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INTRODUCTION TO
HAWK HOCHSCHULE
HILDESHEIM/HOLZMINDEN/GÖTTINGEN

HAWK Hochschule Hildesheim/Holzminden/Göttingen is a public University of Applied Sciences and Arts, which was established under the decree of the Lower Saxony Ministry of Education and Science in 1971, Federal State of Lower Saxony, Germany.

As a typical “University of Applied Sciences” HAWK concentrates its study programmes in engineering and other technical disciplines, business-related studies, social work, health, and design areas. Six faculties – Architecture, Engineering and Conservation (Hildesheim), Design (Hildesheim), Social Work and Health (Hildesheim), Management, Social Work and Construction (Holzminden), Natural Sciences and Technology (Göttingen), Resource Management (Göttingen) and the Health Campus (Göttingen) – offer a wide, partly unique variety of 25 bachelor and 16 master programmes in Northern Germany.

The common mission of applied research and development implies a distinct application-oriented focus and professional character of studies, which include integrated and supervised work assignments in industry, enterprises or other relevant institutions.

With about 6,300 students and more than 500 academic and administrative staff the HAWK belongs to the medium-sized universities. The cities of Hildesheim, Holzminden and Göttingen are located 100 km apart from each other. In Hildesheim (100,000 inhabitants, 3,200 HAWK students, 30 km south of Hanover) the administration headquarter of HAWK is located, in an atmosphere with a lively student scene. Göttingen (120,000 inhabitants, 1,800 HAWK students, 120 km south of Hanover) is characterized as a famous university city with a high academic and international reputation. Holzminden (20,000 inhabitants, 1,300 HAWK students) convinces with an almost familiar study atmosphere in a largely new campus and a beautiful scenic location 100 km southwest of Hanover.

About 100 international cooperation agreements are the basis for mobility in studying and teaching, as well as for projects in knowledge and technology transfer and applied research. Research priorities of HAWK focus on three areas: laser and plasma technology, sustainable production and use of biogenic raw materials, social and economic processes of integrated urban and regional development.

The academic year of HAWK is divided into two semesters:
- the first starting in autumn (1 September – 28 February),
- the second in spring (1 March – 31 August).

For all new international students the International Office offers introduction weeks before semester start: beginning of September and midth of February.

Academic Calendar
Contact

Contact Information for International Applicants

International applicants send their application directly to the HAWK (not via Uni-Assist, the University Application Service for International Students). The International Office of HAWK can inform you about current courses and linguistic opportunities and can advise or help you in many problem areas concerning foreign students in Germany, especially regarding the application process for a place to study.

International Office: Hohnsen 4, 31134 Hildesheim, Germany
Phone: +49/51 21/881-145, -146 | E-Mail: international@hawk.de
www.hawk.de/en/international

Academic counselling: Hohnsen 4, 31134 Hildesheim, Germany
Phone: +49/51 21/881-333 | E-Mail: studienberatung@hawk.de

General Information for International Applicants

If you have foreign qualifications and wish to have them recognized in Germany, the Recognition Finder will navigate you quickly to the appropriate authority responsible for your case on www.nerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en. Unless you wish to receive information if your higher education certificate qualifies for a master programme at HAWK, then you have to apply directly.

Information on the admission procedure for international applicants

In order to apply at HAWK Hochschule Hildesheim/Holzminden/Göttingen you need to submit an online application at https://hisinone.hawk.de which is possible within six weeks before the application deadline.

General information on studying in Lower Saxony can be found at www.studieren-in-niedersachsen.de.
Once submitted you need to print the application form, sign it and send it to HAWK Hochschule Hildesheim/Holzminden/Göttingen (International Office) together with all documents mentioned on the form. Once we have received your application we have to validate whether your documents and certificates can be regarded as equivalent to a German qualification for admission to higher education. The validation takes place as soon as we have received the complete set of application documents (for necessary application documents see below). Without these documents we cannot process your request or – if applicable – sign you up for the preparatory course (Studienkolleg).

**Necessary application documents**

- Online application (if necessary preceded by the application form)
- Recent Curriculum Vitae with photo
- Copy of passport
- Copy of visa/residence title (as soon as available)
- Proof of German language skills (certified copy)
- School-leaving qualification (certified copy)
- University entrance examination (if applicable) (certified copy)
- University degree (if applicable) (certified copy)
- Preliminary practical training (applicable for some bachelor programmes)
- Assessment test (only design)

If the original document is not issued in English or German, you need to hand in certified copies of the approved translation as well.

In general, you are allowed to study in Germany when you are allowed to study in your home country as well. Detailed information can be found on www.anabin.de. The information is based on the publications and decisions of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (www.kmk.org/kgk/information-in-english.html).

If you need to apply before you have access to the online application, you need to fill and sign our application form and send it to us with all the required documents. The application form can be found on our website: www.hawk.de/en/international/applicants. Additionally you need to submit the online application shortly before the application deadline. Otherwise, it is not possible to sign you up for a place to study.

In some restricted bachelor programmes, the admission to the programme is coordinated nationwide. Therefore, the first step towards a place to study is the registration with www.hochschulstart.de. You provide your personal particulars and contact details. Following a successful registration, you receive an applicant-ID (BID) and an authentication number (BAN). These are necessary for the online application at HAWK Hochschule Hildesheim/Holzminden/Göttingen. Please check the desired study programme for further details.

**German language skills**

Since all our programmes are held mainly in German it is necessary to have sufficient language skills to follow the lectures. Therefore, in order to be accepted you need to prove your qualifications with one of the following German tests listed on page 10. For applicants holding a B1-level in German, HAWK Language Centre offers preparatory language courses leading to the TestDaF exam. For further information on offered language levels, dates and fees please check www.hawk.de/testdaf. Courses and tests can be taken at any other language institute as well. Some language course providers close to our study locations are listed on page 11.
Direct qualification for higher education
Applicants who are qualified to start their studies directly need to hand in one of the following German tests within the application deadline:
- TestDaF (Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache des TestDaF-Instituts) – minimum level 3 or 4, depending on the requested study programme (please check the desired study programme for further details)
- DSH (Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang) – minimum level 1 or 2, depending on the requested study programme (please check the desired study programme for further details)
- Deutsches Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz (2. Stufe)
- telc Deutsch C1 Hochschule
- Zertifikat C2 des Goethe Instituts.

Preparatory course (Studienkolleg)
In order to be admitted to the entrance examination at the preparatory course you need to hand in one of the following German certificates:
- Deutsches Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz (1. Stufe)
- telc Deutsch B1
- Zertifikat B1 des Goethe Instituts.

Study fees
For one semester at HAWK you will have to pay between 300 – 400 Euro semester fees, depending on the study location. This includes a ticket to ride the local trains in Lower Saxony free of charge (and for the study locations in Hildesheim and Göttingen also the city buses).

Recognized German language certificates

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- telc Deutsch B1
- Zertifikat B1 des Goethe Instituts.

Scholarships
There are a few scholarships that can be applied for at HAWK but you do not qualify for these scholarships until you are in your second or third year of study. Information on further scholarship possibilities can be found at www.funding-guide.de (= DAAD scholarship database).

German language courses
- HAWK Language Centre | Goschentor 1 | 31134 Hildesheim
  Phone: +49/5121/881-503 | E-Mail: deutschkurse.spz@hawk.de
- Volkshochschule Hildesheim
  www.vhs-hildesheim.de/programm/deutsch-integration
- Hochschule Hannover
  www.hs-hannover.de/zff/sprachzertifikate
- Institut für interkulturelle Kommunikation Göttingen
  www.iik-goettingen.de
- or worldwide at a Goethe Institut (www.goethe.de)
  or a TestDaF center (www.testdaf.de)

Application deadlines
The general application deadline at HAWK for a start of studies in September/October (winter semester) is July 15 or August 1 and for a start of studies in March/April January 15 or February 1 each year. However this might vary for the different study programmes or the assessment test. Therefore, please check the desired study programme for further details. Late documents will not be taken into account.
BA Architecture; BEng Civil Engineering; BEng Wood Engineering
- 10 weeks of preliminary practical training in the construction industry (4 weeks need to be completed by start of studies, rest by the end of the second semester)
- TestDaF-3, DSH-1 or other accepted German language certificate
- Application deadline: August 1

BA Conservation and Restoration
- 12 months of preliminary practical training in a conservator’s workshop
- TestDaF-3, DSH-1 or other accepted German language certificate
- Assessment test: Applicants need to pass an assessment test. The test is valid for 3 years for an application at HAWK. In order to participate you need to hand in the following documents by March 31:
  - Application form ‘Antrag auf Teilnahme am Feststellungsverfahren zum Nachweis einer besonderen künstlerischen Befähigung’ (www.hawk.de/ba-konservierung)
  - Curriculum Vitae with photo
  - Portfolio with self-made works to prove your artistic qualifications (for more information on nature and extent of the portfolio please contact the faculty directly www.hawk.de/ba-konservierung)
You will then be invited to a personal interview in which you have to show your artistic qualifications as well. In the end you will receive a letter of the examination board stating the points achieved. With this you can apply for the autumn term (deadline August 1).

MA Architecture; MA Scientific Conservation
- Approved higher education degree in a related field
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Application deadline: August 1

MEng Civil Engineering
- Approved higher education degree in a related field
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Application deadline: February 1 (spring term) August 1 (autumn term)

### Prerequisites

#### Bachelor programmes
- BA Architecture (3-year programme)
- BEng Civil Engineering (3.5-year programme)
- BEng Wood Engineering (3.5-year programme)
- BA Conservation and Restoration (3-year programme)
- Areas of specialisation: Furniture and Wooden Objects; Mural Painting/Architectural Surfaces; Paintings and Polychrome Wooden Objects; Records, Books and Graphics; Stone and Ceramics

#### Master programmes
- MA Architecture (2-year programme)
- MEng Civil Engineering (1.5-year programme)
- MA Scientific Conservation (2-year programme)
IN HILDESHEIM

MA Design (2-year programme)

BA Design (3-year programme)

with the following fields of competence:

BA Design
- TestDaF-3, DSH-1 or other accepted German language certificate
- Assessment test
  Applicants need to pass an assessment test. The test is valid for 3 years for an application at HAWK. In order to participate you need to hand in the following documents by March 31/September 30 of each year:
  - Application form ‘Antrag auf Teilnahme am Feststellungsverfahren zum Nachweis einer besonderen künstlerischen Befähigung’ (www.hawk.de/ ba-gestaltung)
  - Curriculum Vitae with photo.
  By April 30/October 30 you further need to hand in a portfolio. If your portfolio finds the approval of the commission you will be invited to a practical exam in which you have to show your artistic qualifications as well. In the end you will receive a letter of the examination board stating the points achieved. With this you can apply for the spring term (deadline January 15) or the autumn term (deadline July 15).

MA Design
- Approved higher education degree in a related field
- TestDaF-3, DSH-1 or other accepted German language certificate
- Assessment test
  Applicants need to pass an assessment test. The test is valid for 3 years for an application at HAWK. In order to participate you need to hand in the following documents by April 30/October 30 of each year:
  - Application form ‘Antrag auf Teilnahme zur Feststellung der besonderen Eigennung’ (www.hawk.de/ma-gestaltung)
  - Curriculum Vitae with photo.
  You will then receive a homework which you have to present together with your portfolio at a personal interview. The invitation to the interview will be issued with the homework. In the end you will receive a letter of the examination board stating the points achieved. With this you can apply for the spring term (deadline February 1) or the autumn term (deadline August 1).

Please note:
For the master programme a new application procedure will be implemented in 2020. The current conditions of application are available at www.hawk.de/ma-gestaltung.
Bachelor programmes

- BEng Construction Management (3.5-year programme)
- BEng Green Building (3.5-year programme)
- BSc Real Estate Economics and Management (3-year programme)
- BA Social Work (3-year programme)
- BA Economics (4.5-year online-based part-time programme)

Master programmes

- MSc Real Estate Management (2-year programme)
- MEng Energy Efficient and Sustainable Constructions (1.5-year programme)
- MA Social Work (2-year programme)

Prerequisites

BEng Construction Management; BEng Green Building; BSc Real Estate Economics and Management
- 6 weeks of preliminary practical training in a related field (by the end of the third semester)
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Application deadline: August 1

BA Economics (part-time)
- TestDaF-3, DSH-1 or other accepted German language certificate
- Application deadline: August 1

BA Social Work
- 8 weeks (300 hours) of preliminary practical training in a social pedagogical field under the supervision of a trained social worker
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Registration necessary in nationwide coordination website www.hochschulstart.de
- Application deadline: July 15

MEng Energy Efficient and Sustainable Constructions
- Approved higher education degree in a related field
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Application deadline: February 1
- Application deadline adaptation semester (2-year programme): August 1

MSc Real Estate Management
- Approved higher education degree in a related field
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Application deadline: August 1

MA Social Work
- Approved higher education degree in a related field
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Application deadline: August 1
Bachelor programmes

- BEng Electrical Engineering/Information Technology (3-year programme)
- BEng Mechanical Engineering/Precision Machining (3-year programme)
- BEng Physical Technologies (3-year programme)

In all bachelor programmes you have the possibility to study in one of the interdisciplinary profiles medical technologies or renewable energies.

Master programmes

- MEng Electrical Engineering/Information Technology (2-year programme)
- MSc Laser and Plasma Technology (2-year programme)
- MEng Mechanical Engineering/Precision Machining (2-year programme)

Prerequisites

BEng Electrical Engineering/Information Technology; BEng Mechanical Engineering/Precision Machining; BEng Physical Technologies
- 8 weeks of preliminary practical training in a related field (by the end of the third semester) OR within dual system (-training contract with a company)
- no training required
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate

Application deadline:
- August 1

MEng Electrical Engineering/Information Technology; MSc Laser and Plasma Technology; MEng Mechanical Engineering/Precision Machining
- Approved higher education degree in a related field
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Application deadline:
  - February 1 (spring term),
  - August 1 (autumn term)
FACULTY OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN GÖTTINGEN

Bachelor programmes
- BSc Arboriculture (3-year programme)
- BEng Business Administration and Engineering (3.5-year programme)
- BSc Forestry (3-year programme)
- BSc Forestry dual (3.5-year programme)

Master programmes
- MEng Business Administration and Engineering (1.5-year programme)
- MA Regional Management and Business Development (2-year programme)
- MEng Renewable Resources and Regenerative Energies (2-year programme)
- MSc Urban Tree and Forest Management (2-year programme)

Prerequisites

BSc Arboriculture;
BSc Forestry
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Registration in nationwide coordination website www.hochschulstart.de necessary
- Application deadline: July 15

BEng Business Administration and Engineering
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Application deadline: August 1

BSc Forestry dual
- qualification agreement with one of the cooperating forest operations
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Application deadline: July 15

MEng Business Administration and Engineering
- Approved higher education degree in a related field
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Application deadline: February 1

MA Regional Management and Business Development;
MEng Renewable Resources and Regenerative Energies;
MSc Urban Tree and Forest Management
- Approved higher education degree in a related field
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Application deadline: August 1
BA Childhood Education
- 8 weeks (300 hours) of preliminary practical training in a social pedagogical field under the supervision of a trained social worker with children age 10 and under
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Registration in nationwide coordination website www.hochschulstart.de necessary
- Application deadline: January 15 (spring term), July 15 (autumn term)

BA Educational Sciences for Allied Health Professions; BSc Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Physiotherapy
- Successful three year education and qualified professional training in occupational therapy, speech and language therapy or physiotherapy at a professional school for occupational therapy, speech and language therapy or physiotherapy
- Assessment test
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Application deadline: May 1 (autumn term), for BSc Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Physiotherapy also November 1 (spring term)

BA Social Work
- 8 weeks (300 hours) of preliminary practical training in a social pedagogical field under the supervision of a trained social worker

Master programmes
- MSc Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Physiotherapy (2.5-year programme)
- MA Social Work (2-year programme)

MA Social Work
- Approved higher education degree in a related field
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- English certificate on level B2 of the European Framework of Reference for Languages (before master thesis)
- Application deadline: August 1

Prerequisites

Bachelor programmes
- BA Childhood Education (3-year programme)
- BA Educational Sciences for Allied Health Professions (2.5-year programme)
- BSc Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Physiotherapy (1.5-year programme)
- BA Social Work (3-year programme)
Bachelor programmes

- BEng Medical Engineering (3-year programme)
- BSc Nursing (4-year programme and vocational training in (pediatric) nursing)
- BA Social Work in Healthcare (3.5 year programme)
- BSc Therapeutical Sciences (4-year programme and vocational training in speech and language therapy or physiotherapy)

Prerequisites

**BEng Medical Engineering**
- 8 weeks of preliminary practical training in a related field (by the end of the third semester)
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Registration in nationwide coordination website www.hochschulstart.de necessary
- Application deadline: July 15

**BSc Nursing**
- Training contract and commitment of one of the cooperating schools of nursing
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Application deadline for training position: decided by the cooperating school of nursing
- Application deadline at HAWK: July 15 for place to study

**BA Social Work in Healthcare**
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Registration in nationwide coordination website www.hochschulstart.de necessary
- Application deadline: July 15

**BSc Therapeutical Sciences**
- Training contract and commitment of one of the cooperating schools of physiotherapy or speech and language therapy
- TestDaF-4, DSH-2 or other accepted German language certificate
- Application deadline for training position: decided by the cooperating school of physiotherapy or speech and language therapy
- Application deadline at HAWK: July 15 for place to study