

Architecture is a global topic. Material and form result directly from the living conditions in the different regions, cultures and climate zones on this planet. Exploring and knowing these forms the basis for their meaningful implementation in construction and space.

For many years, the Department of Architecture at the University of Applied Sciences in Constance (HTWG) has therefore been very committed to building broad international networks.

The respective courses of study maintain a lively, informal exchange with students and partner universities from numerous countries. We encourage and support local students in the numerous opportunities to gain practical experience in foreign architectural firms or to study at a foreign university.

## The internationality of the course of study is guaranteed:

Worldwide recognition of the Master's degree in accordance with UIA with preceding 8-semester Bachelor's degree course, Europe-wide recognition of the Master's degree course with preceding 6-semester Bachelor's degree course, Europe-wide recognition of the 8-semester Bachelor's degree.

### Our partner universities are in:

Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, Argentina, Mexico, Russia, China, Morocco, Turkey, Great Britain, Spain, Italy, France, Netherlands, Switzerland, Liechtenstein.

A contact person is defined for each partner university, so that students can easily get started if they are considering studying there.

# Exchange and international composition of the study programmes:

20% do their practical semester in foreign offices, 5% students are enrolled at foreign universities and 10% of the students are exchange students or guests enrolled in foreign universities.

# Our architecture department pursues the goal of an international curriculum with three main levels:

### 1-Local in the Lake Constance area

Transnational Studies within the framework of the International Lake Constance University (IBH) in conjunction with courses of the joint universities

### 2-Cross-border in Europe

Annual summer school as an elective together with students from the universities in Strasbourg and Arnhem

### 3-Worldwide across continents

Annual Summer School as an optional subject together with students of the partner university Escola da Cidade in Sao Paulo and changing third parties (e.g. China, South Africa, Chile, India)

## Integration into teaching - Our teaching formats are:

Study abroad, up to 30 credits

Work placement / internship abroad, 30 credits

Field Trip / workshop abroad, up to 6 credits

Summer School, up to 18 credits

Studium Generale, 2 credits

Language courses, also subject-specific, up to 6 credits

Master thesis work, 30 credits

A Bachelor's degree can be earned with up to 78 credits out of a total of 180 with credits earned abroad. A Master's programme can be completed with up to 88 credits out of a total of 120 with credits earned abroad.

Voluntary or supplementary credits can be used for an additional certificate for intercultural studies.

We guarantee the recognition of the study work achieved abroad. On request, a semester-long leave of absence can be granted.

# Information sources on site - Our communication channels are:

#### 1-International week

on courses abroad, with reports and lectures, with information from the International Office, on the recognition of academic achievements. The students report on their experiences abroad and our guest students present their home universities. Every Summer School has an evening for itself with an exhibition, a guest lecture and a travel report.

# 2-Practice Colloquium

Exhibition of practical reports and lectures of the students about their experiences

### **3-Guest lectures**

annually 3-4 lectures by speakers from abroad in English or with translation

# **4-Sabbatical reports**

Our professors conduct research at foreign universities again and again during their sabbatical semester and then report on their experiences in a public lecture.

### 5-Exhibitions

At the end of each semester, a special section of our "Werkschau Architektur" (Architecture Exhibition) summarizes the events of the past semester.

### 6-Documentations

All Summer Schools are documented in book format. International activities are also reported on the homepage and in the department's architecture magazine.

# Continuity and quality assurance is guaranteed by:

International jury appointments for the study prizes SEESTERN\* and GRENZSTEIN, through a cross-border exchange in partnership with the ArchitekturFORUM KonstanzKreuzlingen, with the International University of Lake Constance (IBH), the nationwide association of universities of architecture (FBTA), and the European Association of Architectural Education (EAAE).