

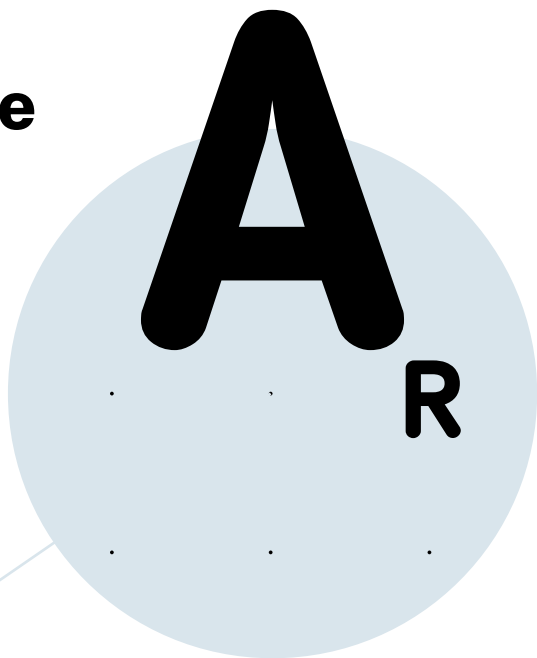
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**Hochschule Konstanz**  
Department of Architecture  
and Design

**Program**  
Architecture  
Master of Arts (M. A.)

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# Architecture Program (M. A.)



# At a Glance

5 reasons to study architecture at the HTWG  
Konstanz - University of Applied Sciences:

**1**

Solid, **practical and creative** education

**2**

**Maximum freedom of choice** in specialization and topic selection

**3**

Small groups, **friendly atmosphere**,  
committed faculty

**4**

**Personal workspace** in the studio

**5**

**International networking**  
in studies and profession



# Profile

**Qualification Goal:** Professional position and chamber registration

**Projected Length of Studies:**  
4 semesters

**Start of Studies:**  
Fall semester / spring semester

**Standard Class Size:** 15 per semester

**Application Deadline:** June 1<sup>st</sup> for fall semester, December 1<sup>st</sup> for spring semester

**Degree:** Master of Arts (M. A.)

Students have the freedom to set up their master's studies to focus on personal interests and goals and thus to complement the general education they received in their bachelor's studies.

It is also possible to complete part of your studies abroad. The degree is accredited by the Central Evaluation and Accreditation Agency (ZEvA).



# Studies

The master's program is set up for 4 semesters. Three interdisciplinary 1-semester projects form the heart of the program and deal with current topics and construction tasks focusing on urban planning, design and construction. The modular structure of the program takes credits accumulated from lectures, seminars and self-study into consideration for a total of 30 credits per semester. **Please keep in mind that all our courses are held in German!**

Students can create their own program by selecting courses from the elective modules of the 6 subject areas: **History and Theory, Artistic Fundamentals and Architectural Representation, Design, Urban Planning, Construction and Engineering** as well as **Planning and Building Management**. Students choose their own master's thesis topic.

In addition to the theoretical course work, students can choose from a wide range of foreign language courses. A special highlight of the semester is the »Block Week«, when students take a break from normal classes and participate in a series of workshops and excursions together with the students in Communication Design.

The working atmosphere in the department is forged by the studio concept: Each student in our program has their **own working space in the studio** for their semester group. This is where lectures, seminars and group exercises take place.

The proximity to Austria and Switzerland, both with their award-winning and innovative architecture, makes for a rich excursion program. A close network of contacts to other universities as well as regular summer programs in Europe and around the world add the dimension of internationality to the program and to students' career opportunities.

# Focus

The academic focus of the Master's Program in architecture at the HTWG Konstanz:

## Architecture and Design

This interdisciplinary approach combines elements from both the Architecture and Communication Design programs. The focus is on communication in the space, e.g., when designing exhibitions. Both faculty and students come from the two programs, the Master's Project 2 consists of mixed teams, and thesis advising is done taking an interdisciplinary approach.

## Energy Efficient Construction

Sustainability in all its facets is at the heart of our program. This includes the development of neighborhoods taking the issues of living, work and mobility in the future as well as environmentally-friendly building techniques and the use of alternative energies into consideration.

## Digital Media

Digitalization is changing architectural representation. The influences can be seen in planning, production and construction processes. The precise large-scale machines in our Rapid Prototyping Lab are the foundation upon which the interdisciplinary Open Innovation Lab carries out research using the latest 3D printer, scanner and laser cutter technology.

# Program Goals

The professional work of an architect is done somewhere along the broad spectrum between technology and art. The goal of our Master's Program is therefore to help students become **creative and critically-thinking professionals with advanced technical skills**. They should be able to find **ecological, economic and socially responsible solutions** based both on knowledge and intuition and thus forge human living spaces.

Our students have received numerous prizes in both national and international competitions and work for top companies. Our graduates are well-prepared for the working world.



# Application

You can start your studies either in the fall or spring semester.

Before applying to our program, please contact the Center for International Students ("Studienkolleg") at the HTWG Konstanz - University of Applied Sciences to have your foreign educational credentials recognized:

[www.htwg-konstanz.de/en/studying/center-for-international-students](http://www.htwg-konstanz.de/en/studying/center-for-international-students)

They can inform you about the application process and the necessary application documents. **Please keep in mind that all our courses are held in German!**

Our program requires advanced German language proficiency, so applicants need to pass either the TestDaF or DSH German language exams. In certain cases, international students have to pay tuition.

**Application deadline fall semester:  
June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Application deadline spring semester:  
December 1<sup>st</sup>**

## Contact

For questions about the program please contact:

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### **Prerequisites**

You will need to have completed a diploma or bachelor's program in architecture with an overall grade of 2.9 or better to be accepted into the master's program. Our selection committee places particular emphasis on work experience (more than 1 year) in an architectural office. Please provide us with 3 DIN A3-sized papers to display your previous work. This serves as the basis for your interview, showing us your personal focus and interests.

Students who wish to complete their entire course of study at the HTWG Konstanz will need to contact the Studienkolleg Konstanz (Center for International Students) in order to have their German language skills assessed and their school diplomas validated before filing a direct application for admission.

For more information, please go to:  
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You can follow the Architecture Department at Facebook (in German):  
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# Organization of Studies

Semester A	Semester B	Semester C	Semester D
10 ECTS Project MA 1 Design	10 ECTS Project MA 2 Design + Space	10 ECTS Project MA 3 Design	10 ECTS Theoretical Preparation Master's Thesis
4 ECTS Scientific Work	6 ECTS Foreign Language	6 ECTS Elective 5 from Subject areas 1-6 * / Commu- nication design	20 ECTS Master's Thesis
4 ECTS History and Theory	6 ECTS Elective 3 from Subject areas 1-6 *	6 ECTS Elective 5 from Subject areas 1-6 * / Commu- nication design	
6 ECTS Elective 1 from Subject areas 1-6 *	6 ECTS Elective 4 from Subject areas 1-6 *	6 ECTS Elective 5 from Subject areas 1-6 * / Commu- nication design	
6 ECTS Elective 2 from Subject areas 1-6 *	2 ECTS Field Trip / Workshop	2 ECTS Field Trip / Workshop	

## Legend

Mandatory Modules
Elective Modules
Thesis

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Credits / European Credit Transfer System

**\* Subject areas:**

1 History and Theory    2 Artistic Fundamentals and Architectural Representation  
3 Design    4 Urban Planning    5 Construction and Engineering  
6 Planning and Building Management

# HTWG Konstanz – University of Applied Sciences

The HTWG Konstanz - University of Applied Sciences is located directly on the Rhine River in the Konstanz neighborhood known as “Paradies”. We offer a complete college infrastructure, including our award-winning library, well-equipped labs on a compact, convenient campus, making this a paradisiacal place to study.

At the HTWG Konstanz, we offer small classes and practically-oriented projects. We take an interdisciplinary approach, support innovation and place a high value on internationality: this can be seen in our partnerships and exchange programs with more than 70 colleges and universities around the world.

Over 5,000 students currently pursue 19 different bachelor's and 14 master's degrees in the Architecture and Design, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Information Technology, Computer Science, Mechanical Engineering as well as Business, Cultural, and Legal Studies departments.

In addition to top-notch educational opportunities, Konstanz and the Lake Constance area offer students a wide variety of sports and leisure activities. Student dorms are located on campus, directly on the water and only walking distance from the attractive city center.

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