



# HSD

**Hochschule Düsseldorf**  
University of Applied Sciences



**Peter Behrens**  
**School of Arts**  
Faculty of Architecture

**Master of Arts**

# Interior Architecture

## 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 master's programme in interior architecture focuses on interior design – including e.g. furniture and lighting design, how to breathe new life into existing buildings, spatial communication as well as strategic and social spaces.

Work on theoretical, practical and experimental design exercises is at the centre of the programme. Beginning in semester 1, you explore the general understanding of the interrelations between interior architecture, architecture, urban design and theory in the context of a curated interior design project. Following this integrative approach, all students work on a

common topic simultaneously in different design studios. Further contents of semester 1 include furniture, products, materials and digital production methods. In semester 2, the focus of the design exercises shifts to include either lighting design or technical construction of interior finishings as well as graphic analysis or digital spatial development. The design studios are accompanied by related subject-specific seminars. In addition, you can choose a design studio supervised by an international visiting professor in semesters 2–3. Or you can spend a semester at a partner university abroad.

Semesters 3–4 offer various elective options for individual specialisation in design and theory. Topics can include e.g. spatial contexts, spatial communication, social spaces and spatial strategies. The pre-thesis in semester 3 serves to prepare the contents of the thesis. At the end of your studies, you present your final thesis including a design and written work.

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

## Career Options

With the completion of the master's programme in interior architecture and two years of professional experience, you are eligible to apply for registration with the chamber of architects. The degree also qualifies you for admission to higher public service. Potential professional fields include executive positions in e.g. interior architecture, heritage conservation, exhibition and trade fair design, project development, set design (film and theatre) and media design.

## Admission Requirements

Please check if you meet all requirements for admission to the study programme. Further information (in German only):  
[pbsa.hs-duesseldorf.de/mia](https://pbsa.hs-duesseldorf.de/mia)

# SYLLABUS

## SEMESTER 1

- Curated Interior Design with a Focus on Building Construction, Urban Design and Theory
- Furniture, Products, Materials
- Digital Production Methods for Interiors
- Compulsory Elective Module (choose one): Design Theory and Methodology | History and Development of Heritage Conservation | Advanced Architectural Theory

## SEMESTER 2

- Interior Design Studio with an Integrated Focus on:
  - Lighting Design or Technical Construction of Interior Finishings
  - Graphic Analysis or Digital Spatial Development
- Lighting Design
- Interior Finishings and Construction
- Technical Construction of Interior Finishings
- Compulsory Elective Module (choose one): Advanced Theory of Design | Graphic Analysis and Communication | Digital Spatial Development and Multimedia

## SEMESTER 3

- Interior Design Studio: Individual Focus
- Compulsory Elective Modules (choose two): Spatial Contexts | Social Spaces | Spatial Strategies
- Compulsory Elective Modules (choose two): German Planning and Building Laws and Regulations | Advanced Construction Management | Business Start-Ups and Management | Copyright and Protection of Designs
- Pre-Thesis

## SEMESTER 4

- Master's Thesis
- Compulsory Elective Module (choose one): Advanced Architectural History | Advanced Art History | Theory and Spatial Aesthetics | Sociology of the Built Environment

During semesters 1–4:

1x Intra Muros: Project Week (each winter semester)

1x Extra Muros: Excursion (each summer semester)

1x Lecture Series (Faculties of Architecture and Design)

## Further Information

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About the programme, admission requirements and application:

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## Get in Touch

### Admissions Office

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### Student Advisory and Counselling Service (ZSB)

[studienberatung@hs-duesseldorf.de](mailto:studienberatung@hs-duesseldorf.de)

[hs-duesseldorf.de/zsb-en](https://hs-duesseldorf.de/zsb-en)

### International Office (IO)

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### Family Support Centre

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### Disability Services (ABS)

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### Psychological Counselling Service (PSB)

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## HSD Invites You

Visit us! Join courses during our yearly trial week (*Schnupperstudium*) and attend our information events (e.g. *Tag der offenen Tür*, *Hochschulinformationstage*, *Wochen der Studienorientierung*).

Information on all events (in German only):

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