

## The Academy of Transcultural Exchange (ATA) an der Hochschule für Grafik und Buchkunst / Academy of Fine Arts Leipzig

The Academy of Transcultural Exchange is an academic programme to refugees. By welcoming refugees, the HGB also effectively seizes the opportunity to foster cross-cultural diversity within the institution, to further develop a welcoming culture for foreign students and staff, thus pushing the internationalisation process forward.

### **The Programme**

The programme is limited to a maximum of four semesters. After finishing this programme, students can enrol in a Diploma degree programme, if they have reached the required language proficiency and artistic maturity. Students can obtain a Diploma degree in one of the specialist classes. The ATA (Academy for transcultural exchange) programme does not result in a degree, but the modules completed will be credited, when the students enrol afterwards in a Diploma degree programme at the HGB Leipzig (Academy of Fine Arts Leipzig).

### **Language courses**

Courses in German as a foreign language are offered for refugee students enrolled at the Academy for Transcultural Exchange in order to gain the required language proficiency. So students can acquire or improve their language skills through German courses at different levels (B1 to C1), by this the ATA aims to address the different language levels of the students. These courses are taught in small groups, in accordance with the teaching methods at the HGB Leipzig. In these language courses students can reach the level of language skills required for an enrolment in a Diploma programme at the HGB Leipzig (according to § 28 Abs. 5 of the study regulations). In addition to the usual language lessons, the courses include theory lessons relevant to the degree programmes, as well as necessary subject-specific and scientific vocabulary. Additional intensive courses are offered in between terms. The language lessons are open to interested students also after passing the required language level, if students need additional help concerning language problems with their subjects.

### **Specialist classes**

By joining the classes of the Diploma courses, ATA-students learn the basics of the intended degree-course.

### **Equipped Workshops**

The students get to know the different graphic and audiovisual workshops in weekly changing courses.

### **Application**

Admission to the Academy for Transcultural Exchange is possible after passing an aptitude test and submitting a positive residence permit from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF).

**The application period for the winter semester 2020/2021 lasts from March 2nd 2020 to May 15th 2020.**

The application must include the following documents, without these documents an admission is not possible:

1. a selection of a maximum of 5 artistic and design work samples related to the degree-course or to the subject

2. letter of motivation including the intended diploma programme
3. CV with essential information about previous education and artistic activities
4. a photo of yourself (attached to the application form)
5. proof of former education equivalent to the German university admission certificate
6. proof of language proficiency in German (at least an A2 certificate)
7. proof of a positive residence permit issued by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF), optionally a copy of the travel passport/residence permit

The social counsellors Jana Kuppardt ([kuppardt@studentenwerk-leipzig.de](mailto:kuppardt@studentenwerk-leipzig.de)) and Yamen Khamis ([khamis@hgb-leipzig.de](mailto:khamis@hgb-leipzig.de)) are available to help with the submission of the required documents.

The Admissions Committee determines the applicant's artistic aptitude based on the provided work samples. All applicants receive written notification of the results. Applicants with a positive result will be invited to take part in the assessment week from 15-19 June 2020 at the HGB in Leipzig.

During this week, you will choose two workshops. The results of those workshops will be the basis for the decision of the examination board. As a final step you will have an individual interview with the examination board, which will last 10 to 20 minutes and preferably be held in German.

All applicants will receive a written notification of the result.

Application & questions to: [ata@hgb-leipzig.de](mailto:ata@hgb-leipzig.de)

### **Application for the Diploma Programme**

The application form for admission to a more advanced semester (no online application procedure) can be downloaded as a PDF document and needs to be submitted by

- 31 May for admission to the following winter semester
- 30 November for admission to the following summer semester

Applications submitted after these deadlines cannot be considered for admission to the following semester.

The application must include the following documents, without the documents an admission is not possible:

1. a selection of degree course-related / subject-related art and design samples
2. letter of motivation including the intended specialist class and the semester you want to join
3. CV with essential information about previous education and artistic activities
4. complete and authorised transcript of your university entrance qualification / graduation certificate / final school report
5. Complete proof of credits you already obtained and certificates of exams you took before
6. a photo of yourself (attached to the application)
7. proof of language proficiency in German by one of the following certificates:
  - „Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang” (DSH)
  - “Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache” (TestDaF) achieving at least level 3 in all parts of the test
  - “telc Deutsch C1 Hochschule”
  - “Prüfungsteil Deutsch” as part of a preparation course

Proof of language proficiency is not required for:

- international applicants who are German native speakers
- applicants who acquired their university admission certificate (Abitur, completed professional education, completed degree course) at a German-speaking institution,

- applicants who got the certificate of the *Deutsches Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz - Level II (DSD II)*;
- applicants who got the certificate of the *Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung (ZOP)* issued by the Goethe-Institut or an institution commissioned by the Goethe-Institut
- applicants who got the certificate of the *Großes Deutsches Sprachdiplom (level C2)* or *Kleines Deutsches Sprachdiplom (level C1)* issued by the Goethe-Institut.

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