# 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 that 6.500 students at three different university locations across the State of Lower Saxony.

The Faculty of Design 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.







## THE FIELDS OF COMPETENCE IN BA DESIGN

Design is about your ideas on shaping the future, creative problem solving and working with and for people. You are challenged from the first thought to the final design.

You can design the content of your studies individually: you can choose one of our nine fields of competence and at the same time gain interdisciplinary knowledge and experience from courses in the other fields of competence. Individual courses of study that link different de- Product Design

sign disciplines with each other are possible under the degree title "Integrated Design".

- Advertising Design
- Branding Design
- Digital Environments
- Interior Architecture
- Color Design
- Graphic Design
- Lighting Design

### SEMESTER PROGRAM IN ENGLISH - DESIGN-SPECIFIC OFFERS

Color and Style and Trend Development (6 ECTS) - winter only

The students learn specific design techniques dealing with color trends and style, working independently, organizing themselves together and defend their solutions and designs in weekly sessions. They acquire knowledge, methods and technology, especially for specialized research. independent conception and independent design through relevant technical applications.

Project(s) with 1:1 Assistance in one of the Fields of Competence (12 ECTS) - summer/winter This module trains students to identify and formulate design problems and tasks on the basis of practice-related topics and to sketch and develop prototypical design ideas on their own initiative. The design is carried out based on examples taken from the perspective of one of the chosen fields of design.

International Studio (12 ECTS) - summer only This module is offered for students of interior

architecture, as well as lighting design, color design and product design in cooperation with the Faculty of Architecture, Engineering and Conservation. The students work together on an architectural project in mixed teams with international students and students from other disciplines. They work independently, organize themselves and discuss their concepts and drafts in weekly meetings.

Jewelry/Body-Related Object Experimentation (6 ECTS) - summer/winter

The students develop a subjective, creativeartistic form of expression in the field of lewelry and body-related objects. The aim of this module is the individually designed dialogue about/with material and the possibilities of dealing with material. In the design process, students work on their motive and intention to identify the right material for their investigation and implementation to achieve results. Documentation, reflection and presentation are part of these processes and methods.

## SEMESTER PROGRAM IN ENGLISH - INTERDISCIPLINARY OFFERS

Intercultural Training (3 ECTS) – summer/winter 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 (3/4 ECTS) summer/winter

Before the start of the lecture period, the international students attend an intensive language course (3 ECTS) 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 (4 ECTS). 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 addtion, 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. € 300 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 € 350 to € 500 per month. The International Office offers at least one room option for each exchange student.