Profile

The Faculty of Architecture of Peter Behrens School of Arts (PBSA) at HSD offers a combined bachelor’s programme and three specialised master’s programmes in architecture, interior architecture and civic design. The combined bachelor’s programme links both architecture and interior architecture.

The undergraduate programme takes into account changing qualifications, skills and profiles. Step by step and in combination with a consecutive master’s programme, it aims to build a professional qualification.

The programme teaches you fundamental expertise, methodological skills and key competences in architecture and interior architecture.
In semesters 1–2, you study the fundamentals of architectural design and interior architecture.

The orientation period (semesters 3–4) promotes an understanding of the different subject-specific matters, sharpens your spatial perception and enhances your creativity. During this period, you study specific contents of both architecture and interior architecture. The acquired knowledge on both fields provides the basis to decide in semester 4 which of the fields you want to specialise in. During the advanced study period (semesters 4–5), you
– deepen your subject-specific knowledge acquired in the field you chose,
– learn about various aspects of professional life and
– develop an understanding of your social responsibility as a professional.

You can spend semester 5 at a partner university abroad. In semester 6, the programme concludes with a bachelor’s thesis. This thesis includes an individual architectural or interior design and written work on a topic closely related to the individual design.

Please note: The usual language of instruction is German. In many courses, English is available on demand.

Career Options

The bachelor’s degree provides a first step in the professional qualifications needed to become a registered architect. As a graduate, you are able to begin a career in the private sector or in public service – and gain further qualifications in your individual specialisations in practice. In the fields of architecture and interior architecture, new job profiles continue to emerge.

Generally, as a graduate of this programme, you can work in various fields of architecture or interior architecture – depending on your choice of specialisation. Potential professional fields include e.g. design, planning, heritage conservation, construction management and supervision, project development, urban and regional planning, communication in architecture, consulting and property management in the fields of building construction, interior architecture, design and the construction industry.

Admission Requirements

Please check if you meet all requirements for admission to the study programme. Further information (in German only):
pbsa.hs-duesseldorf.de/baia
SEMESTERS 1–2
Fundamentals of Architecture and Interior Architecture
– Architectural and Interior Design 1–2
– Graphics 1–2 | CAD 2D and 3D | Freehand Drawing | Building Typologies and Graphics
– Fundamentals of Design 1–2 | Architectural History 1–2 (History of Architectural Eras and Styles)
– Building Construction 1–2 | Construction Materials and Materials Science 1–2

SEMESTER 3
Orientation Architecture and Interior Architecture
– Interior Design Studio with an Integrated Focus on Advanced Building Technology
– Furniture Design | Exhibition Design
– Interior Finishing and Construction | Structural Design
– Fundamentals of Technical Building Performance | Lighting Design 1
– Architectural History 3

SEMESTER 4
Orientation Architecture and Interior Architecture
– Design Studio with an Integrated Focus on Building Design and Advanced Structural Design
– Building Typologies | Urban Design | Design and Construction in the Existing Context 1
– Building Construction | Structural Design 2 | Fundamentals of Building Physics
– Architectural History 4 | History of Urban Design

SEMESTER 5
Architecture
– Design Studio: Urban Context
Advanced Compulsory Elective Modules
– Instruments for Urban Planning | Landscape Design and Planning | Design and Construction in the Existing Context 2 | Housing
– Fundamentals of Design 3 | Typologies | Graphics 3 (CAD 3D/DTP)
– Architectural History 5 | Architectural Theory | Theory and Spatial Design | Selected Topics in Theory

Interior Architecture
– Design Studio: Complex Spatial Design
Advanced Compulsory Elective Modules
– Design and Construction in the Existing Context 2 | Interior Design | Spatial Communication
– Fundamentals of Design 3 | Graphics 3 (CAD 3D/DTP) | Typography and Graphics
– Lighting Design 2 | Furniture and Product Design | Temporary Spaces and Structures
– Architectural History 5 | Architectural Theory | Theory and Spatial Design

**SEMESTER 6**
**Architecture**
– Thesis: Architecture

**Interior Architecture**
– Thesis: Interior Architecture

**Advanced Modules**
– German Architectural and Construction Law | Construction Management

Any time during semesters 1–6:
2x Intra Muros: Project Week (each winter semester)
2x Extra Muros: Excursion (each summer semester)
1x Lecture Series and
1x Special Topics in Architecture (in English)

Please check the module manual (currently in German only) for detailed information on the contents of the study programme.