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## Bachelor's degree

**Intercultural Theology, Migration and Global Cooperation (ITMGC)**

**University of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology Hermannsburg**
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**Languages**
The primary language of instruction is English.

**Programme duration**
6 semesters

**Beginning**
Winter semester

**Application deadline**
The application deadline is **15 September** in the respective year.

*Students from NON-EU-countries* requiring a visa must submit their applications to FIT as soon as possible, but **not later than 15 June**. International students have to apply for a student visa at the German embassy in their respective countries. The issuing of visas can take up to several months in some countries.

**Tuition fees per semester in EUR**
500

**Joint degree / double degree programme**
No

**Description/content**
Intercultural competency is getting more and more important - also in theology and the church(es).

The BA programme "Intercultural Theology Migration and Global Cooperation" (ITMGC) is practice-oriented and open to prospective national and international students of all denominations and cultural backgrounds.

The course is consistently interdisciplinary. It includes theological, biblical, religious, and social disciplines. A major focus of the programme includes studies of intercultural theology, hermeneutics, and interreligious dialogue. Additionally, interdisciplinary modules such as "Migration and Interculturality in the Bible", "Social Justice from a Theological and Social Perspective", and "Counselling" are taught.

Other main focal areas of the degree programme are modules on
- global cooperation in church, ecumenical and interreligious institutions
- local church work in an intercultural and migrational context
- leadership, organisation and project management in faith-based organisations as much as in religious NGOs or FBOs
A twelve-week long-term internship with a church or another religious organisation offers students the opportunity to put into practice what was learned in the practice-oriented modules, e.g., "Interreligious Dialogue in Practice", "Church and Congregational Leadership", or "Counselling in an Intercultural Context". In this way, the students gain practical work experience.

The full-time programme is modularised, based on 180 ETCS during six semesters.

During the course, students will acquire theological, social, and methodological competencies. They will learn to engage in intercultural and theological dialogue. They will improve their interfaith leadership and development skills and learn to build bridges between different cultures and approaches to Christian faith.

The course qualifies students for jobs in church, diaconia or church-related organisations and/or development-oriented institutions in a global context as well as in congregations with "migrant backgrounds".

In addition, the BA offers access to subject-related Master's programmes at higher academic institutions.

Course Details

**Course organisation**

Students must attend 20 modules with lectures, seminars, exercises and a long-term internship. The following modules are offered:

**First semester:**
01 Basic Module in Theology
02 Introduction to Academic Work
03 Migration and Intercultural in the Bible

**Second semester:**
04 Theological Ethics and Anthropology
05 Intercultural Reception of Biblical Topics and Figures
06 Migration in an Interdisciplinary Perspective

**Third semester:**
07 Leadership, Organisation, and Work
08 Intercultural History of Christianity
09 Interreligious Dialogue
10 Introduction to the Long-Term Internship
11 Christian Denominations

**Fourth semester:**
12 Counselling
13 Social Justice from a Theological and Social Science Perspective
14 Project Management
15 Global Cooperation in Churches and Religious Organisations

**Fifth semester:**
16 Long-Term Internship
17 Evaluation of the Long-Term Internship

**Sixth semester:**
18 Preparation for the Bachelor's Thesis
19 Bachelor's Thesis
20 Bachelor's Thesis Colloquium

**Types of assessment**

Written and oral examinations, essays, seminar papers, project presentations, evaluation reports, Bachelor's thesis

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### Costs / Funding

| Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university | Yes |
| Costs of living | The rent for a room on FIT Campus is 215 EUR per month. There is only a limited number of rooms available on campus. Additional costs for security deposit for room, keys and books (currently 450 EUR) as well as monthly payments for internet and insurance have to be considered. Costs for board have to be added. |
| Tuition fees per semester in EUR | 500 |
| Semester contribution | None |
| Integrated internships | A long-term internship of twelve weeks is to be completed during the fifth semester. |
| Course-specific, integrated German language courses | No |
| Course-specific, integrated English language courses | No |

### A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

### International elements

- Training in intercultural skills
- International guest lecturers
- Language training provided
- Study trips

### Description of other international elements

Subjects and themes of the study programme have a direct reference to international and intercultural aspects. Studies of intercultural theology and hermeneutics are a major focus on the degree course. Further focal points of the degree course are modules on migration and interculturality in the bible, interreligious dialogue, global cooperation in church, ecumenical and interreligious institutions or local church work in an intercultural and migrational context.

Lectures and campus life are enriched by the cultural and religious diversity of students from more than 40 countries worldwide. Before, during and after lectures, students develop their intercultural communication skills.

It is not an absolute obligation, but it is highly recommended that the students carry out the compulsory long-term internship abroad. The lecturers support the students with the implementation of the internship abroad.

The course qualifies graduates for work in international and intercultural-theological settings such as churches, diaconia organisations and/or development-oriented institutions in a global context.

### Integrated internships

A long-term internship of twelve weeks is to be completed during the fifth semester.

### Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

### Course-specific, integrated English language courses

No
Requirements / Registration

**Academic Admission Requirements**

Requirements for admission to the Bachelor’s programme are a higher education entrance qualification for a higher education institution in Lower Saxony, i.e., a) a certificate of aptitude for specialised short-course higher education, b) a general university entrance qualification, or c) a university entrance qualification restricted to particular subjects.

Applicants with an equivalent school leaving certificate - see a) above - or vocational training with at least three years of work experience in an area related to the BA degree will also be considered.

Furthermore, applicants must pass a compulsory admission interview, carried out by the FIT, before they can be accepted.

**Language requirements**

Applicants will only be considered for admission if they submit the following with their application: proof of proficiency in English, e.g., TOEFL, with a minimum score of at least 72.

Applicants who obtained their university entrance qualifications at an English-speaking institution are exempted from this regulation.

**Application deadline**

The application deadline is **15 September** in the respective year.

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**Submit application to**

Fachhochschule für Interkulturelle Theologie Hermannsburg
Missionsstraße 3-5
29320 Südheide
Germany

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Services

**Possibility of finding part-time employment**

There is a limited number of student jobs at FIT and in its various projects.

Additionally, small jobs are sometimes available in supermarkets, hotels, and restaurants in the area. For most jobs, knowledge of German is required.

**Accommodation**

Accommodation is available on campus for a limited number of students. Rent for a single room on campus without board is **215 EUR**.

**Specific specialist or non-specialist support for**

- Welcome event

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while developing professional skills and acquiring intercultural competencies. Scholarship holders are required to live in Hermannsburg and partake in the activities of the international community on FIT campus.

The scholarships are awarded to students with an outstanding educational background resp. academic record, who are highly interested in theology and intercultural work. Preference is given to applicants, who without a scholarship would not be able to study.
Support programmes for international students

Students are taught in small groups by internationally experienced lecturers in an environment conducive to studying. A dedicated supervisor supports students during essay writing and the Bachelor’s thesis.

Before the beginning of the first semester there is an orientation week for new international students, which provides valuable information about the University of Applied Sciences (staff, campus, introduction to the study course) and Hermannsburg. Moreover, trips to interesting spots in Lower Saxony and leisure activities are offered to new students. Additionally, students receive a brochure in English with helpful information on the FIT, its programmes, schedules, administrative matters, cooperation partner, scholarships, and the environment of Hermannsburg.

A native English-speaking student adviser assists international students with all administrative questions regarding their stay in Germany, e.g., enrolment, visa, Foreigner’s Registration Office, and health insurance.

Supervisor-student ratio

Each student has his/her dedicated supervisor.

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