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# Overview of study programmes for refugees

## Guest studentship

The guest study offers a very good opportunity to get to know the HGB, the teaching offer, the lecturers and students, subject classes and courses. As a guest student you are not regularly enrolled, but you have access to the rooms of the HGB. Depending on your specialization and interest, we will place you with one of our professors who will mentor you for a maximum of two semesters. During this time, in consultation with your mentor, you can take part in selected courses at the HGB and observe your mentor's specialist class or course. Detailed information (in English and German) on the courses and specialized classes offered at the HGB can be found on our website: → <https://www.hgb-leipzig.de/en/study/degreeprogrammes/>

The guest study program is free of charge for people with refugee experience. After a maximum of two semesters as a guest student, you have the opportunity to apply for a regular diploma program or the Academy for Transcultural Exchange.

To apply for guest study at HGB, send us the following documents by email by July 14, 2023 to → [welcome@hgb-leipzig.de](mailto:welcome@hgb-leipzig.de):

- the completed application form incl. letter of motivation on p. 2 of the form
- a digital portfolio (pdf, max. 10 pages) with selected own artistic or design works
- a scan or photo of your passport

## Academy for Transcultural Exchange (Academic programme)

Since 2016, the HGB Leipzig has been offering the [\*Academy for Transcultural Exchange\*](#) (Akademie für transkulturellen Austausch, AtA), a programme of study for refugees in the field of fine arts and graphic design, in which participants are regularly enrolled. Within the framework of the ATA programme, which is limited to up to four semesters, refugees are offered the opportunity to prepare for a regular course of study in one of the four diploma degree programmes at the HGB Leipzig. The programme students have the opportunity to earn credits that can be credited to a later course of study at the HGB Leipzig. An important part of the programme studies - subject to further funding of the program - are the language courses offered in-house up to level C1.

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- Admission to AtA is possible for the winter semester 2024/25 at the earliest and is primarily for persons who through war and migration were forced to abandon their art and/ or design studies. Admission is possible if you qualify for temporary protection (§ 24 AufenthG) according to EU Directive 2001/55/EC, if you have a positive residence decision from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) or if you can prove that you have an ongoing asylum procedure.
- Information on which persons are eligible for temporary protection can be found here: → <https://www.germany4ukraine.de/hilfeportal-en/entry-residence-and-return>
- Detailed information about AtA in German, English, Ukrainian, Russian, and other languages are available at the following link: → <https://www.hgb-leipzig.de/en/teaching/academyfortransculturalexchange-ata->
- If you are interested in studying in the AtA programme, please contact Ines Tuscher, coordinator of the Academy for Transcultural Exchange, stating your previous language skills: → [ata@hgb-leipzig.de](mailto:ata@hgb-leipzig.de)

## Diploma degree programme & Master's degree programme Cultures of the Curatorial

Of course, you can also apply for the regular Diploma degree programme in [book design/ graphic design](#), [photography](#), [painting/printmaking](#) or [media art](#) as well as for the master's degree programme Cultures of the Curatorial at the HGB. In addition to artistic aptitude, certain German language skills and other requirements must be met for this. You can find more information on this on our website:

- Diploma Programme: → <https://www.hgb-leipzig.de/en/study/application>
- Master's programme Cultures of the Curatorial: → <https://www.hgb-leipzig.de/en/teaching/culturesofthecuratorial>

## Evening Academy (open to all interested)

Every semester, the HGB's [evening academy](#) offers more than ten fine arts, practical artistic photography and design courses. The courses are open to everyone aged 16 or over and are for people who like to paint, draw, take photographs, make films, illustrate, design typefaces or create advertising art – be it as creative evening activity, in preparation for a fine arts degree course or as a way to discuss your own projects with others and to develop them further. There is no age limit, meaning groups can benefit from the knowledge and experience of every generation. HGB master class students conduct the courses, putting their professional skills and knowledge at the participants' disposal. As budding artists in their own right, the tutors will encourage their evening academy students, giving them confidence in their respective medium, teaching awareness, passing on information on current trends in the art world and creating a stimulating atmosphere. The offers cover a broad range of artistic possibilities. There are courses on painting, drawing, graphic art, photography, film, typeface, typography, comics and courses that focus on a concept rather than a single technique. The courses of the Evening Academy are free of charge for people with refugee experience.

- If you are interested in participating in the courses of the Evening Academy, write an email to Julia Blume, Head of the Evening Academy: → [aak@hgb-leipzig.de](mailto:aak@hgb-leipzig.de)

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