

# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

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# Master's degree



# **MA Interior Design**

Berlin International University of Applied Sciences • Berlin

## Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
Teaching language	• English
Languages	The Master's programme in Interior Design is completely taught in English.
Full-time / part-time	• full-time
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	Start in the summer semester (only for students transferring into a higher semester)  1 December until 31 January
	Start in the winter semester (for new and transfer students):  1 December until approximately 31 August
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	Varied
Additional information on tuition fees	<ul> <li>Tuition fee: 895 EUR per month, monthly instalment</li> <li>Registration fee: 250 EUR one-time, non-refundable fee</li> <li>Non-EU nationals</li> <li>Tuition fee: 5,550 EUR per semester, payable per semester</li> <li>Registration fee: 600 EUR one-time, non-refundable fee</li> </ul>
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	The MA Interior Design programme is offered to graduates of creative disciplines other than interior architecture or interior design, e.g. architecture, spatial design, etc. The programme builds on students' creative foundations and provides the specialised knowledge needed to apply creative and responsible solutions to tasks in the field of interior design. The programme is firmly

grounded in the vibrant city of Berlin but taught exclusively in English. It is designed to help students understand their role and responsibility as interior designers in different physical and cultural contexts – on either a local or a global level. Upon completing the programme, graduates will be able to apply the acquired understanding of interiors and use their interior design skills and their additional knowledge of interior discourses to solve complex creative challenges in the field of their new specialisation.

Architecture and Interior Architecture are protected professions in Germany. As the MA Interior Design programme is not a consecutive programme to either BA, it does not qualify for registration with the Chamber of Architects in either field.

In a practice-driven and supportive learning atmosphere, an internationally experienced team of lecturers and professors challenges students to build on their pre-existing knowledge and expand their professional horizons.

## **Course Details**

#### Course organisation

The first year of the MA Interior Design programme familiarises students with the basic principles of interior design. It also provides students with various design and research opportunities and skills in advanced interior visualisation. Design and technology electives allow students to acquire knowledge in a chosen field. The second year provides more design and research opportunities, the "Theory and Communication" elective, and two fast-paced real-life design charrettes that push students to develop the full range of necessary professional skills. In the final semester, students apply and deepen their acquired skills by completing a Master's thesis and a Master's design project on a topic of their own choice.

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## A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

#### International elements

- Courses are led with foreign partners
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
- International guest lecturers
- Training in intercultural skills
- Study trips
- Content-related regional focus

# Special promotion / funding of the programme

• ERASMUS+

# Course-specific, integrated German language courses

Yes

Course-specific, integrated English language courses

Yes

## **Costs / Funding**

Tuition fees per semester in EUR

5,370 EUR

## Additional information on tuition fees

#### **EU** nationals

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#### Non-EU nationals

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- Registration fee: 600 EUR one-time, non-refundable fee

#### Semester contribution

Included in the tuition fees

# Funding opportunities within the university

Yes

Description of the abovementioned funding opportunities within the university All funding opportunities offered at Berlin International University of Applied Sciences can be found here.

## Requirements / Registration

## Academic admission requirements

A Bachelor's in a field related to Interior Architecture / Interior Design, usually Architecture, is required. More information on the admission requirements can be found here.

The required documents for the MA in Interior Design are as follows:

- Official Senior High School diploma with a transcript of grades(German "Abitur/Fachabitur" or equivalent)
- Official university certificates and transcript of grades
- Passport
- English language test (level B2 or above)
- CV
- Letter of Motivation
- Portfolio with 10 works related to your Bachelor's degree and interior design

#### Language requirements

Since all of our programmes are completely taught in English, we will require a proof of your language skills. German knowledge is not required.

If your language skills are at B2 level or above, one of the following language test certificates and scores can be accepted for your application:

- TOEFL IPT: 543
- TOEFL IBT: 74
- IELTS (Academic): 6 (in each subsection)
- Cambridge FCE: B2
- PTE Academic: 59
- BAU "English Language Proficiency Exam": 60/100
- IB Diploma: English A or B at HL or SL
- German "Abitur" after 2011

If you have not completed high school in a majority-English-speaking country (i.e. USA, UK, Canada, Australia, Ireland, New Zealand), an approved language exam is required in order to qualify for admission.

You are welcome to attend the internal Berlin International language proficiency exam. It will be hosted via the software MS Teams and participation can only be offered after application to one of

	our programmes.
Application deadline	Start in the summer semester (only for students transferring into a higher semester)  1 December until 31 January  Start in the winter semester (for new and transfer students)  1 December until approximately 31 August
Submit application to	You must complete your application electronically through our online portal at https://apply.berlin-international.de/.  You will have to register, enter your personal details, and finally upload the required documents.  Once you have completed your online application, we will review it as soon as possible.

## Services

Possibility of finding parttime employment Berlin offers ample opportunities for a wide range of student jobs. German language skills are advantageous.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters
- Buddy programme



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# Berlin International University of Applied Sciences



Berlin International University of Applied Sciences is a state-recognised and non-profit German university of applied sciences located in the centre of Berlin. We are determined to offer a challenging, innovative and practice-oriented education that advances the academic, cultural and linguistic potential of our students and prepares them for international careers in a globalised world.

With our diverse student body and academic staff from more than 92 countries, our university embodies internationality and offers an open-minded, intercultural and inspiring study atmosphere.

Berlin International University of Applied Sciences is also part of growing international university networks including universities, campuses, and academic centres in Istanbul, Washington D.C., Toronto, and Batumi, thus offering ample opportunities for study and internship exchanges. Our students may also participate in various Erasmus+ programmes.

The language of instruction in all study programmes is English. For students who need to improve their English, we offer an English Preparatory Programme. Additionally, in order to further advance international career opportunities, language courses are offered as elective courses.

The quality of all our programmes has been positively evaluated and accredited by ACQUIN, a state-recognised agency.



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## University location

It is no coincidence that Berlin has been chosen to host the Berlin International University of Applied Sciences campus. Berlin is one of the most innovative and exciting cities in contemporary Europe, as well as the city that is most attractive and in demand specifically for university students. Students at Berlin International will have the opportunity to learn about German culture, politics, history, and daily life while getting to know their new home easily with the help of many internationally oriented businesses and services throughout the city.

Additionally, life in Berlin is made easy for the students at Berlin International thanks to the opportunity to book a place in one of the university's student apartments. Berlin is a city of science and research. More than 200,000 people from all over the world work, study and do research at more than 30 universities and 60 research institutions throughout Berlin. Excellent university and state libraries as well as museums provide a stimulating intellectual atmosphere.

Berlin International University of Applied Sciences maintains partnerships with many universities and scientific institutions in Berlin and organises joint activities for our students. The special atmosphere and charm of Berlin are a result of its very distinct urban character. It is the largest and most lively urban centre in Germany – a hub of government, business, and culture – and at the same time, it is Germany's greenest city, with two large rivers, hundreds of parks, and large forests that offer great opportunities to spend time outdoors.

The city boasts more than 170 museums, many theatres, and three state operas. Throughout the year, festivals of music, theatre, and cinema take place in Berlin. In addition, the city has become known all over the world for its young lifestyle, night life, cafés, and bars.

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