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Application information for international students (undergraduate studies)

Study Programs

We offer five Design and four Art courses that are partially subdivided into specific fields. **You can only apply for one field of study.** Please note: All the study programs are taught in German!

Design Study Programs – Bachelor / 4 years:

1. Industrial Design
 - Industrial Design
 - Product Design/ Ceramic and Glass
 - Design of Playing and Learning
2. Fashion and Textile Design
 - Fashion Design
 - Textile Design
3. Interior Architecture
4. Multimedia I Virtual Reality Design
5. Communication Design

Design study programs take 4 years and graduate with a Bachelor degree.

Fine Art Study Programs (5 year – Diploma programs)

1. Painting/ Graphics
 - Painting/ Glass
 - Book Art
 - Drawing and Printmaking
 - Painting
 - Textile Arts
2. Plastic Arts
 - Figure Sculpture
 - Sculpture/ Materiality and Space
 - Ceramics
 - Jewellery
 - Time-Based Arts
3. Art Education
 - Diploma and Teaching Degree (State Examination)

The study programs Painting/ Graphics and Plastic Arts take five years and graduate with a Diploma of Fine Arts. Art Education studies finish with the Diploma of Art Education.

Concerning the Teaching Degree of Art Education it is necessary to take another subject at the cooperating institution: [Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg](#). Teaching Degree Studies finish with the German State Examination.

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Admission Requirements

Admission requirements for Bachelor and Diploma studies:

- Successfully passed **Entrance Exam** of our university (artistic and creative skills)
- [Preliminary Review Documentation](#) (VPD) through the agency *uni-assist e.V.* Please apply at [uni-assist](#) with your school-leaving certificates (university entrance qualification).

The agency does evaluate your documents and create a certificate about your university entrance qualification, i.e. whether it is valid to enter studies at a German university. This certificate is the *preliminary review documentation (VPD)*. Please submit it in addition with the rest of your documents.

- practical skills and technical know-how, experiences/internship ([pre-study internship](#) for all Design Studies, 2 – 6 months, depending on the study program)
- proof of sufficient German language skills

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If the equivalence to the German Abitur is not met, a direct admission to the study is not possible. By the attendance of a Studienkolleg (preparatory college) and the passing of the Feststellungsprüfung (assessment test – a supplementary examination to the school-leaving qualifications in your home country) it is possible to acquire the university entrance qualification.

Exceptions are only possible if an exceptional artistic aptitude is stated during the Entrance Exam. For this case, you will also need to hand in the certificate of your preliminary review documentation (*uni-assist*) containing a negative result, i.e. your school-leaving certificate does not meet the requirements to enter a German university.

Application deadlines

The next Entrance Exam will take place in March/April 2026. The beginning of studies is in October 2026.

The online application is possible from **December 1st 2026** using the following link: <https://my.burg-halle.de/>. The application deadline ends between mid-February and early March 2027. The exact date will be announced on our website in due course.

Usually, study admission is only possible in the winter semester.

Entrance Exam

The Entrance Exam at Burg Giebichenstein takes place once a year during **March/ April**.

On the last page of your online application form you will find important documents and information about the Entrance Exam.

For current information please check back our [website](#).

Language skills for the admission of study for applicants without the German Abitur

Proof of sufficient knowledge of German by August 31 at the latest upon enrollment.

For the entrance examination, adequate communication should be possible (preferably English).

The proof for sufficient **German language skills - Design Department** is designated by:

- [Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang](#) (DSH) Stufe 1 (DSH1)
- [Test – Deutsch als Fremdsprache](#) (TestDaF) Stufe 3 (TDN3) in all fields
- [Goethe-Zertifikat B2](#)
- telc Deutsch B2 Hochschule

The proof for sufficient **German language skills - Art Department** 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 until the beginning of your studies.

We advise you to learn German in your home country as well as to take the appropriate exam there. 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](#)

Nietlebener Str. 6, 06126 Halle

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

Near Halle (Saale) we also recommend the following institutions:

- [Institut für deutsche Sprache und Kultur e.V.](#) in Wittenberg: licensed [TestDaF-Zentrum](#):
Collegienstr. 62b, 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, 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 Island, Liechtenstein, Norway – for a stay longer than 3 months you 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) +
semester ticket for bus 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 90,00 € per month).
- **Living:** A reservation of accommodation is not connected with your study place. You can apply for a room at the student's apartment. Renting of students apartments cost up to 290,00 € 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!