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# Master's degree



## Design and Interaction, MA

Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences • Kamp-Lintfort



## Overview

Degree	Master of Arts in Design and Interaction
Course location	Kamp-Lintfort
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	Courses are held entirely in English.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	3 semesters
Beginning	Summer semester
Application deadline	All applicants: 15 January for the following summer semester
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p><b>Why choose Design and Interaction?</b></p> <p>Whenever we want to communicate complex content, design interactive systems and scenarios or tell multi-layered digital stories, we need approaches far beyond established forms of communication and interaction. In addition, interfaces have become more and more present in everyday life. They enable us to communicate with each other, different objects and surroundings and their increasing importance calls for new scenarios and solutions that have to be developed and designed.</p> <p>In the light of these challenges, our English-language Master's degree programme focuses on technologically supported forms of interaction and future communication scenarios. With a clear</p>

emphasis on the interface and translation competence of design as well as the design of (user) interfaces, we will support you in becoming a responsible, conceptually strong and content-oriented designer.

### Career prospects

Your future professional field will be subject to permanent change as the lines between scientific disciplines become increasingly blurred. Your working life will be strongly influenced by the changes that new media, tools and scenarios bring about, and you can look forward to developing completely new products, services and forms of interaction. Our degree programme aims to equip you for a career that matches these current and future labour market trends. We produce versatily qualified, confident and successful graduates who are able to apply and establish their skills and knowledge in various kinds of work environments – in the role of self-employed or employee, in business or in research, on the agency side or the client side.

The methodological, conceptual, design and technological skills you acquire will give you a competitive edge when it comes to addressing tasks that involve profound knowledge across specialisms in the fields of technology, computer sciences and design.

## Course Details

Course organisation	This course is a three-semester follow-on Master's degree programme. In each of your first two semesters, you will be given the chance to design, develop, and carry out a digital media project of your choosing. This will allow you to become familiar with the technical tools and means you need to independently realise and implement your own digital projects. At the same time, you will be introduced to cutting-edge technology and design trends. You will study the latest creative practices and approaches to implementing innovative ideas and explore the opportunities and challenges that our young digital culture has to offer. You can also choose elective modules from other academic fields and disciplines, which allows you to expand your specialist knowledge to new areas and rely on a diverse set of tools for implementing future projects. Your third semester will be devoted to your Master's thesis, which usually takes the form of an independently developed project.
A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International guest lecturers</li> <li>• Specialist literature in other languages</li> <li>• International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context</li> <li>• Content-related regional focus</li> <li>• Language training provided</li> <li>• Training in intercultural skills</li> <li>• Study trips</li> <li>• Projects with partners in Germany and abroad</li> </ul>
Integrated internships	None
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

## Costs / Funding

<b>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</b>	None
<b>Semester contribution</b>	Enrolment fees amount to approximately 320 EUR per semester. This covers nominal administrative fees and a public transport ticket valid for the entire federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia.
<b>Costs of living</b>	The average cost of living for students in Germany is around 870 EUR per month. This includes rent, utilities, personal expenses, and general expenses ( <a href="https://www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-stay/money-and-costs/cost-of-living_28220.php">https://www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-stay/money-and-costs/cost-of-living_28220.php</a> ).
<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	Yes
<b>Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university</b>	The university offers a limited number of merit-based scholarships ("Deutschlandstipendium") to both current students and students who are soon to be enrolled with excellent marks. This scholarship consists of a monthly stipend of 300 EUR and applies to international students as well. Further information is available on our website: <a href="https://www.hochschule-rhein-waal.de/en/academics/students/costs-scholarships-and-grants/scholarships-and-financial-aid">https://www.hochschule-rhein-waal.de/en/academics/students/costs-scholarships-and-grants/scholarships-and-financial-aid</a>

## Requirements / Registration

<b>Academic admission requirements</b>	<p>Admission to the degree programme is subject to an application process.</p> <p>The formal entry requirements for the Design and Interaction, MA programme are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants are required to submit proof of a completed, relevant undergraduate degree (BSc, BA or equivalent) consisting of at least 210 points according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), or at least seven semesters of full-time study. Sufficient expertise in design and/or computer science must be demonstrated. Applicants with less than 210 ECTS points or seven semesters of full-time study, but at least 180 points and six semesters of full-time study from an undergraduate programme must provide proof of additional academic training or may – on agreement – make up the missing credit points by passing suitable examinations in modules of other degree programmes during their Master's studies.</li> <li>• If an undergraduate degree has not yet been issued, then a preliminary graduation certificate, a current transcript of records or similar official documents must be submitted instead.</li> <li>• English language certificate (details below)</li> <li>• Passing an <a href="#">aptitude test</a> regarding artistic/creative capability</li> </ul> <p>Please find more information on our website: <a href="https://www.hochschule-rhein-waal.de/en/academics/prospective-students/current-application-period/masters-programmes">https://www.hochschule-rhein-waal.de/en/academics/prospective-students/current-application-period/masters-programmes</a>.</p>
<b>Language requirements</b>	<p>Please note that for this degree programme, English language skills at level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) are required. Please be aware that all applicants' test report form numbers will be checked. We will accept the following certificates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IELTS: level CEFR B2 or better</li> <li>• TOEFL: level CEFR B2 or better</li> </ul> <p>The TOEFL code of our university: 6962</p>

**Application deadline**

All applicants: 15 January for the following summer semester

**Submit application to**

Applications must be submitted online through uni-assist. Please do not submit any applications in hard copy. See our website for details: <http://www.hochschule-rhein-waal.de/en/academics/prospective-students>

## Services

**Possibility of finding part-time employment**

Non-EU students can work up to 120 full days or 240 half days per year without requiring an additional visa. Student jobs within the university can be solely in English, but the vast majority of off-campus jobs will require at least basic proficiency in German. German courses are available for students through our International Center.

First-year students are strongly advised to focus primarily on their studies and to begin learning German. This will open up many more part-time job opportunities in later semesters.

**Accommodation**

Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences strongly urges you to arrange your accommodation before arrival. One option is accommodation at the residence halls run by student services ("Studierendenwerk Düsseldorf") with one-, two- or three-room flats and rent starting around 260 EUR per month (with a security deposit equivalent to three months' rent). Availability is limited, so register online as soon as possible. See our website for details.

Most students live in private flats shared with other students. There are a number of popular online portals for finding a flat in Germany. Contact the Welcome Centre for more information or look into social media platforms because some students might be graduating when you plan to start. Additionally, the Welcome Centre is always ready to offer advice or help with conversations or correspondence in German.

**Career advisory service**

Internship, student job, or first steps in a new career – Rhine-Waal's Career Service is here to help with a broad range of useful services.

Correspondingly, we act as bridge builders between students and fresh graduates, the university, and companies or organisations from industry, science, social sectors, etc. Our overall goal is to "help others help themselves" by supporting capacity development in students and fresh graduates with respect to their individual career paths.

**Support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Tutors
- Specialist counselling

# - Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences -



Kamp-Lintfort campus

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Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences, with two campus locations in Kleve and Kamp-Lintfort and over 6,700 students, is an innovative, interdisciplinary, and international university of applied sciences. The university currently offers 36 undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes in engineering, the natural and social sciences, technology, design, and more. Our programmes are geared towards your employability, addressing current and future needs of industry by giving you valuable expertise and experience in your field of study. We are unique in that some 75% of our programmes are taught exclusively in English, resulting in a vibrant campus culture and a rich, intercultural exchange of ideas, experience, and knowledge.

Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences prides itself on top-notch teaching, excellent research, and a strong network of international partnerships with research institutions and industry. Our team of professors bring a fresh, dynamic approach to teaching and continuously support, encourage, guide, and inspire students. Professors are often on a first-name basis with their students. Teaching takes place in a range of cutting edge facilities, laboratories, work spaces, smart classrooms, and auditoriums.

The result is a memorable and valuable university experience, which will help you grow as a person and set you on the path to your chosen career. We look forward to welcoming you!



## University location

Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences is centrally and conveniently located on the Lower Rhine between the Netherlands and the Rhine-Ruhr metropolis.

Kleve, where our main Campus is located, is a city rich in tradition and history, and it currently has 53,000 residents. It offers the best of both worlds: the bustle and excitement of nearby cities like Nijmegen, Düsseldorf, and Cologne with the safety, comfort, and ambience of a smaller town. The flat landscapes, mild climate, and good infrastructure of the Lower Rhine make it ideal for getting around by bicycle. Noteworthy sights include the Swan Castle, Baroque-style botanical gardens, museums, and art galleries. The town is home to large department stores and smaller boutiques, pubs, cafés, and more. Students can also participate in a range of sports offered both by the university and local clubs.

Kamp-Lintfort, our campus for the Faculty of Communication and Environment, has a current population of around 39,000 and is located 60 km (37 miles) south of Kleve. Kamp-Lintfort takes its name from a nearly 900-year-old monastery, maintained in its original style to this day. The city's proximity to the Rhine-Ruhr metropolis made it an integral part of post-WWII coal production in Germany. In recent years, Kamp-Lintfort has redefined itself as a hub of technology, innovation, and higher education. The Kamp-Lintfort campus is centrally and conveniently located in the centre of town. In addition to its historical sights, Kamp-Lintfort offers a welcoming and safe atmosphere for students with numerous shops, pubs, cafés, and sports.

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