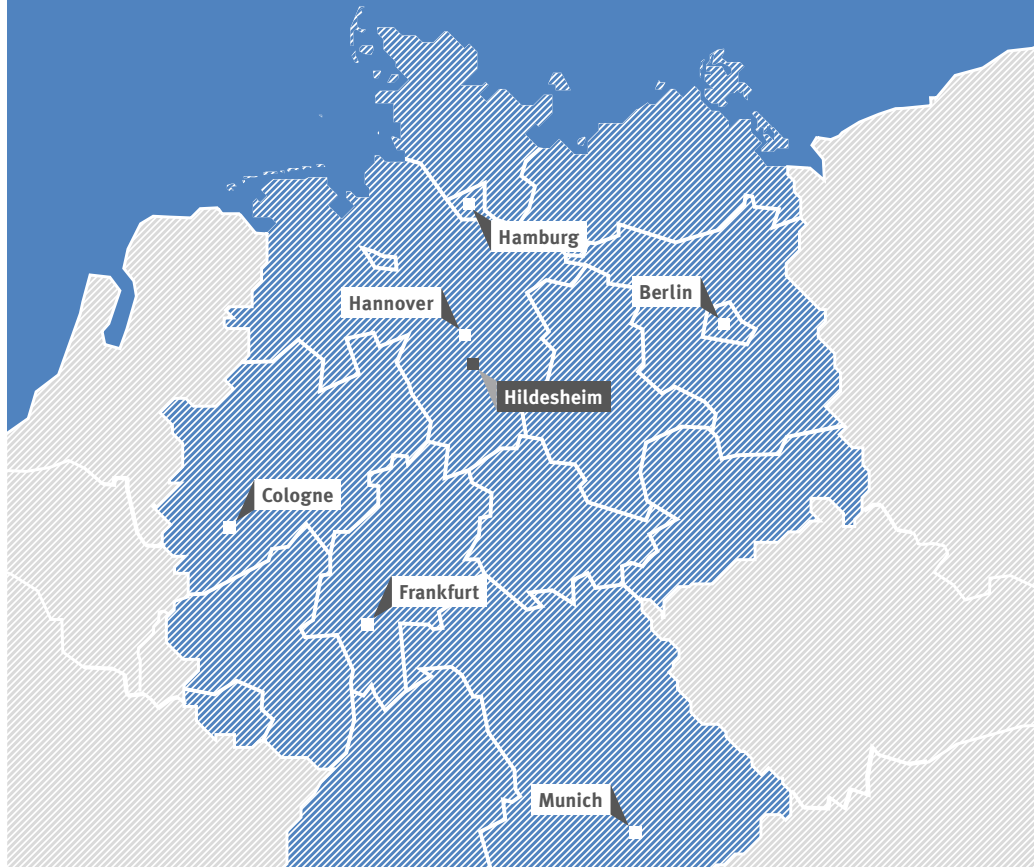


HAWK – A PLACE TO EXPLORE RIGHT IN THE HEART OF GERMANY

The HAWK University of Applied Sciences and Arts has been enriching the landscape of higher education in Germany for over fifty years. A wide range of study programs is offered to more than 6,500 students at three different university locations across the State of Lower Saxony.

The Faculty of Architecture, Engineering and Conservation is located in Hildesheim, a city with 100,000 inhabitants. Hildesheim is a university town in northern Germany close to other cities like Hannover and Braunschweig. Hamburg and Berlin are also within easy reach.



Contact and Information

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For information on how to apply for and plan your exchange studies please contact the International Office in Hildesheim
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Link to the online application
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BA ARCHITECTURE

This study program contains both well-founded theoretical basics and their practical application. Particular importance is given to a high degree of interdisciplinarity through close cooperation with other degree programs. You can

expect traditional training in architecture and get the chance to learn the basics concerning the constructional, ecological and economic aspects of architecture on the basis of broad, practice-oriented teaching.

SEMESTER PROGRAM IN ENGLISH – SUBJECT SPECIFIC OFFERS

BA 4-1/BA 5-1 Project Module(s) with 1:1 Assistance (12 ECTS) – summer/winter

In the project modules, students work in groups on a complex design task. The work status is reviewed during weekly consultations with the lecturers.

BA 4-5 Building Construction 4 (6 ECTS) – summer only

This module teaches the importance of the construction shell in the overall context of building design, especially with regard to the aspects of functionality, comfort, energy efficiency and economy. The examination consists of a group work which all group members work on collaboratively.

BA 5-2 Design, Visualization (6 ECTS) – winter only

This module introduces the core elements of visual representation and presentation for architects.

BA 5-4 Energy-Efficient Building (6 ECTS) – winter only

The focus of this module is to classify and evaluate the energy consumption of buildings in the context of nature, environment and sustainability.

BA 6-1 Design in a Historical Context (6 ECTS) – summer only

International Studio

Students work on an architectural project in mixed teams (national/international and from different disciplines, i. e. interior architecture, architecture as well as color design, lighting design and product design). The students organize themselves together independently and discuss their concepts and designs during weekly meetings in English.

SEMESTER PROGRAM IN ENGLISH – INTERDISCIPLINARY OFFERS

Intercultural Training (3 ECTS)

Intercultural encounters can lead to conflicts due to different perspectives or biases – or they can be profitable! The training creates understanding for each other and promotes intercultural competence. The approach is diversity-oriented and takes into account not only cultural but also other personal characteristics.

German Language Course (4 ECTS)

Before the start of the lecture period, the international students attend an intensive language

course in order to be prepared in the best possible way not only for the lectures of the faculty, but also for life in Germany. During the semester, they can additionally participate in weekly German lessons at different levels. The language courses are free of charge.

The offer of interdisciplinary courses is subject to change each semester. Further courses may be offered such as "Academic Writing" (3 ECTS) or "Germany and the Germans" (3 ECTS).

ORIENTATION AND EXCURSION PROGRAM

The International Office provides a buddy-program. Buddies are German students who meet incoming students at Hildesheim railway station and who help them during the first days to find their way around town and to settle in.

To ensure a smooth arrival, the International Office also provides assistance with all necessary formalities including amongst others registration at the City Hall, residence permits, questions about visas, the opening of bank accounts and health insurance.

In addition, the International Office organizes several events and trips for incoming students throughout the semester. Exchange students will get to know fellow students as well as the city of Hildesheim during an orientation week and will also have the opportunity to visit the towns of Holzminden and Göttingen where other HAWK faculties are based.

Besides vibrant university towns, Lower Saxony also offers a beautiful landscape which can be explored on guided hikes through the Harz National Park. Visits to local sights as well as to the opera or the theater will give the opportunity to dive into the historical and cultural landscape of the region. To bring international students together, the International Office also holds international Easter and Christmas celebrations and regular country-themed evenings. The "Café International", held every other week and organized by students for students, completes the program for incoming students.

Application Dates

- To apply, please ask the International Office of your university to nominate you at HAWK. Please note the following nomination deadlines:
Winter semester: 1 June | Summer semester: 1 November.
- You will then receive information on how to proceed. Please note the following application submission deadlines:
Winter semester: 15 June | Summer semester: 15 November.
- The following documents need to be uploaded with the application: transcript of records, photo, passport copy, language certificate, portfolio, proof of health insurance.
- On receipt of the application, the International Office will provide incoming students with an information package, the letter of acceptance and, if applicable, the invitation letter for the visa application process.

Semester Dates

- Winter semester: 1 October – 31 March (exam period until approx. end of February).
- Summer semester: 1 April – 30 September (exam period until approx. mid August).
- In order to attend the orientation program and the German language course, incoming students may be required to arrive prior to those dates. Please ask the International Office for the dates of the respective semester.

Fees and Student Card

There are no tuition fees in public universities in Germany. However, a semester fee has to be paid which includes free public transport in Lower Saxony and cheaper meals at the cafeteria with the student card for the whole semester. The fee amounts to approx. € 290 for exchange students in Hildesheim.

Accommodation Service for Incomings

Upon request, the International Office offers help to find accommodation. Students may choose to stay at one of the student residences or to share a private flat with other students. Prices range from € 300 to € 450 per month. The International Office offers at least one room option for each exchange student.