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Programme

SAC is offering a two-year postgraduate Master of Arts in Architecture programme. It starts every year in autumn and the Master degree is fully accredited with a choice of three thematic specialisations (studios) in the second year: Advanced Architectural Design, Architecture and Aesthetic Practice, and Architecture and Urban Design. Upon the successful completion of the two-year studies, students receive up to 120 credit points (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System).

The programme includes frequent visits by guests from all over the world, including amongst others, Beatriz Colomina, Mark Wigley, Jeffery Kipnis, Sanford Kwinter, David Ruy and Achim Menges. Based on the artistic platform supplied by the Städelschule and the rigorous methodology structuring contemporary architectural design, the programme is formulated as a new and innovative approach to the practice of architecture.

The programme probes the status of architectural design in relation to cultural, social and economic concerns. It explores the horizon of architecture as a specific material practice while tapping into the trends and development in the arts. Teaching takes place in workshops and seminars on a daily basis. Digital and physical modelling is central to the work carried out. Research and design are conducted through the fusion of academic and experimental investigations with professional concerns for efficiency and optimisation.

Language

SAC currently has 64 students from 22 different nations. The official language of the programme is English. A certificate showing fluency in English (TOEFL, IELTS etc.) is not required by the Städelschule but may prove helpful with respect to the German authorities and the visa application. The Städelschule does not provide English or German language courses.

Entry Requirements

The candidacy of an applicant is evaluated on the basis of the portfolio submitted as a hard copy: no larger than A3, preferably smaller, and maximum of 20 double-spread pages. If the nature of the work submitted so requires, *additional* information can be provided on a CD/DVD. The portfolio should document all relevant work including academic final year works as well as relevant professional work. It should present the candidate's design skills and/or theoretical approach to architecture as well the ideology behind the designs that are developed. Please note that digital applications of portfolios will not be considered and we are unable to return submitted hard copy portfolios. We therefore ask for the following (in hard copy).

- Completed Application Form (download from the website)
- Portfolio (we are unable to return these to applicants)
- A letter of motivation (500 words max.) stating the candidate's interest in architecture and the programme of SAC
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Transcript(s) of diploma(s) (English translations of the Original Diploma certificates and academic results)
- Two letters of recommendation (1 professional / 1 academic)

Eligibility

To qualify for studying at SAC, the candidate should have studied architecture for at least four years with minimum a bachelor degree and have, in total, a minimum of one year work experience (including summer jobs, internships and part-time work). Applications received from prospective students with degrees in interior design, engineering or other related fields and/or with different kinds of related work experience will be considered at the discretion of the admissions committee.

It is to the advantage of prospective students to know digital modelling (Rhino, 3D Studio Max, Maya, Cinema 4D, FormZ... etc.). Candidates are expected to master a software programme for standard architectural drafting and technical drawing.

Application process

Each year we receive a large number of applications from all over the world. Applicants passing the initial screening would be invited to an interview either in person (if living locally) or via an internet conference (for instance, skype).

Application Deadlines

The application will be processed in two batches.
The early bird deadline is January 15, 2017 and the last deadline is April 15, 2017.

Academic Year

The academic year 2017/18 starts October 16, 2017 and concludes in July 13, 2019.

Fees

The tuition fee for the academic year 2017-18 is € 7.500,00, payable per semester (€ 3.750,00). Unfortunately SAC does not offer a scholarship program. This has to be organised individually. SAC sets its tuition fees on an annual basis and it is subject to change.

Application Fees

There is no application fee. However, if the applicant were accepted to the programme a deposit in the amount of € 1.000,00 has to be paid to the account of Städelschule in order to secure the place in our programme. This sum will be deducted from the applicant's tuition fees.

The deadlines for the deposit payment will be announced in the admission letters (usually the deposit has to be paid one month after the acceptance). The latest dates would be February 13, 2017 (for early bird applications) OR May 15, 2017. The deposit is **non/refundable**.

Applicants who are accepted but miss the deadline for paying the deposit, lose their position in the admissions process and risk their place on the programme.

Scholarships

Unfortunately SAC does not offer a scholarship programme. This has to be organised individually. Previous students have applied to the German Academic Exchange Service DAAD (<http://www.daad.de/>) for funding. Please note that accommodation is not offered by SAC.

Visa Information

Applicants are required to check with the German embassy in their respective country regarding the precise procedure for obtaining your student visa and what documents are needed as the following is for your information ONLY. The following enumeration is not complete.

Please hand in your application with all the necessary documents **at least two months** before the date on which you plan to come to Germany. Fill in the entire application form in duplicate. Hand it in with all the necessary supporting documents (+copies of all documents) at the Embassy. The documents you will need in order to apply for student visa are:

- A valid passport and two passport photos.
- Certificates of school examinations qualifying you to study at a university in Germany. Certificates of university examinations, etc.
- Proof that you can pay for all the costs of your study in Germany.
- Letter confirming your university admission.
- German Blocked Account information.

Expenses

Compulsory Fees & Charges per semester:

<i>Semester Tuition Fee</i>	€ 3.750,00 (<i>Annual Tuition Fee: €7.500,00</i>)
<i>Fees for public transport</i>	€ 209,00
<i>Social service contribution</i>	€ 132,10
<i>One-Off Admission Fee</i> (payable only 1st semester)	€ 50,00
<i>Accident insurance</i>	€ 1,50
TOTAL	€ 4.142,60

(Without the admission fee - only payable in first semester - the total amount for future semesters is € 4.092,60 per semester).

Additional Costs based on previous and current students' experience per year

Health Insurance (based on 2016)	€ 960,00 approx. (€ 80 per month x 12)
Accommodation (nominal amount, shared apartment)	€ 6.600,00 approx. (€ 550 per month x 12)
Study trip(s)	€ 600,00 approx.
Material costs (nominal: Printing, model-building, etc.)	€ 1.200,00 approx.

These figures are an estimation and are subjected to change.

The official deadlines for your payments from second semester on (not first semester!) will be:

Summer semester: 01.02. - 28.02.

Winter semester: 01.07. - 31.08.

Late fees in the amount of € **40,00 per month** will be added if payments are not received in due time.

Career Aspects

Given its relatively small size, SAC has a very good record in seeing its graduates being employed in successful architectural offices around the world (i.e. Foster & Partners, Hadid Architects, UNStudio, Erick van Egeerat, Herzog & de Meuron, Coop Himmelb(l)au, etc.). Some graduates have embarked on academic careers or set up their own architectural practices. Others have established international careers within the arts and related fields. SAC's alumni provide a profound and far-reaching professional network throughout the world of high-class architectural practice.

Please be sure to check our website regularly as news regarding our programme as well as amendments to the application process will be posted there.