

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



Online submission of the portfolio
Interviews held in Vienna

11 to 27 January 2023
20 to 23 February 2023

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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. CDS prepares students for critical engagement with the major scientific, technological and social issues arising from an interconnected and contested global world. This engagement is informed by artistic strategies and art perception, which are a foundation for the shared disciplinary language of CDS.

How does the CDS BA degree work?

CDS BA progresses through two phases. In the introductory phase, students practise basic skills and develop capabilities for interdisciplinary practice. These include principles of science and technology, artistic, quantitative and qualitative methods, and insights into a range of specific topics including human rights, sustainable development goals and politics.

In the application phase, the curriculum advances into three study areas: science and technology, economics and politics, artistic strategies and approaches to art. These areas are explored through methodological comparison, epistemological critique and students' own integrative work.

The main site for this work is the CDC Lab – an experimental and collaborative project space where students work together across a range of materials, perspectives, techniques and configurations.

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.

What can I learn at CDS?

CDS 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 reflection. Students benefit from mentoring by faculty and lecturers, as well as frequent workshops and guest lectures. Taken together, the disciplines and teaching in CDS aim to prepare students for transformative participation in globally overlapping societies and problem spaces.

The BA programme is guided by annual topics that create a dynamic learning environment by bringing in experts from a range of practices and disciplines. These annual topics foreground pressing debates on topics including migration, work, growth, the environment, nutrition, and the possibilities and consequences of AI and Big Data. In 2022 the annual theme is 'Energy'.

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Entrance Examination Bachelor Cross-Disciplinary Strategies

What can I do with a CDS degree?

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. BA students from CDS often go on to master's degrees and the programme aims to support students to develop career possibilities in a range of fields including in particular political, artistic, scientific and international institutions where complex problems demand cross-disciplinary solutions.

What is the Entrance Examination?

The entrance examination offers potential students the opportunity 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 demonstrating their qualifications and attesting to their visual, technical and linguistic aptitudes to complete the programme.

All certificates will be examined for their equivalence by the Student and Academic Affairs Office after 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 examination consists of two phases. Each phase requires a positive assessment to move on to the next step.

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Registration & submission

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 11 and 27 January 2023.

The PDF shall be named LastName_FirstName_BA_Application, e.g. Mustermann_Maxine_BA_Application.

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?

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

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Interview

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 20 to 23 February 2023.

Publication of results by 10 March 2023

Studies commence in the winter semester following the entrance exam.

& Submission

More information

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