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### International Master of Landscape Architecture (IMLA)

**Nuertingen-Geislingen University • Nürtingen**

#### Overview

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<td>In cooperation with</td>
<td>Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences</td>
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<td>Teaching language</td>
<td>English</td>
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<td>Languages</td>
<td>The programme language is English.</td>
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<td>Programme duration</td>
<td>3 semesters</td>
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<td>Beginning</td>
<td>Summer semester</td>
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<td>15 November for all applicants Course starts in the following year in March.</td>
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<td>750</td>
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<td>The tuition fee applies to all students regardless of the location of study (Nürtingen or Freising).</td>
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<td>Combined Master’s degree / PhD programme</td>
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**Description/content**

The exacting but effective programme is divided into five practice-oriented subject areas - planning projects at various scales, international planning and design, planning and project management, information technology in planning and design, and planning and design methods - and provides high-quality training geared to labour market demands, thus honing skills for which there is likely to be an increased demand in the future. The IMLA programme has a strong practical focus. The Master’s programme is concerned with a wide variety of European countries and cross-border issues. Projects are conducted in various European countries.

#### Course Details
The international Master’s programme in landscape architecture (known as the IMLA programme) is organised by two higher education institutions:

- Nürtingen-Geislingen University, Baden-Württemberg, Germany
- Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences, Bavaria, Germany

The location of studies alternates for each intake of studies. Students joining the programme for the summer semester 2020 will study in Freising (near Munich) for the entire time.

**Semester 1 (summer semester):**

- Geographical Information Systems
- Landscape Concepts/Landscape Democracy
- Planning and Design Methods
- Work Methodology
- Project Management in Spatial Planning
- Landscape Basics
- Main project I

**Semester 2 (winter semester):**

- Visualisation and Digital Terrain Modelling
- Strategic Project Management
- Landscape Architecture Research
- Monitoring and Assessment of Landscape Architecture Projects
- Planning Systems
- International Approach to Planning and Design
- Main project II

**Semester 3 (summer semester):**

- Elective: International seminar or international studio project
- Master’s thesis
- Preparatory assessments: landscape architecture internship and international online seminar

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The programme has a strong practical focus. Much of its teaching in the area of management, marketing and digital planning methods is provided by outside specialists, and experts are invited to act as guest critics on the projects. The faculty members are highly qualified in their areas of specialisation and also in didactics.

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**Types of assessment**

We apply competence-oriented and holistic assessments such as design studios, projects, presentations, and design work. In addition to that, students write at least two scientific reports during their studies.

**A Diploma supplement will be issued**  Yes

**International elements**

- Specialist literature in other languages
- Language training provided
- Training in intercultural skills
- Study trips
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- Content-related regional focus

**Integrated internships**

The third semester includes an internship in a design or planning office accompanied by online lectures (virtual classroom/virtual campus). Programme advisers will assist students in finding an
appropriate internship. The internship is compulsory for students without previous studies in landscape architecture. Students completing the internship in the third semester will write their Master’s theses in the following semester, which increases the overall duration of studies.

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<td>The course of study can be taken entirely online</td>
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<td>Digital learning and teaching modules</td>
<td>• Virtual classrooms • Wikis</td>
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<td>Description of e-learning elements</td>
<td>We have two compulsory courses in an e-learning format that accompany both the internship and the thesis phase. Topics include: social entrepreneurship, public participation, integrated coastal landscapes, and more. The courses have been developed within the framework of ERASMUS+ Strategic Partnerships.</td>
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<td>Participation in the e-learning course elements is compulsory</td>
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<td>Can ECTS points be acquired by taking the online programmes?</td>
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<td>Can the e-learning elements be taken without signing up for the course of study?</td>
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**Costs / Funding**

| Tuition fees per semester in EUR | 750 |
| Additional information on tuition fees | The tuition fee applies to all students regardless of the location of study (Nürtingen or Freising). |
| Semester contribution | 188 EUR |
| Costs of living | Around 800 EUR |
| Funding opportunities within the university | Yes |
| Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university | Nürtingen-Geislingen University has an annual call for scholarships. |
Requirements / Registration

**Academic admission requirements**
Successful completion of a degree course in landscape architecture, landscape planning, landscape construction, landscape management, architecture, town planning or physical planning at a German or Swiss university or "Berufsakademie" (University of Cooperative Education) or a comparable Bachelor's degree course in any of the above subjects at a foreign university.

**Language requirements**
English at level B2 of the Common European Reference Framework for Languages (CEFR) or equivalent. There is no German language requirement at the time of entry into the course, but German up to level A2 is taught as part of the programme in order to prepare for the professional internship. The respective certificate (A2/CEFR) needs to be submitted until the end of the second semester.

**Application deadline**
15 November for all applicants
Course starts in the following year in March.

Submit application to
HfWU Nürtingen-Geislingen
c/o uni-assist e.V.
11507 Berlin
Germany

Services

**Possibility of finding part-time employment**
The Stuttgart region has a very diversified economy and part-time jobs for students are generally available. However, students should be aware that there are many more options available if they speak at least a basic level of German.

**Accommodation**
Student halls of residence or private rooms

**Career advisory service**
Preparatory workshop "Applying for Jobs in Germany"

**Specific specialist or non-specialist support for international students and doctoral candidates**
- Tutors
- Accompanying programme
- Specialist counselling
- Visa matters

**Supervisor-student ratio**
1:20
Contact

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