

## Broadening the Horizon

Do your work experiences include accompanying congregations with a migrant background, and are you interested in broadening your horizon? Do you want to improve your leadership skills while reflecting upon and reviewing your previous experiences? Is critical academic theology important for you, as well as building bridges between different cultures and approaches to Christian faith? Then you might want to consider taking up a course leading to a B.A. in Intercultural Theology, Migration and Congregational Leadership (ITMC).

## Main Areas of Study

The B.A. Intercultural Theology, Migration and Congregational Leadership has been primarily developed for leaders/pastors of congregations with a migrant background. It is also open to those interested in issues of congregational leadership, migration and interculturality. The B.A. programme is practice-oriented and offers students from different cultural and denominational backgrounds the opportunity to critically reflect their respective theological and cultural backgrounds and to engage in intercultural and theological dialogue. During the B.A. course students will acquire theological, social and methodological competencies.

Main areas of study include inter-cultural theology and hermeneutics, congregational leadership and ecclesiology, issues of migration, counselling and the carrying-out of an intercultural research project with the subsequent compilation of the B.A. thesis.

The full-time B.A. programme is modularized, based on 180 ECTS in 6 semesters.

## Language of Instruction

Language proficiency in English and German is required. Primary language of instruction is English.



## Admission Requirements

Prerequisites for admission to the B.A. programme are either matric/A-Levels or a specialized degree (Fachabitur) or at least three years working experience in an area related to the B.A. degree. Language proficiency in English as well as in German is a prerequisite for enrolment and should be documented in standardized academic testing procedures such as TestDaF (Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache) and the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). Please feel free to approach us for details concerning language requirements and testing procedures and the exemption thereof. A colloquium / an interview prior to admission is compulsory.

## Modules

- 01 Introduction into intercultural theology
- 02 Introduction into theology
- 03 Basics of academic research, methodology and writing
- 04 Migration and interculturality in biblical writings
- 05 History of Christianity in intercultural perspective
- 06 Healing and religion
  
- 07 Congregational leadership – theory and praxis
- 08 Christian denominations
- 09 Intercultural reception of biblical motives and biblical figures
- 10 Interreligious dialogue and dialogue with people of different worldviews
- 11 Pastoral counselling
- 12 Biblical hermeneutics
- 13 Social justice issues in biblical and global perspective
- 14 Project management and evaluation
- 15 Mission, integration and changing societal patterns in Germany
- 16 Theological ethics and anthropology
- 17 Bachelor-Thesis: Preliminaries and methodology
- 18 Bachelor-Thesis and presentation



## General Information

The University of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology Hermannsburg (FIT), which cooperates closely with the Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Lower Saxony (ELM), offers national and international students, besides the ITMC, the following accredited academic programmes:

- a) M.A. Intercultural Theology,  
in cooperation with the Georg-August-University in Göttingen (since 2009)
- b) B.A. Mission Studies and International Diakonia

The University of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology Hermannsburg is situated between Hanover, Hamburg and Brunswick in Lower Saxony, Germany. Its library holds about 75,000 volumes and is part of the national interlibrary-loan network. Special collections comprise Intercultural Theology and Mission Studies as well as history of religion and Christianity, biblical hermeneutics and social work.

The University of Applied Sciences allows for learning and living in a community. Students' accommodations, a dining hall, common rooms, a chapel and a park are part of the premises. Most buildings as well as four student apartments provide easy access for wheel-chair users.

Primary and Secondary schools as well as a crèche and a kindergarten are within walking distance from the University of Applied Sciences. Hermannsburg and its location in the Lüneburger Heide provide numerous opportunities for sports and outdoor activities such as cycling, canoeing, horse riding or jogging.

## Application Documents

For further information and to download the application form see [www.fh-hermannsburg.de](http://www.fh-hermannsburg.de)

## Application Deadline

The programme begins only in winter term. The lectures start in October.

Deadline for application is **September 15**.

We highly recommend to submit your application by **June 15**. International students have to apply for student visa at German Embassy in their respective countries. In some countries the issuing of visa can take up to several weeks or months. In case of late application the visa might not be available in time.

Please print your application form and forward it to:

## Contact

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## Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)



## B.A. Intercultural Theology, Migration and Congregational Leadership



## Fees for the B.A. Intercultural Theology, Migration and Congregational Leadership

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## Support programmes

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