

**Faculty of Architecture, Facility Management and Geo-Information  
Anhalt University of Applied Sciences**

M.A. Programme

"International Postgraduate Diploma Architecture and Monumental Heritage" (AMH)

The University of Applied Sciences Anhalt in Dessau offers a Master-Programme in Monumental Heritage conducted in English.

This 4-Semester long programme is directly connected to the history of the location (Dessau and its surrounds), which is characterised by four locations containing World Heritage Monuments.

In general, Germany has established a name for excellent expertise in the field of the application of regulations, techniques and technologies applied relevant for issues connected with Monumental Heritage Preservation.

The examples and locations chosen as part of studio explorations in the first three Semesters will (of course) differ in their use of material as well as their applied (historical) building philosophy. However, all these diverse aspects will form part of the curriculum of study.

As examples containing many relevant buildings as well as locations, Dessau and its surroundings form a good introductory platform for the assessment and classification practices relevant for international Monumental Heritage Projects today.

With its principle to combine the local with the international example. The Dessau Model for Monumental Heritage Studies forms an excellent point of departure as an explorative yet culturally demanding Master-course.

**Study Goal**

The aim of the program is to qualify students over a period of two academic years for a worldwide experience concerning the Protection of Heritage Monuments.

The program will prepare students to work as conservation officials in International-, State- or Local Authorities, in private practice or in organisations such as National Heritage Trusts.

The main objects of concern are the time-period based preservation, proper re- structuring and/or classification of buildings, entire sites and/or urban ensembles.

**Course Language:**

The entire course is conducted in English

**Entry requirements for Applicants**

Students need an approved Bachelor-Honours-Degree including in disciplines such as Archaeology, Architecture, Art History, Geography, Civil Engineering, History, Planning or Surveying, Interior Design and Design.

The Bachelor -Honours- Degree must be composed of min. 6 Semester (three years) of university level study and carry minimum of 180 credits.

Candidates could also be admitted based on professional experience in the field of Monumental Heritage Preservation.

Additional qualifications:

Applicants must submit the following:

A resume of academic and work experience

A portfolio demonstrating the applicants interest for Monumental Heritage concerns.

Students from non-English-speaking countries need an approval to show their language proficiency (TOEFL Test, IELTS or Cambridge Language Examination, ect.)

## **Programme Structure**

The programme is organized in modules according to ECTS regulations.

The regular study time runs over 4 semesters.

In general the first three Semesters will initiate explorations into World Heritage by departing from a local example, ensemble or location.

In this way it is the intention of this course to then open up the view onto other examples of international heritage preservation practices before allowing a student to undertake his own study into an (national- or international) World Heritage example.

Therefore, the three first Semesters has one main topic.

The first three Semesters thus deal with the following topics:

I.) Garden Landscapes as well as their Architecture in combination with Wooden Architecture.

The Semester will therefore deal with the Garden landscapes of Dessau-Wörlitz as well as Timber Architecture in Quedlinburg.

While the first location is Germany's only English Garden Landscape, Quedlinburg has wooden architecture dating from the 13th to the 20th century. In addition, Quedlinburg is a UNESCO World Monumental Heritage Ensemble.

II.) Important World Heritage Masonry Monuments, sites or urban ensembles.

This Semester deals with the historical Master Masons and the Stone Constructions they produced all over the world.

Again, here the local example will look at the UNESCO Luther Memorials in Eisleben and Wittenberg. To these we will be added a study of important monuments of the Gothic-, Renaissance- Romantic- or Baroque Periods in the area.

(For Example:

Cathedrals in Magdeburg, Naumburg,, Halberstadt, Halle or Havelberg.

Palaces and Castles like Neuenburg, Goseck, Köthen, Bernburg, Falkenstein, Konradsburg or Eckartsburg).

III.) Classical Modern Architecture 1780-1960

This Semester is devoted to the Classical Modern Architecture, (1780 until 1960) its materials and technologies as well as the implications of the disciplines in connection with preservation of the Bauhaus Heritage locally as well as world wide.

Of this Bauhaus period, world famous examples are located in Weimar, Dessau and Berlin.

In this Semester Students will explore practices of protection for Classical Modern Architecture., Urban Design as well as its History.

Especially the meaning and purpose for concerns of Heritage today will be a field of study.

IV. The last (fourth) Semester prepares students for the completion of their MSc Dissertations.

In this Semester, students may choose to stay abroad due to the topic of their choice.

They are expected to use and prove their knowledge of different approaches to the discipline which they have acquired in the first three semesters during their studies.

Through the manifold international contacts of Anhalt University of Applied Sciences, students can participate in an international network and be introduced to the work of the international Society in Monumental Heritage.

## Start of the Program

The program will always admit students in the Winter-Semester only, which starts on the 1st of October and ends on 31st Jan the following year.

The Program requires students to be in residence in Dessau over the first three semesters. In their fourth semester they can either choose a Partner University, where they will work on their Master Thesis or stay at the University in Dessau.

If they opt to study outside of Dessau, they will stay in contact with teachers that are relevant to their thesis at Anhalt University via an internet platform.

For guest- or exchange Students it is possible to join the program for one or maximum two semester beginning either in the winter or summer term. The summer semester starts on the 1st of April and regularly ends around Mid- July.

Such Students, (who only join a part of the program) will obtain a certificate of the ECTS Credits earned in the period, specifying the obtained expertise in the preservation of either Landscape Gardens -, .Timber-, Wood-, Stone or Classical Modern Architecture

## Curriculum

### First Semester

	CP
<b>K1</b> Art history	
Methods in monumental heritage	
UNESCO Garden Kingdom of Dessau-Wörlitz	
UNESCO World monumental heritage Quedlinburg	
Monumental heritage of historical gardens	5
<b>T1</b> Wooden structures in the cultures	5
<b>P1</b> Research of a wooden structure with a model	10

### Second Semester

<b>K2</b> Art history	
Archaeology	
UNESCO Luther Memorials (Eisleben / Wittenberg)	
Cathedrals und castles	
Religious and reign architecture	5
<b>T2</b> Stone structures in the cultures	5
<b>P2</b> Historical research in an old building	10

### Third Semester

<b>K3</b> Art history	
Theory and administration	
UNESCO Bauhaus and its sites (Weimar / Dessau / Berlin)	
Monumental heritage of the early "international Style" buildings	
Urban design and ensemble protection	5
<b>T3</b> Modern structures and its building material	5
<b>P3</b> Design a new part in an old surrounding	10

#### Optional modules

Six of these must be chosen over three semesters

The first group is running over three semesters, but can be taken as single options:

<b>W 1 – 3</b>	Architecture theory	5
<b>W 4 – 6</b>	Tourism and monumental heritage	5
<b>W 7 – 9</b>	Facility Management in monumental heritage	5
<b>W 10 – 12</b>	CAD + Logic + Presentation	5
<b>W 13 – 15</b>	Surveying architectural heritages	5
<b>W 16 – 18</b>	Design architecture	5
<b>W 19 – 21</b>	Professional English language	5
<b>W 22 – 24</b>	German as a Foreign Language (Beginners Level)	5

#### Optional modules:

These are only offered for one semester

<b>W 25</b>	Public work in monumental heritage	5
<b>W 26</b>	Research methods	5
<b>W 27</b>	Open Project (offered up to actual topics)	5

#### Fourth Semester

##### Master thesis semester

This can be conducted locally in Dessau or it can be studied in cooperation and/or at the location of an International Partner University of the candidates choice.

Written thesis	20
Oral examination	10

The total number of CP (Credit points) earned for the MSc in Monumental Heritage is 120

Explanation of the short letters:

- K** Art History and additional subjects
- T** Technology of conservation, restoration, modern architecture
- W** Optional choices

#### Career options

The MA. In Monumental Heritage is an academic course at Master Level that will prepare students for a worldwide view to tackle the tasks of the protection of monuments.

This topic is gaining rapid recognition with the increasing urbanisation and densification of metropolitan areas. We introduce strategies against their aggressive threat to existing structures, ensembles or endure parts of an urban area. The reasons for these developments are manifold and breed careful consideration just as the proposals for their remedy.

Students will leave Dessau well equipped with a critical view on many international tasks.

They will be sought after specialists, fit to work as Conservation Officials in international-, state run- or local- authorities as well as advisors in private practice or in organisations such as National Heritage Trusts.

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