Cross-Disciplinary Strategies. Applied Studies in Art, Science, Philosophy and Global Challenges

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Admission phase between <u>12 and 28 January, 2022</u> Interviews between 21 and 24 February, 2022 https://www.dieangewandte.at/cds

8 semesters, 240 ECTS
Degree: Bachelor of Arts (BA)
English language competence (B2, CEFR)





The Institute of Arts and Society has offered the Cross-Disciplinary Strategies (CDS) bachelor's degree since 2017. The English-language CDS programme is a strongly practice oriented education that prepares students for critical engagement with the major scientific, technological, and social issues arising from an interconnected and contested global world. This engagement is developed and communicated with artistic strategies and approaches to art which are the shared disciplinary language of CDS.

The introductory year equips students with basic skills and capabilities including principles of programming, statistics, and academic research and writing. In this introductory phase, epistemology, methodology and the history of science form a basis from which students gain insights into a range of specific topics including, among others, human rights, international organisations, public artistic interventions, and bimolecular and physical systems.

In subsequent years, the curriculum advances into three study areas: Science and Technology, Economics and Politics, and Artistic Strategies which remain conversant through epistemological critique and students' own integrative work. Annual topics focus the course offerings across study areas and create a common discourse with opportunities for mutual learning across student years. These annual topics foreground pressing debates including migration, work, growth, the environment, nutrition, and the possibilities and consequences of Al and Big Data. In this phase of study students are encouraged and supported to uncover complex correlations and to integrate them into cooperative processes of action and expression that are given form in annual projects. These projects provide substantial and cumulative training in the practical implementation of scientific and artistic works that are richly informed by theory and grounded in appropriate methods.

The pedagogic premise of the programme counters the increasing fragmentation of academic approaches to knowledge production with cross-disciplinary teaching modalities including classical lectures, excursions, team teaching, group critique, internships and guided reflection. Students benefit from mentoring by faculty and lecturers as well as frequent external workshops and guest lectures. Taken together, the disciplines and modalities of the CDS degree aim to prepare students for transformative participation in globally overlapping societies and problem spaces.

Apply now!



Entrance Exam Bachelor Cross-Disciplinary Strategies

The bachelor's degree Cross-Disciplinary Strategies: Applied Studies in Art, Science, Philosophy, and Global Challenges (CDS) engages a broad spectrum of artistic and scientific skills, strategies and principles of practice. The curriculum is appropriate for students wishing to develop a critical approach and collaborative skills applied in individual areas of knowledge in and beyond the arts. As such, the entrance examination offers potential students the oppor-



tunity to demonstrate their willingness and capacity to work in creative and analytic modes suitable to the arts, sciences and humanities. Applicants must provide the examination committee with documents and information demonstrating their qualifications and attesting to their visual, technical, and linguistic appetites to complete the programme.

All certificates will be examined for their equivalence by the Student and Academic Affairs Office <u>after</u> applicants have passed the entrance exam. An Austrian Higher School Certificate or an equivalent from any country is a precondition of admission to the CDS programme.

All CDS courses are in English; B2 level (CEFR) is recommended.



The entrance exam consists of two phases. Each phase requires a positive assessment to move on to the next step.



Register for the online application process under https://application.uni-ak.ac.at/ and upload all requested documents in one single PDF file (not more than 50 MB) between 12 and 28 January, 2022.

The PDF shall be named LastName_First-Name_BA_Application,

e.g. 'Mustermann_Maxine_BA_Application.

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Registration

The requested documents are:

- Letter of motivation (600 words): Answer the following questions and convince us with global or personal perspectives, independent concepts, and innovative ideas!
- Why are you interested in the Cross-Disciplinary Strategies degree programme?
- What visions, skills and ideas will you bring to the programme?
- What projects would you like to work on?

2) Curriculum vitae: including your contact information (telephone, email).



If you have passed phase 1, you will be invited to participate in practical assignments followed by a face-to-face interview with the admission committee at the CDS premises between 21 and 24 February 2022.

Publication of results until 4 March 2022.

Studies commence in the winter semester following the entrance exam.



More information

https://dieangewandte.at/entry

