

The **KUNSTAKADEMIE MÜNSTER, University of Fine Arts Münster**, was founded in 1972 as an Institute for Teacher Training in Fine Arts, affiliated with the Kunstakademie Düsseldorf, and became an independent University of Fine Arts in 1987.

2001 the Kunstakademie Münster moved into new premises on Leonardo Campus, designed for about 400 Fine Arts students, where studios, workshops, lecture- and exhibition-spaces on over 9.000 m² are available. About 20 % of our students are international students from many countries and backgrounds.

DEGREES

Akademiebrief – Visual Arts Degree, qualification level M.F.A

Single Cycle Degree Programme (five years of studies/300 ECTS)

Bachelor and Master of Education in Art Education (3+2 years)

Art teaching qualification for primary/lower secondary/upper secondary level schools

PhD in art related sciences (Science of Art, Art History, Aesthetics)

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Winter Semester: lecture period October to mid-February

Summer Semester: lecture period April to mid-July

STUDIOS

All Fine arts teaching staff are practicing artists, exhibiting nationally and internationally, who contribute with a wide range of approaches and expertise to this explorative and stimulating environment. After the foundation year (Orientierungsbereich) the students choose to study primarily within one particular artist's studio. The professor discusses work and progress individually with the students. The main focus is put on independent artistic project work through studio practice.

CURRENTY TEACHING ARTISTS

Sculpture: Klaus Weber, Suchan Kinoshita, Mariana Castillo Deball

Sculpture/Art in public space: Maik und Dirk Löbber

Sculpture/Video: Aernout Mik

Painting: Klaus Merkel, Michael van Ofen, Cornelius Völker, Julia Schmidt

Photography / Mixed Media: Daniele Buetti

Performative Art: Nicoline van Harskamp

Film/Video/New Media: Andreas Köpnick

Cooperative Strategies: Irene Hohenbüchler

Websites of the Studios: <http://www.kunstakademie-muenster.de/lehre/kuenstlerische-klassen0/>

WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

Alongside with the studio practice course and lectures on fine arts, science seminars on fine arts related fields such as art history, aesthetics, art philosophy, art therapy etc. as well as technical workshop courses are part of the course of studies.

The workshops and laboratories for **digital art, photography, film/video, silk-screen printing, lithography, engraving, sculptural and plastic art techniques in metal, ceramics, plastic/synthetic materials and wood** provide the highest standard equipment for all requirements.

The students are encouraged to be open and exploratory in their work and to utilize the full range of technical and media resources. They are expected to develop their own program in personal choice of activities, seminars and media out of a wide range of options such as painting, sculpture, installation/object art, graphic art, film/video, digital arts, sound design, photography.

If exchange students are interested in workshop courses they should get in contact with the workshop leaders already by e-mail before arriving in Muenster. There are no reserved places just for Erasmus-students. Please see the document "Contact workshops at the University of Fine Arts Muenster".

<http://www.kunstakademie-muenster.de/lehre/werkstaetten/>

COURSES

The main focus of the Fine Art course of studies is on self-determined artistic exploration and development in a class (studio study) led by a Professor for Fine Arts with ongoing individual evaluation. Complementary topics are excursions to mayor exhibitions and art places, own exhibition practice, including theoretical preparation and reflection on contemporary issues in art.

Sense and purpose is to encourage the development as an artistic personality able to make an independent contribution to the Fine Arts. Our regular full time students in degree courses of the Kunstakademie Münster do not need any marks for studio study, however exchange students receive a mark given by the professor on the basis of ongoing individual evaluation about individual art projects and achievements.

Please note: All theoretical lectures / seminars are held in German language. Individual supervision in the studio study and some of the workshops is possible in English Language.

CREDITS/ECTS

For Exchange students the University of Fine Arts grants 25-30 ECTS points for the studio study each semester completed. Attention is drawn to the fact that the ECTS points from the studio study ARE NOT divided into individual semester activities. Additionally exchange students may obtain credits for art related science courses or practical workshop courses.

You won't find these ECTS Points in the course book because exchange students are enrolled in the Fine Arts Degree Course to obtain the *Akademiebrief* which is not organized within the ECTS-System.

LANGUAGE

All courses and classes are taught in German. English may be used as well in single consultation / tutorials with your professor. There are no special exchange programs or fixed courses for exchange students, either but all students – degree or exchange – are able to attend the same workshops, courses and lectures. On the occasion of excursions and for some of the theoretical science seminars the Professors may offer discussions in English language. For the *Münster Lecture Series* Erasmus tutorials with a summary in English language are offered.

LIBRARY

The library collection includes 35.000 art books, exhibition catalogues and subscriptions to more than 100 art magazines. For research and communication PCs with Internet are available. Additionally, all students have access to the library of Münster University and free WiFi on Campus.

Library for Architecture, Design and Fine Arts
<https://en.fh-muenster.de/bibliothek/bbleo/index.php?p=4>

Library of Münster University
<https://www.ulb.uni-muenster.de/>

SOCIAL SERVICES AND STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

There's no tuition fee for studies. But before enrolment, every student has to pay the obligatory *Social Services Fee* (Sozialbeitrag) which is currently about 260 € per semester. The fee includes a "semesterticket," a bus and train pass, which entitles the students to use local busses and trains in the whole state of Northrhine-Westfalia free of charge. The Sozialbeitrag also entitles students to subsidized meals at the student cafeteria (Mensa), to take part in University Sports and to apply for accommodation in the student homes administered by the Studierendenwerk Münster (the Students' Welfare Organization). The Kunstakademie Münster is not able to offer any grants for covering the fee.

FOOD

There is a student cafeteria in the University. Additionally, students may have breakfast and lunch at the Mensa on the Leonardo Campus, approximately 50 yards from the main building.

<https://www.stw-muenster.de/en/home/#/>

ACCOMMODATION

Students of the University of Fine Arts may apply for a room from the Studentenwerk Münster; the Students' Welfare Organization. In 21 students homes, single rooms, apartments and flats with 2 - 6 rooms, furnished or unfurnished, are available for 230 € to 380 € per month. Unfortunately there are only 6.000 places for more than 50.000 students in town. Enrolment does not guarantee accommodation in one of the student homes. Apply immediately once you receive the acceptance letter :

<https://www.stw-muenster.de/en/studentisches-wohnen-en/bewerbung/studierende-allgemein/>

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

The University of Münster offers a variety of activities at the International Centre "Die Brücke" – "The Bridge", claiming to be the most international place in town. "Die Brücke" offers cultural and social activities for foreign and German students as well as social advice, help for everyday life and study, an international womens office, a center for intercultural competence, international alumni. A friendship programme connects you to a family or single person outside the University, if you are interested to gain insight into everyday life of Germans. You may have breakfast and lunch in an international surrounding at the "Café Coleur". www.uni-muenster.de/diebruecke

THE CITY

The 1.200-year-old city of Münster is rich in tradition and history, a captivating city with charm. It has a population of about 300.000 residents, including about 50.000 Students. Münster is surrounded by green landscapes and offers an abundant range of cultural and leisure-time activities.

<http://www.stadt-muenster.de/english/welcome-to-muenster.html>

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION North-Western Germany: Düsseldorf, Cologne, Berlin, Amsterdam (among a number of other world famous locales) can be reached within a few hours.

TRANSPORTATION

international Airports: Münster-Osnabrück International Airport (FMO), Dortmund Airport (DTM), Düsseldorf Airport (DUS). From the airports you'll find train and bus connections to Münster (Westf) Hauptbahnhof (Münster central station); www.bahn.de

English website: <http://www.bahn.de/i/view/GBR/en/index.shtml>
also available in French, Spanish and other languages.

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