

Information for incoming Erasmus+ students

We are pleased about your interest in one or two semesters abroad at the Hochschule der Bildenden Künste (HBK) Essen!

With campuses in Essen and Wuppertal, the HBK is located in North Rhein-Westphalia and the Rhine-Ruhr metropolitan area, the most populous state and largest urban area in Germany.

The HBK offers three undergraduate programs in Fine Arts (B.F.A.) and Design (B.A.) and one graduate program Art and Cooperation (Kunst und Kooperation, M.F.A.). In Fine Arts you have the choice between Painting/Graphics (Malerei/Grafik), Photography/Media Art (Fotografie/Medienkunst) or Sculpture/Installation (Skulptur/Installation) – in Design between Digital Media Design, Game Art and Design or Digital Fabrication Design. All study programs are accompanied by courses in art and design science.

With the help of the following information, we would like to acquaint you with the Erasmus Incoming Program of the HBK and answer any initial questions you may have. If you have further questions, feel free to contact the Erasmus team.

We look forward to meeting you!

Fees

Erasmus students do not pay tuition fees during their semester abroad. However, all students are required to pay a semester fee in order to enroll at the HBK Essen. This fee includes the costs for the VRR/NRW semester ticket (about 220 € per semester), as well as social fees of the Studierendenwerk (about 15 € per semester).

Deadlines

For the nomination at the HBK:

For the winter semester: 31th Mai

For the summer semester: 31st October

If you have any further questions, please contact the Erasmus coordinator or the International Office of your home university. You must apply at home first and receive a nomination to make an exchange at the HBK.

One university, two campuses

Please note that the courses in Painting/Graphics and Art history/Philosophy are offered on the Wuppertal campus; the other courses use the Essen campus. You should consider the locations when looking for accommodation.

Addresses:

Campus Essen, Prinz-Friedrich-Straße 28A, 45257 Essen, Germany

Campus Wuppertal, Gewerbeschulstraße 76, 42289 Wuppertal. Germany

Duration of the semester

The length of the semester at the HBK may vary from your home university.

The following times apply to winter semesters:

Semester duration (winter): 1.10. – 31.3.

Lecture period: early October – mid-February

Lecture-free period: starting mid-February

The following times are expected for summer semesters:

Semester duration (summer): 1.4. – 30.9.

Lecture period: early April – mid-July

Lecture-free period: starting mid-July

Language requirements

The courses at the HBK are taught in German. We recommend language skills of at least level B1.

Application Procedure

Submit your complete application package (including CV, portfolio, and a copy of your Learning Agreement) by e-mail in one pdf to the HBK Erasmus+ office: erasmus@hbk-essen.de

The Learning Agreement must be duly signed by the student and the respective coordinator in charge at the home institution.