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The course Textile and Surface Design is divided into a four-year Bachelor course and a one-year Masters. The Bachelor course begins with a one-year interdisciplinary arts foundation course completed together with students from other courses.

The following three years focus on the design of surfaces in a wide range of contexts. These include three-dimensional bodies, interior and exterior spaces and product surfaces. In addition to working with traditional and new techniques and technologies for designing textile and non-textile two-dimensional surfaces, students also focus on their subject's interplay with related disciplines – architecture, fashion, industrial design, media, visual art, etc. Social issues are also examined; whose everyday life should be taken as a reference point? How do colours and fabrics correlate to various attitudes to life and different lifestyles? How do trends work? What is the role of economic and global issues in a textile designer's work? Surfaces form a link to many different fields of application, and can be the basis for developing new design opportunities and skills. This course fosters a design approach that combines pragmatic professionalism, critical thinking, trans-disciplinary exchange and aesthetic autonomy.

The course deals with the design of surfaces of all kinds. These include bodies, interior and exterior spaces and surfaces in the context of other fields of work connected to production. Focus is placed on a research approach based on materials and creativity which communicates sensuality and innovation and which considers a visionary spirit of the times.

Textile and non-textile materials are investigated for the opportunities they provide for two-dimensional design. The study of material, form and function deals with the development and extension of possible applications. Emphasis is placed on theoretical considerations which go beyond the external form and intervene in the structure.

Student advisory service:

Address:

Academy of Art Berlin Weissensee
Student Services
Bühringstr. 20 D-13086 Berlin
Phone: 030-47705-342 (Tu 14-16 We 10-12)
Office hours: Tu 11-13 Th 14-17
e-mail: studienberatung@kh-berlin.de

Consultation of applicants:

A consultation is not scheduled!

Admission prerequisites:

A special artistic talent is required
Minimum age 18 years
General matriculation standard / general certificate of secondary education
Preliminary practical or vocational training
For international applicants: sufficient knowledge of written and spoken German has to be proved (for application: TestDaF 2/ B1/2 is to be recommended; admission requires DSH-2, C1 or TestDaF 4)

Artistic admission test / aptitude test

The artistic talent will be ascertained by a test procedure. Application for the test is by a corresponding Academy of Art Berlin Weissensee form (obtainable via www.kh-berlin.de) to be sent in with a postage-paid return envelope. The application period is from 1st November to 10th December.

In January applicants will receive an invitation and practical hints for the test in February.

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This admission test or exam will consist of:

- Submission of 15 to maximally 20 personally produced artistic works (mainly drawings and other specimens in a portfolio) and a homework. Admission to the test will be decided upon after examination of these works (preselection).
- A 2 to 3-day exam for proving the required aptitude.
- An interview concerning, as a rule, the evaluation of the artistic achievements shown as well as the technical skills and motivation of the participants.

Handicapped or chronically ill applicants may apply for compensation of their drawback in the test. The test participants will be informed in writing about the results. A successfully passed test is valid for two years.

Preliminary practical training

A preliminary practical training is considered as basic requirement for matriculation. The Academy of Art Berlin Weissensee is not in a position to mediate training placements. The preliminary training is necessary for acquiring knowledge and experience concerning basic working techniques, materials and working processes. Especially suitable to this effect are the textile industry, factories of wall paper and other coverings, as well as design offices (minimum duration – 6-8 weeks).

Application/admission

An application can be filed only after having passed the artistic admission test, whereupon the suitable applicants will receive the corresponding application form from the Academy of Art Berlin Weissensee. This form has to be sent within the established period, together with the appertaining documents, to the matriculation office of the Academy. The application deadline is preclusive. Allotment of the study places by central assignment (ZVS), numerus clausus, waiting semesters or drawing of lots is not done. After conclusion of the admission procedure in May of the same year, the applicants receive a written admission award and the registration forms.

Registration/fees

For registration it is necessary to present the health insurance vouchers and to pay the contributions of 290 € (registration fee, social contribution, Students' Association (ASTA), public transport). Tuition fees are not charged.

Commencement of study

Admission of beginners is for the winter semester only, i. e. from October of the current year.

Duration of study

The regular duration of study is of 8 semesters, 240 ECTS-credits (Bachelor of Arts) and 2 semesters, 60 ECTS-credits (Master of Arts).

Syllabus

The study comprises the design of surfaces on corpora and in rooms. Correlation with production and market, proximity to sciences and investigation and the rapid development of these areas result in an open-minded and very versatile image of this design specialism. Textile and surface design are defined as part of an all-embracing design concept for human living space. The first two semesters are dedicated to fundamental artistic and scientific studies. Teaching in the shape of exercises, seminars and lectures is largely done in common courses for all specialisms.

Stay abroad

The Academy of Art Berlin Weissensee cultivates direct contacts with a great number of colleges in other countries and promotes student exchange. Interested students in the main course may contact the Akademisches Auslandsamt of the Academy of Art Berlin Weissensee for information about exchange emplacements available within the SOKRATES/ERASMUS Programme or other possibilities for a stay abroad, and hand in their corresponding applications.

Conclusion of study

The study is concluded with a Bachelor examination. Admission to the bachelor thesis procedure is only for students who have completed at least two semesters of main study at the Academy of Art Berlin Weissensee and have concluded this study successfully. After having passed the bachelor examination, the graduate will receive the academic degree of „Bachelor of Arts in Textile and Surface Design“.

Master Program

The Masters builds on the Bachelors course and emphasises „Material & Style“. This includes focussing on a considered use of materials which is both aesthetically and technologically up to date, combined with an integration into the design process of accurate perceptions of contemporary cultural movements and a view of this work as part of the interaction between personal identity and social change. The course aims to guide students as they further develop their own identity as designers in a systematic way, in part by working on a socially relevant, forward-looking project.

There is only one admission term (winter) that means next application is valid for winter term, start in October. The applications are open from March, 01 and close on April, 30. Please use exclusively the online application platform, the link can be found on our website.

Change of college

Changing to the Academy of Art Berlin Weissensee is possible only after completion of the fundamental study or of the 2nd semester in the same course of study. It is recommendable first to get into touch with the professors of the desired specialism and to arrange a personal interview. Acceptance and acknowledgement of accomplished studies are assessed and approved by the examination and admission committees. The form covering an application for change of college can be obtained from the

Referat für Studienangelegenheiten.

Financial assistance

Basing on the Federal Law for Educational Advancement (BaföG), Students may apply for a financial assistance with the Student Welfare Organisation (Studentenwerk).

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Amt für Ausbildungsförderung
Behrenstrasse 40/41, 10117 Berlin
Phone:+49 (0)30-93939 - 70
www.studentenwerk-berlin.de
www.bildungskredit.de

Accommodation

The Academy of Art Berlin Weissensee does not have any student hostels or flats. The Studentenwerk Berlin, however, disposes of a great number of rooms in Berlin at a cost of between EURO 150,00 and 350,00. International Students as well as handicapped or chronically ill students enjoy a preferential attendance in this respect. The address of the central accommodation agency is

Studentenwerk Berlin,
Abteilung Wohnen InfoPoint
Hardenbergstr. 34
10623 Berlin
Phone:+49 (0)30-93939 - 70
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Moreover there exists in Berlin an ample offer of private flat-sharing and subtenancy opportunities which can be found in newspaper ads, on notice boards or by personal contacts.

Information material

Further information about the Academy of Art Berlin Weissensee can be found in the Internet (www.kh-berlin.de).

Information days

Once a year – in July – the Academy of Art Berlin Weissensee hosts its traditional „RUNDGANG-Open Days“ providing prospective students and applicants best opportunities for information and offer you an ideal introduction to this school. And all interested people are also invited to an informative event in November, here will take place a presentation of all departments.