

The weißensee academy of art Berlin

Introduction to German speaking Countries and Cultures.

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Weissensee Academy of Art Berlin is a very small coeducational German higher education institution.

The academy offers courses and programs leading to officially recognized higher education degrees such as bachelor degrees, master degrees in several areas of study.

The logo for Weissensee Kunst-Hochschule Berlin is displayed in a clean, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in four lines: 'weißensee' on the first line, 'kunst-' on the second, 'hochschule' on the third, and 'berlin' on the fourth. The color of the text is a warm, orange-brown hue.

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berlin

History

Founded in 1946, during a difficult and turbulent phase of Germany's rebuilding, by artists with affiliations to the Bauhaus.

First named as "Art School of the North" and provisionally housed in the former Trumpf chocolate factory.

Professor Selman Selmanagic, the Bauhaus architect and director of the School's architecture department, enlarged it in the 1950s, when it became the East Berlin Academy of Art. The entire architectural ensemble is now under landmark protection.

After German reunification, parts of the Campus were modernized and several new buildings were added.



Location

The academy of Art is located in the neighbourhood called Weissensee.

Weissensee is a quiet green and residential area of Pankow which offers a good balance between urban and sub-urban living. It is a nice alternative for students, young couples and families with a limited budget.

The neighbourhood is very green and, especially around the Weissensee lake, provides several areas for outdoor activities both in the summer, and the winter.



Departments

- BA/MA Product Design
- BA/MA Textile- and Surface Design
- BA/MA Fashion Design
- BA/MA Visual Communication
- Fine Arts / Painting
- Fine Arts / Sculpture
- Fine Arts / Stage and Costume Design
- MA Art Therapy
- MA Spatial Strategies
- Theory and History
- Art + Design Foundation (first year of studies)

Study programmes

All design departments (Visual Communication, Product-, Fashion and Textil/Surface Design) are offered as a 4-years Bachelor and a 1-year Master modularised program. The regular duration of study is 8 semesters, 240 ECTS-credits (Bachelor) and 2 semesters, 60 ECTS-credits (Master of Arts).

All programmes start with the transdisciplinary Art and design Foundation during the first year of studies.



Structure

Rector: Leonie Baumann (2011-2021) She is a pedagogue, curator and author.

Angelika Richter elected as the new Rector

The art scholar Angelika Richter is expected to take over the management of the Weißensee Kunsthochschule berlin in June 2021.

Angelika Richter was elected by the Extended Academic Senate, the responsible university body, with a large majority in the first ballot last week.



International

Promotes collaboration among institutions.

The cooperation with art academies in the whole world concerns aspects of mobility during the study as well as aspects of activities concerning different cultures.

More than 30% of the students are foreigners.



Facilities

The instructional program of weißensee academy of art berlin is outstanding supported by its studios workshops.

All students can use the workshops, whatever course they are enrolled. Besides acquiring traditional manual skills, they can learn the newest computer-aided techniques.



Covid-19

The 2021 summer term will be held as an "hybrid-semester" (mix between on-site and digital formats). Unfortunately, until further notice the premises of the school are closed for the public.



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