

Bachelor of Arts Program "Design, Art and Media

Table 1: Study plan (Mandatory and Elective Modules, Workload, ECTS)

Module Area "Project"					
<div>Project 1 (PF)</div> <div>Introduction to Project Work (13*8)</div> <div>WL 270 (78/192)9 ECTS</div>	<div>Project 2 (PF)</div> <div>Creative Project (13*8)</div> <div>WL 390 (104/286)13 ECTS</div>	<div>Project 3 (PF)</div> <div>Creative Project (13*8)</div> <div>WL 390 (104/286)13 ECTS</div>	<div>Project 4 (PF)</div> <div>Creative Project (13*8)</div> <div>WL 390 (104/286)13 ECTS</div>	<div>Theory Project (PF)</div> <div>Theory Project (13*8)</div> <div>WL 390 (104/286)13 ECTS</div>	61 ECTS
Module Area "Design and Technology"					
<div>Design and Technology 1 (WP)</div> <div>Artistic Course (13*4) Lab Course (13*2) Workshop (40)</div> <div>WL 180 (88/92)6 ECTS</div>	<div>Design and Technology 3 (WP)</div> <div>Artistic Course (13*4) Lab Course (13*2) Workshop (40)</div> <div>WL 180 (88/92)6 ECTS</div>	<div>Design and Technology 5 (WP)</div> <div>Artistic Course (13*4) Lab Course (13*2) Workshop (40)</div> <div>WL 180 (88/92)6 ECTS</div>	<div>Design and Technology 7 (WP)</div> <div>Artistic Course (13*4) Lab Course (13*2) Workshop (40)</div> <div>WL 180 (88/92)6 ECTS</div>	<div>Design and Technology 9 (WP)</div> <div>Artistic Course (13*4) Lab Course (13*2) Workshop (40)</div> <div>WL 180 (88/92)6 ECTS</div>	54 ECTS
<div>Design and Technology 2 (WP)</div> <div>Artistic Course (13*4) Lab Course (13*2) Workshop (40)</div> <div>WL 180 (88/92)6 ECTS</div>	<div>Design and Technology 4 (WP)</div> <div>Artistic Course (13*4) Lab Course (13*2) Workshop (40)</div> <div>WL 180 (88/92)6 ECTS</div>	<div>Design and Technology 6 (WP)</div> <div>Artistic Course (13*4) Lab Course (13*2) Workshop (40)</div> <div>WL 180 (88/92)6 ECTS</div>	<div>Design and Technology 8 (WP)</div> <div>Artistic Course (13*4) Lab Course (13*2) Workshop (40)</div> <div>WL 180 (88/92)6 ECTS</div>		
Module Area "Discourse and Context"					
<div>Design, Art and Media (PF)</div> <div>Introduction to Design, Art and Media (40) Introduction to the study fields (13*4) Paths of culture analysis (13*2)</div> <div>WL 270 (88/182)9 ECTS</div>	<div>Art and Media History (PF)</div> <div>Art History (13*2), Theory Colloquium I (13*4)</div> <div>WL 300 (58/242)10 ECTS</div>	<div>Discourse and Context 1 (PF)</div> <div>Theory Colloquium 2 (13*4) Pathway Colloquium 1 (13*4)</div> <div>WL 150 (78/72)5 ECTS</div>	<div>Discourse and Context 2 (PF)</div> <div>Aesthetic Theory Seminar (13*2), Pathway Colloquium 2 (13*4), Law 1 (5*3), Law 2 (5*3)</div> <div>WL 300 (81/219)10 ECTS</div>		34 ECTS
Practical Semester					
<div>Internship (PF)</div> <div>Internship, Preparatory Lecture (4), Follow-up Lecture (4)</div> <div>WL 900 (6/894)30 ECTS</div>					30 ECTS
Graduation Modules					
<div>Topic and Research (PF)</div> <div>Topic and Research I (13*2), Topic and Research II (13*4)</div> <div>WL 270 (58/212)9 ECTS</div>	<div>Presentation (PF)</div> <div>Bachelor Project Colloquium (13*4)</div> <div>WL 300 (39/261)10 ECTS</div>	<div>Bachelor Project (PF)</div> <div>Bachelor Project</div> <div>WL 360 (0/360)12 ECTS</div>	31 ECTS		

210 ECTS

PF = mandatory, WP = elective
Study fields: Visual Communication, New Media, Film and Video, Crossmedia Publishing

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Table 2: Course Selection Overview for Exchange Students

"Project" Module Area

The main focus of the Intensive Design Projects is to develop your own creative practice in the chosen field of Crossmedia Publishing, New Media, Film/Video or Visual Communication. The course will focus on a particular topic which is analysed, researched and explored in depth during the course of a semester. In close contact with the professor, each student will develop concepts for an individual work and, with the use of labs and tools at Merz Akademie, produce and realize the end result. The course ends with a group critique and an in house exhibition of all final work. Collaboration in a small group with students, who are at different stages of their studies, stimulates peer learning and team work. The course takes place weekly on one full day throughout the semester. 80% attendance is mandatory, as is active class participation and finishing and handing in assignments and the final project.

Project
1 Creative Project OR 1 Theorie Project
13 ECTS

"Design and Technology" Module Area

Artistic Courses

The seminars usually have an element of critical inquiry of a subject (in group discussions, readings, presentations) as well as hands-on creative work to enhance aesthetic and technological skills with a clear sense of experimentation and probing, rather than simply applying predefined techniques. Students work in small groups, usually with students at the same stage of studies. The courses usually end in an independent assignment to be handed in at the end of the semester. 80% attendance is mandatory, as is active class participation as well as finishing and handing in assignments.

Possible Course headings:

Dramaturgy I: Research and Development
Dramaturgy II: Dramaturgy and Narration
Concepts of Reality in Fiction and Documentary Film
Directing in fiction and documentary formats
Audiovisual Publishing
Photographic Disciplines
Information Visualisation and User Interface Design
Responsive Design
Typography for Online Use

Lab Courses

Workshops have a 'how-to' focus and offer students the opportunity to master technological skills and work in our labs in order to apply this know-how in the large scale individual projects that students work on in other courses. Assessment usually takes the form of practical assignments. 80% attendance is mandatory as is finishing and handing in assignments.

Possible Course headings:

Cinema 4D
Color Grading
Digitale Montage
Script Writing I and II
Photography
Greenbox

Design and Technology
1 Artistic Course 1 Lab Course
5 ECTS

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Workshops (PW/WW)

Twice during the semester the regular, weekly courses are suspended to make room for intensive, one week workshops with external experts, often coming from all areas related to a field: commercial practice, art, academia, journalism, activism – often from outside of Germany. The high nature of intensity of the workshop and the interdisciplinary groups provide a stimulating "break" from the regular schedule.

Most courses will be taught in a mix of English and German but in small groups. Welcoming staff and students will make sure English speaking students can fully participate and contribute to the class. We recommend to take a German language course before or during your stay.

Workshops
1 PW (Workshop) 1 WW (Workshop)
2 ECTS

TOTAL 30 ECTS