

FAQs APPLICATION FOR STUDY YEAR 2020/21

Institute for Art and Architecture, Academy of Fine Arts Vienna

Studying:

How long is the Masters course?

The regular study time is 4 Semesters with 120 ECTS-Points.

How long is the Bachelor course?

The regular study time is 6 Semesters with 180 ECTS-Points.

Is there usually a choice between different design studios?

Bachelor: Design studios are fixed according to the order of the study plan.

Master: for each term there are a minimum of two study projects offered to choose from, students are asked to give first/second choice as group sizes have to be balanced.

What are the term dates? Information on term dates can be found here:

https://www.akbild.ac.at/portal_en/studies/studieninfos_en/calender-dates

Where can I find out about the curriculum?

https://www.akbild.ac.at/portal_en/studies/study-programs/architecture

Where can I find out about student's projects and activities?

<https://ika.akbild.ac.at/work>

<https://vimeo.com/ikavideo>

How can I get information from the student's perspective?

<https://www.facebook.com/IKA-Institut-f%C3%BCr-Kunst-und-Architektur-326116994459752/>

https://www.instagram.com/ika_studios.akbild/

Contact the architecture student's union: oeharch@akbild.ac.at

Requirements:

What are the Language requirements?

B2 Level in German and English is required.

https://www.akbild.ac.at/portal_en/studies/studieninfos_en/language-competency

I am going to take a test later in the year, can I still apply now?

You may apply now for a place on a programme as long as you hand in your qualification before enrolment.

What are the tuition fees?

The fee schedule can be found via the following link:

https://www.akbild.ac.at/portal_en/studies/studieninfos_en/tuition-fee

I have health-related limitations, can I get any support?

https://www.akbild.ac.at/portal_en/studies/studieninfos_en/student-diversity

How do I apply for my visa?

In case of questions contact the Student welcome center.

https://www.akbild.ac.at/portal_en/studies/student-welcome-center

General Information:

https://www.akbild.ac.at/portal_en/studies/studieninfos_en/visas-and-residency-permits

Can I apply when my graduation/Bachelor is still in process?

It is possible to apply for the entrance exam without the graduation certificate but please give us notice. All required documents have to be presented before enrolment (October).

Application:

How long should my Personal Statement be?

One side of A4 is usually sufficient.

Is there a minimum/maximum number of sheets

Please stick to works that you like yourself. What do you like about them?

What kind of work should I put in the portfolio?

The best idea is to collect a variety of topics and a variety of techniques. Try to show what you can do but also what you want to find out about and what interests you.

Is it important for the jury to know about the context of each work/image?

Please try to bring each image/work in a context by answering questions like this:

In which year was it made? What was the task or topic? Did you do it in school/university? Did you come up with the task yourself?

Do the works have to be related to built architecture?

See your portfolio as a series of inquiries where you try to find out about architecture in different ways. Topics of architecture can be found in many things: e.g. light, space, nature, social relations, politics, city spaces, housing and also technology, construction, material and buildings.

What is the interview like?

The interview takes about 15 minutes. A jury consisting of 5-6 teachers will discuss with every applicant about their portfolio and motivation. Usually one student is present, too.

This year the interviews have to be done by videoconference.

Is there a preferred language for the interviews?

German or English is both possible, you can choose what language you prefer. As both languages are required (Level B2) we will ask you at least one question in each language.

How about technical problems during the videoconference?

We will find a solution, don't worry.

If you have further questions please contact us via email.

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