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Application information for international students (Master studies)

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

- Art Education (M.Ed.)
- Art Sciences (M.A.)
- Conceptual Fashion Design (M.A.)
- Conceptual Textile Design (M.A.)
- Design of Playing and Learning (M.A.)
- Design Studies (M.A.)
- Furniture and Interior Design (M.A.)
- Industrial Design (M.A.)
- Interior Architecture (M.A.)
- Multimedia Design (M.A.)
- Product Design/ Ceramics and Glass Design (M.A.)
- Visual Strategies and Stories (M.A.)

Upon successful completion, students receive the title of Master of Arts (M.A.) or Master of Education (M.Ed.).

The Master Courses of the Burg Giebichenstein University of Art and Design 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)

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

An online application is possible at two times a year:

- Applications for the following **winter semester** are possible from **April 01st** until **May 15th** for the following master programs:
 - Conceptual Fashion Design
 - Conceptual Textile Design
 - Design of Playing and Learning
 - Design Studies
 - Industrial Design
 - Kunstwissenschaften
 - Kunst auf Lehramt
 - Multimedia Design
 - Product Design/ Ceramics and Glass Design
 - Visual Strategies and Stories
- Applications for the following **summer semester** are possible from **October 01st** until **November 15th** for the following master programs:
 - Furniture and Interior Design
 - Interior Architecture
 - Multimedia Design

Please upload the following documents at <https://my.burg-halle.de/>:

- 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 (PDF, 50 MB)
- For the Design Studies Master Course, written work (e.g. term papers or Bachelor's theses) can be uploaded instead of a portfolio
- 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 or English 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

More information concerning the Master courses can be found in the examination rules and the study regulations for Master courses in the Design department on our [website](#).

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](#)
- 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 impossible, you have the option to take the DSH and TestDaF exam at the Studienkolleg (preparatory college) at the Martin-Luther University in Halle (Saale). For more information please contact:

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

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(DSH preparatory course: Basic knowledge of the German language should be present. Entrance test!)
Near Halle we could also recommend the following institutions:

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- [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 Entrance Exam.

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**
Winter semester 2025/26: 306,8 €
(Social contribution for student services 90 € + 8 € Student Union (after the first semester voluntary) [Germany semester ticket](#) for train and tram 208,8 €)
- **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).
- **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 € each month. For further information please contact the student service institution:
[Studentenwerk Halle](#), Dept. Studentisches Wohnen, PF 11 05 41, 06119 Halle,
Tel.: +49(0)345 68 47 413/414
- **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 can be expensive due to the required material! Depending on your field of study high costs may arise.

For further information please visit our [website](#) offering all the necessary information about our university. Here you can also find detailed information concerning the single study programs. We also advise you to get in contact with the respective professors for a detailed consultation.

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

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Please visit our *open day* in January or our *annual exhibition* in July!

We are looking forward to your visit!