)
- Lunch: students can choose from a variety of meals, snacks and drinks offered in our cafeteria, prices around 2,50 €
- Material: Design or Art Studies are expensive because of the material you need. Depending on your field of study high costs may arise.

For further information please visit [our website](#) offering all necessary information about our university.

If you have any more questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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Please visit our *information day in January* or our annual exhibition in July. **We are looking forward to your visit!**