



# Studying at Folkwang



**Folkwang**  
University of the Arts

[www.folkwang-uni.de](http://www.folkwang-uni.de)

# Are you interested in studying at the Folkwang University of the Arts?

As the sole art AND music university in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW), we offer a wide range of subjects in the fields of music, theatre, dance, design and academic studies. The about 1,600 students and a teaching staff of over 400 come from the four corners of the earth. We at Folkwang attach particular importance to exchange and diversity.

Since 1927, the fundamental idea of our training has been interdisciplinary work and the fusion of the arts. For example, both the exchange amongst the various disciplines and stage/live experience is from the outset an integral component of your study course. Each Folkwang study course clearly highlights not only innovative art forms and concepts but also the constant reference to the professional and everyday world of artists, academics, pedagogues and designers. Folkwang offers you some 40 study courses and programmes, including the

internationally recognised Bachelor and Master degree and Artist Diploma. In addition to special forms of study such as the Junior Study Course and guest student programmes, you can also take doctoral and postdoctoral programmes as well as participate in further courses.

And whatever subject you decide on: studying at the Folkwang University of the Arts means studying in an extraordinary atmosphere, at special locations, in historically listed and architectural award-winning buildings – in the heart of the Ruhr Metropolis. With campuses in Essen-Werden, Essen-Zollverein, Duisburg, Bochum and Dortmund (Orchesterzentrum|NRW), we are anchored in one of the culturally and industrially most interesting urban centres of Europe.

More information at:  
[www.folkwang-uni.de](http://www.folkwang-uni.de)



**STUDY PROGRAMMES**  
Alongside the familiar range of subjects from music, theatre, dance, design and academic studies, Folkwang also offers study programmes that are unique for an art and music university – either in NRW or Germany. These include: Physical Theatre (Artist Diploma), Music of the Middle Ages (M.Mus.) and Primary School Music Teaching (B.A./M.Ed.).  
[www.folkwang-uni.de/studium](http://www.folkwang-uni.de/studium)

## Folkwang at a glance

- TEACHING AND RESEARCH AT FOLKWANG**
- \_training with practical orientation: concerts, projects or exhibitions are part of your everyday life at Folkwang
  - \_seven university stages
  - \_numerous studios, laboratories, workshops and a book bindery
  - \_Folkwang library, containing almost 200,000 media – books, magazines, music scores, sound storage media etc. – one of the largest musical collections in Germany
  - \_intensive supervision both in small study groups and individual instruction
  - \_intensive contact and open exchange with the teaching staff
  - \_you can take advantage of professional Folkwang AGENTUR artists' engagements while still studying

**TEACHING STAFF AND STUDENTS**

- \_your future fellow students come from over 50 countries worldwide
- \_our teaching staff are internationally recognised and successful artists, academics and designers

**PROMOTION OF YOUNG TALENT**  
*folkwang junior*, the Institute for the Promotion of Young Talent, offers options for children and youth.  
[www.folkwang-uni.de/folkwang-junior](http://www.folkwang-uni.de/folkwang-junior)

The Alfried Krupp School Lab of the Arts offers one-day workshops for school classes from grade 9 onwards in the fields of art, design, music and performance.  
[schuelerlabor.folkwang-uni.de](http://schuelerlabor.folkwang-uni.de)





## ENVIRONMENT

- \_studying in historically listed and architectural award-winning buildings in a special atmosphere
- \_six campuses in one of the culturally most diverse urban centres – in the Ruhr Metropolis

## THE FOLKWANG IDEA

- \_interdisciplinary cooperation within the fields of music, theatre, dance, design and academic studies
- \_the focus is on close exchange and networking between students and teaching staff
- \_Folkwang LABs: students and teaching staff from various faculties work, research and experiment together on themes with social relevance.
- \_interdisciplinary Pina Bausch Guest Professorship, staffed by changing internationally outstanding artists. The Pina Bausch Professorship is made possible by the Ministry of Culture and Science of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia. Named after world-famous Folkwang alumna Pina Bausch and run in collaboration with the Pina Bausch Foundation.

## PARTNERS & COOPERATIONS

- \_excellent networking to cultural and economic partners in the region and beyond
- \_some 140 partner universities in Europe and the world

## ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- \_passing an aptitude test
  - \_evidence of the general university entrance qualification (upon exhibiting outstanding artistic talent, a study without this qualification is possible in many study courses)
  - \_for post-graduate study courses: evidence of a first university degree in a subject-related field
  - \_fulfilment of the language requirements
  - \_other requirements where appropriate
- Detailed information is available at each study course website under 'Basic info & Application': [www.folkwang-uni.de/studium](http://www.folkwang-uni.de/studium)

# Getting into Folkwang

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

The language of instruction at all Folkwang faculties is German. Therefore applicants have to provide evidence of the necessary language skills for their study course as an admissions requirement or already when applying. Different language requirements apply to the individual study courses. Information on this is available here: [www.folkwang-uni.de/international-applicants](http://www.folkwang-uni.de/international-applicants)

## APPLICATION

To take part in the aptitude test for a place in a study course, you apply digitally via the Folkwang application portal in the respective application period and upload all the required documents there. Only in some design study courses a portfolio is also submitted in paper form.

You can find further information at: [www.folkwang-uni.de/bewerbung](http://www.folkwang-uni.de/bewerbung)

## APTITUDE TEST

The content and procedure of the test varies depending on the study course. The aptitude test can include several stages or take place in one stage. For study courses with multi-stage aptitude tests, the first stage usually takes place in the form of a „digital preliminary round“. In this case, a link to the relevant content (e.g. application video) must be added to the portal within the application deadline. On the website of the respective degree programme you will find the precise information under 'Basic Info & Application': [www.folkwang-uni.de/studium](http://www.folkwang-uni.de/studium)





# We support you!

## STUDENT ADVISORY SERVICE

You can obtain advice on studying at Folkwang from the Student Advisory Service: [studienberatung@folkwang-uni.de](mailto:studienberatung@folkwang-uni.de) +49 (0)201\_4903-384

At the Folkwang University of the Arts we provide a whole range of advice on studying. All contact partners can be found at: [www.folkwang-uni.de/beratung](http://www.folkwang-uni.de/beratung)

## CAREER SERVICE

The transition from studying to working is a special phase in the development of artists. The Folkwang Career Service supports students and alumni in this process through courses, developing expert knowledge, expertise on institutions and personal competences, as well as through individual consultations and a mentoring programme. Furthermore the networking between Folkwang students and alumni is a key objective of the Career Service. [www.folkwang-uni.de/careerservice](http://www.folkwang-uni.de/careerservice)

## COMBINING STUDIES & LIFE

At Folkwang we are actively promoting a barrier- and discrimination-free learning environment for all – irrespective of social origin, ideology, culture and religion, sexual orientation, age, gender or disability. Therefore the family service helps with the challenge of combining studies with family responsibilities through childcare provision, financial aid and graduation grants amongst other things. Regarding the compatibility of studies and disability, the representative for students with disability or chronic illness provides advice on individual compensation for disadvantage/s suffered (e.g. in the aptitude test).

## INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

The International Office of the Folkwang University of the Arts is the international service area of the Academic Administration. This is the place where worldwide exchanges are coordinated and students receive advice on exchange programmes – both on their path abroad and their path to Folkwang. More information on advice and offers, as well as on support for stays abroad, is available at: [www.folkwang-uni.de/international](http://www.folkwang-uni.de/international)

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

There are various funding possibilities for students at Folkwang: ranging from individual scholarship programmes to an emergency fund. The cash prizes available in the Folkwang competitions can also contribute to financing the study. [www.folkwang-uni.de/foerderung](http://www.folkwang-uni.de/foerderung) [www.folkwang-uni.de/wettbewerb](http://www.folkwang-uni.de/wettbewerb)

## SEMESTER FEES

The Folkwang University of the Arts does not charge study fees. A semester contribution shall be paid for each semester (VRR & NRW semester ticket plus social contribution). Information on the amount and breakdown of fees can be found here: [www.folkwang-uni.de/rueckmeldung](http://www.folkwang-uni.de/rueckmeldung)

## STUDIERENDENWERK

The Studierendenwerk Essen-Duisburg (student services provider) provides students at Folkwang with a comprehensive service on all matters relating to their study. In addition to a wide range of affordable accommodation provided in Essen, you will also find here the BAföG (German state student financial assistance) Office as well as the Social and Psychological Advisory Service. [www.stw-edu.de/beratung/kontakt](http://www.stw-edu.de/beratung/kontakt)





Grundständige Studiengänge / Undergraduate Study Courses

Studienbeginn / Start of study	Studiengang / Study Course	Abschluss / Degree	Bewerbungsfrist(en) / Application Deadline(s)
WiSe* (Okt/Oct)	Fotografie / Photography	B.A.	15. Mär/Mar
	Gesang   Musiktheater / Voice   Music Theatre	B.Mus.	
	Instrumentalausbildung / Instrumental Training	B.Mus.	
	Integrative Komposition / Integrative Composition	B.Mus.	
	Jazz   Performing Artist	B.Mus.	
	Kommunikationsdesign / Communication Design	B.A.	
	Lehramt Musik / Music Teaching	B.A.	
	Musikpädagogik / Music Pedagogy	B.Mus.	
	Musikwissenschaft / Musicology	B.A.	
	Musikwissenschaft, Deutsch-Französischer Studiengang / German French Musicology Study Course	B.A. & Licence	
SoSe* (Apr)	Product Design	B.A.	in Essen: 15. Mär/Mar in Tours: kA. / n.a.
	Tanz / Dance	B.A.	
	Musical	B.A.	15. Mär/Mar
	Physical Theatre	Artist Diploma	
	Regie / Directing	Artist Diploma	15. Nov des Vorjahres / of the previous year
	Schauspiel / Acting	Artist Diploma	

Weiterführende Studiengänge / Postgraduate Study Courses

Studienbeginn / Start of study	Studiengang / Study Course	Abschluss / Degree	Bewerbungsfrist(en) / Application Deadline(s)
WiSe* (Okt/Oct)	Design Futures	M.A.	15. Mär/Mar
	Kommunikationsdesign / Communication Design	M.A.	
	Kunst- und Designwissenschaft / Art and Design Science	M.A.	31. Mai/May
	Leitung vokaler Ensembles / Direction of Vocal Ensembles	M.Mus.	
	Photography Studies and Practice	M.A.	15. Mär/Mar
	Photography Studies and Research	M.A.	
	Populäre Musik / Popular Music	M.Mus.	31. Mai/May
	Professional Media Creation	M.Mus.	
	Tanzkomposition / Dance Composition	M.A.	15. Mär/Mar
	Tanzpädagogik für künstlerischen Tanz / Dance Pedagogy for Artistic Dance	M.A.	
	Folkwang Konzertexamen / Folkwang Concert Study Course	Zertifikat / Certificate	zum/for WiSe*: 15. Mär/Mar  zum/for SoSe*: 15. Nov des Vorjahres / of the previous year
	Gesang   Musiktheater / Voice   Music Theatre	M.Mus.	
	Instrumentalausbildung / Instrumental Training	M.Mus.	
	Instrumentale Spezialisierung / Instrumental Specialisation	M.Mus.	
	Integrative Komposition / Integrative Composition	M.Mus.	
	Integrative Musiktheorie / Integrative Music Theory	M.Mus.	
	Jazz   Artistic Producer	M.Mus.	
	Jazz   Improvising Artist	M.Mus.	
	Lehramt Musik / Music Teaching	M.Ed.	
	Musikwissenschaft / Musicology	M.A.	
WiSe* (Okt/Oct) Et SoSe* (Apr)	Orchesterspiel / Orchestral Performance	M.Mus.	

\* WiSe = Wintersemester / winter semester; SoSe = Sommersemester / summer semester

Weitere Informationen erhalten Sie unter / More information is available at: [www.folkwang-uni.de/studium](http://www.folkwang-uni.de/studium)

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