

Information for incoming Erasmus+ students

We appreciate your interest in one or two semesters abroad at the Hochschule der bildenden Künste (HBK) Essen!

The HBK Essen with its campuses in Essen and Wuppertal is located in North Rhine-Westphalia and in the Rhine-Ruhr metropolitan region, the most populous state and largest metropolitan area in Germany.

The HBK offers three undergraduate degree programs in Fine Arts (B.F.A.) and Design (B.A.), as well as a Master's degree program in Art and Cooperation (M.F.A.). In Fine Arts, you can choose from Painting/Graphics (Malerei/Grafik), Photography/Media Arts (Fotografie/Medienkunst), or Sculpture/Installation (Skulptur/Installation) – in Design, you can choose from Digital Media Design, Game Art and Design, or Digital Fabrication Design. All programs are accompanied by courses in Art and Design History.

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

We look forward to getting to know you!

Fees

Erasmus students do not pay tuition fees during their semester abroad. However, all students must pay a semester fee for enrolment at HBK Essen. This contribution includes the costs of the VRR/NRW semester ticket (approx. 220 € per semester) as well as the social contributions of the Studierendenwerk (approx. 15 € per semester).

Deadlines

For the nomination and application at HBK Essen:

For the winter semester: 31st Mai

For the summer semester: 31st October

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

One university, two campuses

Please note that the Painting/Graphics and Art history/Philosophy programs are offered at the Wuppertal Campus, the other programs use the Essen Campus. When looking for accommodation, you should consider the locations.

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 Essen are taught in German. We recommend language skills of at least level B1.

Grading

Please note that not all courses at the HBK Essen are graded, but many are recognized in the "pass/fail" procedure. Discuss this point with your home university and faculty so that no problems arise later in the credit transfer procedure.

Application Procedure

Send this document together with your complete application documents (including application form, CV, portfolio, and German language certificate) by e-mail in a single PDF document to the HBK Erasmus+ Office: erasmus@hbk-essen.de.

HBK Essen accepts Online Learning Agreements (OLA) via dashboard. If there are technical problems with the transfer, please send us the Learning Agreement with all necessary signatures (student and sending institution) via PDF.