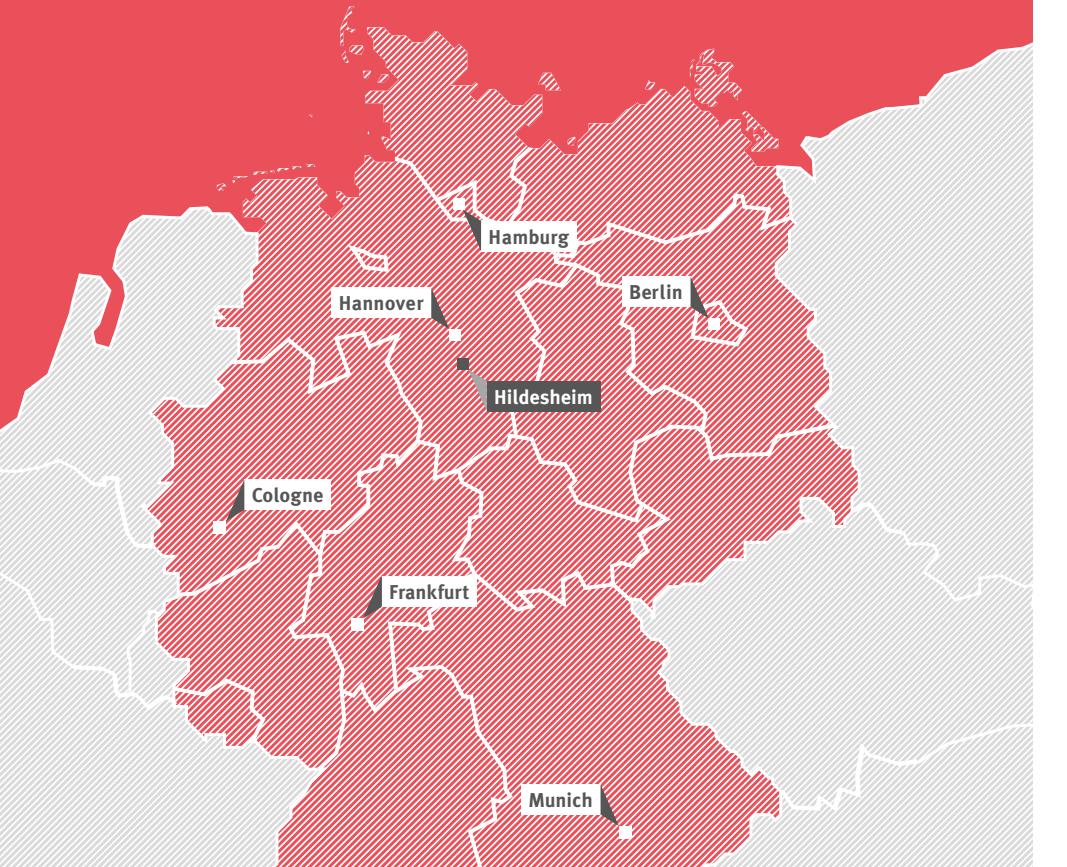


HAWK – A PLACE TO EXPLORE RIGHT IN THE HEART OF GERMANY

The HAWK University of Applied Sciences and Arts has been enriching the landscape of higher education in Germany for over fifty years. A wide range of study programs is offered to more than 6.500 students at three different university locations across the State of Lower Saxony.

The Faculty of Social Work and Health is located in Hildesheim, a city with 100.000 inhabitants. Hildesheim is a university town in northern Germany close to other cities like Hannover and Braunschweig. Hamburg and Berlin are also within easy reach.



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BA SOCIAL WORK/BA EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

At HAWK in Hildesheim, the study programmes Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) and Social Work are closely connected to each other as practice-oriented professions. Therefore, our interdisciplinary course programme taught in English combines the solution of so-

cial problems based on the principles of social justice and human rights from the perspective of social work with focus on pedagogical work with children and families based on research and development from the perspective of ECEC.

SEMESTER PROGRAM IN ENGLISH – SUBJECT SPECIFIC OFFERS

Interdisciplinary Seminars

■ Gender & Culture (3 ECTS) – summer/winter

The focus of the seminar is on exchanging ideas about personal perceptions and professional experiences related to gender and culture.

■ Improvise! English Theatre in Easy English (3 ECTS) – summer/winter

“DARE TO FAIL!” and “SAY YES!” are two of the basic rules in improvisation theatre. It might give you new ideas about yourself and others.

■ Europe-Excursion (3 ECTS) – summer/winter

Dare to look beyond the European horizon!

Focus on Social Work

■ Social Work in Germany (3 ECTS) – summer/winter

Let's talk about the Code of Ethics, the vision of sustainable development and the responsibility of social workers due to a change of perspective and human rights.

■ Social Work with Refugees (3 ECTS) – summer/winter

The main topics of this course are the possibilities and limits of social work in the context of forced migration with a special focus on a critical-reflective approach.

■ Social Welfare and Social Work in a Local and Global Context (3 ECTS) – summer/winter

The module deals with social policy and social

work organisation in an international context on the basis of a comparative perspective.

Focus on ECEC

■ Children's Perspectives on Childhood, Play and Learning (3 ECTS) – summer/winter

This module will give some insights into different educational systems in several European countries and discuss recent developments in research on and with children.

■ Learning Areas in ECEC: Introduction to the HAWK Workshops (3 ECTS) – summer/winter

This module introduces didactic approaches to Early Childhood Education developed at HAWK Hildesheim. The students participate in workshops on language development, aesthetic education, and other topics.

Practice Placement

■ Practice Placement in Bilingual Kindergarten, combined with Tuition/Reflection, 180 h (6 + 3 ECTS) – summer/winter

Students will be placed in kindergartens with bilingual programs in Hildesheim or Hannover. The placement is combined with a weekly seminar, where students reflect on their experiences, discuss approaches to ECEC in German kindergartens and get tuition on tasks and assignments.

SEMESTER PROGRAM IN ENGLISH – INTERDISCIPLINARY OFFERS

Intercultural Training (3 ECTS)

Intercultural encounters can lead to conflicts due to different perspectives or biases – or they can be profitable! The training creates understanding for each other and promotes intercultural competence. The approach is diversity-oriented and takes into account not only cultural but also other personal characteristics.

German Language Course (3 ECTS)

Before the start of the lecture period, the international students attend an intensive language

course in order to be prepared in the best possible way not only for the lectures of the faculty, but also for life in Germany. During the semester, they can additionally participate in weekly German lessons at different levels. The language courses are free of charge.

The offer of interdisciplinary courses is subject to change each semester. Further courses may be offered such as “Academic Writing” (3 ECTS).

ORIENTATION AND EXCURSION PROGRAM

The International Office provides a buddy-program. Buddies are German students who meet incoming students at Hildesheim railway station and who help them during the first days to find their way around town and to settle in.

To ensure a smooth arrival, the International Office also provides assistance with all necessary formalities including amongst others registration at the City Hall, residence permits, questions about visas, the opening of bank accounts and health insurance.

In addition, the International Office organizes several events and trips for incoming students throughout the semester. Exchange students will get to know fellow students as well as the city of Hildesheim during an orientation week and will also have the opportunity to visit the towns of Holzminden and Göttingen where other HAWK faculties are based.

Besides vibrant university towns, Lower Saxony also offers a beautiful landscape which can be explored on guided hikes through the Harz National Park. Visits to local sights as well as to the opera or the theater will give the opportunity to dive into the historical and cultural landscape of the region. To bring international students together, the International Office also holds international Easter and Christmas celebrations and regular country-themed evenings. The “Café International”, held every other week and organized by students for students, completes the program for incoming students.

Application Dates

- To apply, please ask the International Office of your university to nominate you at HAWK. Please note the following nomination deadlines:
Winter semester: 1 June | Summer semester: 1 November.
- You will then receive information on how to proceed.
Please note the following application submission deadlines:
Winter semester: 15 June | Summer semester: 15 November.
- The following documents need to be uploaded with the application:
transcript of records, photo, passport copy, language certificate, portfolio, proof of health insurance.
- On receipt of the application, the International Office will provide incoming students with an information package, the letter of acceptance and, if applicable, the invitation letter for the visa application process.

Semester Dates

- Winter semester: 1 October – 31 March (exam period until approx. end of February).
- Summer semester: 1 April – 30 September (exam period until approx. mid August).
- In order to attend the orientation program and the German language course, incoming students may be required to arrive prior to those dates.
Please ask the International Office for the dates of the respective semester.

Fees and Student Card

There are no tuition fees in public universities in Germany. However, a semester fee has to be paid which includes free public transport in Lower Saxony and cheaper meals at the cafeteria with the student card for the whole semester. The fee amounts to approx. € 370 for exchange students in Hildesheim.

Accommodation Service for Incomings

Upon request, the International Office offers help to find accommodation. Students may choose to stay at one of the student residences or to share a private flat with other students. Prices range from € 350 to € 500 per month. The International Office offers at least one room option for each exchange student.