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von **Hochschule Anhalt Dessau**
 an der Gastinstitution **Hochschule Anhalt Dessau**
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Bauhaus foundation building

Dessau

I decided to do my exchange program in Dessau because I was interested in Bauhaus and wanted to gain more knowledge in the fountainhead of the most influential school of the modern design. Dessau is a very small town with 70,000 population and everything is located in the walkable distance.


Accommodation

There are several options to find affordable accommodation in Dessau. If you prefer to live in the dormitory there are three options: the first at Brauereistraße, the second at Röttgerstrasse and the third at Hardenbergstraße. Personally, I would suggest you to take the third option because it is located just in front of architecture department and have the best conditions. However, if you wish to live in calmer environment you can take the first option. It's located in the small forest 15 minutes from the campus with tiny private rooms, own kitchen, and bathroom. The big disadvantage of all the dormitories that none of them have common space to gather with fellow students.

I started to search for accommodation quite late so student dormitories were no longer available. I found a room in shared flat with other students. To be honest it was the best decision in that situation. We often had dinner, made parties and studied together. You can use the website www.wg-gesucht.de to find the room to rent or look through ads at the Facebook group "Dessau international".

University

There are two architectural departments in Hochschule Anhalt: the one is taught in German and there are mostly German students and the second is DIA (Dessau International Architecture) which is in English. I studied at DIA and it was the great opportunity to learn more about different cultures. On another hand, German students and international do not interact at all. In the beginning, we had the introduction week, which was very helpful to get to know the campus and the upcoming studios. We had 12 versatile studios to choose from and I was really surprised by the variety of approaches and pursued goals. I assume that every student can find something appealing to him/her. Every studio consists of

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approximately 12-16 people, so professors can dedicate enough time to every student. Despite the fact that we studied in Germany, education was quite disorganized. Lessons could be canceled in last minute or professor can be late. Unfortunately, nobody spent time in studios after classes as we used to do in Liechtenstein. There were other compulsory subjects like CADlogic, Urbanism, and Theory of Architecture. CADlogic was really interesting subject especially for students who want to improve their knowledge in Rhino+Grasshoper and 3dsmax. I would say that mostly the whole DIA department is oriented towards computational architecture. There are big working spaces for wooden and metal workshop. Moreover, there is also robotic arm workshop and if you want to have some experience in this field you can take special Elective courses like "Robotic Arts". The only way to get the access to any of workshop is to organize the group and ask for the instruction yourself since the administration of the university doesn't take part in it. From my point of view, studying in DIA in Dessau was much easier than in Liechtenstein. Of course, it depends on the studio and electives that you take.

Student life



Halloween party at the university

There are several bars, restaurants, and cafes with good prices. The cafeteria is located close to the DIA department and its best solution for students who live far from the university because the food is pretty good and not expensive. There is also the gym that you can attend only for 30 euros per semester. Occasionally, the parties or drinking games are held at the university. Nevertheless, if you seeking an exciting nightlife you can easily get to Berlin. It takes approximately 1.30 hours to get there by train or Flixbus.

In conclusion, I would say that I really like studying in Dessau. For me, the most important was the fact that I met a lot of great people and not a perennial history of Bauhaus.

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