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Master's degree



Dessau International Architecture Graduate School (DIA)

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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts (MA)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	All courses are held in English.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">full-time
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	30 April for the following winter semester
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	850 EUR
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No

Description/content

The DIA – The International Graduate School of Architecture in Dessau – offers a Master's course in architecture at the graduate level, which is taught in English. DIA started in 1999 with 10 students and has since developed into an internationally known programme with 200 students from more than 50 countries.

The programme offers an academic education with a strong emphasis on teaching architecture and urban design as integrated disciplines that address technical, economic, ecological, cultural and theoretical aspects of building and planning.

DIA encourages students to develop sustainable projects on the architectural and urban scale, addressing current European and global challenges such as climate change, limited resources, decreasing biodiversity and societies in transformation processes using drawing and model-making skills as a means to communicate their concepts and ideas on a high level.

The teaching staff consist of regulars from the Hochschule Anhalt in Dessau as well as changing international guest lecturers bringing constant new input to Dessau and strengthening the international network of DIA.

DIA is embedded in an international network of architecture schools in Europe and abroad. It offers exchange possibilities for teachers and students as well as summer schools, excursions, competitions, and participation in ongoing research projects at Hochschule Anhalt and its partner institutions.

In short, the teaching at DIA focuses on:

- developing sustainable approaches to the urban and architectural environment
- using tools of new media and technologies in architecture and urban design to represent clear concepts and ideas
- supporting an interdisciplinary approach to design
- and integrating theoretical approaches in the practice of design.

Course Details

Course organisation

The four semesters of this programme are organised in a way that prepares the student for conducting the thesis in the fourth semester to achieve a Master's degree.

The first three semesters of the programme consist of the following courses:

- Design Studio
- Urbanism
- European Culture, Architectural History and Theory
- CAD/Logic
- Electoral Compulsive Courses, chosen from the varying range offered each semester

During the fourth semester, the student works on an individual Master's thesis under the guidance of a thesis master and a second supervisor, leading to the final presentation.

The course is structured in modules. One module covers an interrelated teaching and learning unit that has to be completed by an examination or by other verifiable study performances. Credits are awarded for the successful completion of every module and the Master's thesis. The number of credits depends on the average workload of the student required for the respective module.

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A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Language training provided

Integrated internships

Internships are not part of the curriculum.

Special promotion / funding of the programme

- ERASMUS+

Course-specific, integrated German language courses

Yes

Course-specific, integrated English language courses

No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR 850 EUR

Semester contribution 96 EUR administrative registration fee

Currently, the semester ticket is not available for our students, but this might change in the following months. Please make sure to check our website for the latest information.

Costs of living Approx. 940 EUR per month

Funding opportunities within the university Yes

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university The university offers a limited number of scholarships after the second semester.

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements Candidates must be in possession of a Bachelor's degree (180 credits) or a Diploma in Architecture awarded after a regular study time of at least three years.

Applicants must also have experience working in the field for at least 12 months after graduating from their Bachelor's or Diploma studies.

An additional requirement is a portfolio of three personal works (academic and professional) of the applicant assessed as "good", at least, by a selection panel of the Department of Architecture, Facility Management and Geoinformation. The selection panel is formed of at least two members of the Study Committee.

For further information on admission requirements and the application process, please visit [our website](#).

Language requirements Applicants must provide proof of their English skills: IELTS Academic test with a result of at least 6.5, Cambridge English or similar.

If you are a native English speaker, or if you have completed your Bachelor's degree in English, and you can provide a certificate to confirm this, you do not need to take a language test.

Application deadline 30 April for the following winter semester

Submit application to The university requires all international applicants to use uni-assist. Please follow this link to start your application: <https://www.hs-anhalt.de/en/study/paths-to-university/your-application.html>.

For further information on the programme, please visit www.hs-anhalt.de/dia.

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

Limited local student jobs are available to international students, as are student tutor positions at Anhalt University (depending on availability and qualification).

Accommodation

There is limited capacity in student dormitories run by Student Services Halle (Studentenwerk Halle). Students are requested to file their application for such places at an early stage after admission has been granted. Only online applications can be accepted. Please send your application through the following portal: <https://tl1host.eu/SWHAL/#home>

Additionally, private offers are published on the students' blog and on the private market.

For further information, see:

<https://www.hs-anhalt.de/en/life/dessau/housing.html>

<https://www.hs-anhalt.de/en/international.html>

<http://www.studentenwerk-halle.de>

Career advisory service

The university has an active career centre that supports students as well as alumni.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme

Supervisor-student ratio

The main studios have a ratio of one professor for 10 students.



DIA – International Master's Degree Programme in Architecture

Video of the campus and teaching environment

» more:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OJF_jCTQPF8



Hochschule Anhalt – Dessau Campus

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With its sites at Bernburg, Dessau and Köthen, Anhalt University of Applied Sciences can call upon proud traditions in science, innovation and cultural cosmopolitanism. These traditions guide us in research and teaching and are the backbone of our commitment in the central German region of Anhalt. Since its foundation, Anhalt University has established close links with both national and international research institutions as well as industry partners. Every subject at the Anhalt University of Applied Sciences has been developed with the emphasis on practical training and a high standard of education. Project work based on practical application, international practical semesters and practice-oriented final year theses are part and parcel of the day-to-day coursework. Students' ideas are directly implemented in practice. New forms of teaching and e-learning, small study groups, excellent research and first-class contacts offer ideal conditions for a good start to a career either at home or abroad. In the field of research, Anhalt University of Applied Sciences occupies a premier position among German universities and is well placed for attracting third-party funding. Successful application- and transfer-oriented research projects extend their reach across the whole of central Germany. Furthermore, thanks to close industry contacts, many research results are employed directly in practice by small and medium-sized companies.



University location

DIA Graduate School of Architecture has a unique academic as well as geographic position: to study in the famous Bauhaus City Dessau, 120 km (80 miles) south of Berlin, is a treat for any architecture student. In addition, Dessau is embedded in a triangle of old historic German cities like Halle, Leipzig, and Wittenberg.

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