



BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

INTERCULTURAL
THEOLOGY,
MIGRATION
AND GLOBAL
COOPERATION
(ITMGC)



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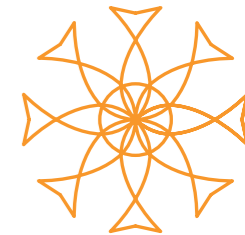
*Dear prospective students, dear friends of FIT,
it is with great pleasure that I may introduce
the FIT and the BA degree course Intercultural
Theology, Migration and Global Cooperation
(ITMGC) to you.*

THE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES FOR
INTERCULTURAL THEOLOGY (FIT) is a state recognized
University of Applied Sciences specializing in intercultural
theology, diaconia and ecumenical cooperation
in a global context.



A degree course at the FIT is

- intercultural and international, because at our University of Applied Sciences the focus is on the acquisition of intercultural, theological and social diaconical competences. At FIT students from more than 40 nations with a large diversity of cultural and religious backgrounds greatly enrich the academic discourse and campus life.
- academically sound and future-oriented, because our students learn to constructively interact with people of other cultures, religions and traditions. Our graduates are „global players“ qualified for church-, ecumenical-, inter-faith-, development oriented and social diaconal work.
- individual and intensive, because our students are taught in small groups by internationally experienced lecturers in a study conducive environment. The focus of our teaching is on the learning success of the students.



The FIT is an institution of intercultural and denominational diversity, not only in its teaching and research, but also in the daily encounters between faculty members, students and other staff.

Welcome to the FIT!

*Prof Dr Wilhelm Richebächer,
Rector*



INTRODUCTION TO THE DEGREE COURSE

BA Intercultural Theology, Migration and Global Cooperation (ITMGC)



COURSE OF STUDY

Students are required to obtain 180 ECTS points during the 6 semesters of the full-time modularized undergraduate degree course, which includes a longterm internship (12 weeks) in Germany or overseas.

The language of instruction for the BA degree course ITMGC is English. The course is practice-oriented and open to national and international prospective students of all denominations and cultural backgrounds.

The objective of the degree course is to impart sound academic knowledge about the diverse and varying models of Christianity worldwide and other religious traditions. Students learn to analyse the

current challenges confronting religious communities in the wake of globalization and migration, e.g. the interaction of different cultures and religious traditions. Students develop their intercultural communication skills as well as their theological and interfaith leadership and organizational skills. The degree course qualifies students for work in international and intercultural-theological settings.



The degree course is interdisciplinary throughout and includes theological, biblical, religious and social disciplines.

Studies of intercultural theology and hermeneutics are a major focus of the degree course.

Students learn to critically and constructively reflect upon their own religious identity and background and acquire knowledge in academic theology.

Interdisciplinary modules such as 'Migration and Interculturality in the Bible' and 'Social



Justice from a Theological and Social Science Perspective' are included.

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Modules on global cooperation in church, ecumenical and interreligious institutions, local church work in an intercultural and migrational context as well as leadership, organization and project management in faith-based organizations are other focal points of the degree course.

Knowledge obtained in praxis-oriented modules such as 'Interreligious Dialogue in Practice', 'Church and Congregational Leadership' or 'Counselling in an Intercultural Context' is put into practice during the 12 week internship with a church or another religious organization.

Studying and living together on campus is an integral part of the intercultural and global concept of the degree course. During lectures and everyday life on campus, our international students share with each other their diverse theological approaches and cultural experiences.

Our graduates acquire academic-theological and practice-oriented skills, qualifying them for jobs worldwide in church and diaconia organizations and/or development-oriented institutions, e.g.

- in migration-shaped congregations in Germany and Europe
- in church-related agencies engaged in ecumenism, migration, mission and partnership work
- in international church organizations
- in intercultural social and non-governmental welfare organizations
- in non-governmental and faith-based organizations



Furthermore, graduates with a BA degree can continue with their studies and do, for example, subject-related MA degree courses.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND FURTHER QUALIFICATION





ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS



- Applicants wishing to be admitted to the degree course must have a higher education entrance qualification for a higher education institution in Lower Saxony, i.e.
 - a) a certificate of aptitude for specialized short-course higher education or
 - b) a general university entrance qualification or
 - c) a university entrance quali-

fication restricted to particular subjects. Applicants with an equivalent school leaving certificate (see a) above) or vocational training with at least 3 years work experience in an area related to the BA degree, will also be considered.

Furthermore, applicants must pass a compulsory admission interview, carried out by the FIT, before they can be accepted.

- The primary language of instruction for the degree course ITMGC is English.

Applicants for this degree course will only be accepted, if they submit together with their application, proof of proficiency in English, e.g. TOEFL, with a minimum score of at least 72. Applicants, who obtained their university entrance qualifications at an English-speaking institution, are exempted from this regulation.

- It is also recommended that prospective students be linguistically proficient in German.



Admission is offered only to the winter semester (October) of every year.

The application deadline is **September 15** of each respective year. Students from NON-EU countries requiring a visa, must submit their appli-

cations to the FIT as soon as possible, but no later than **June 15**, because it can take several months for a visa to be issued.

For further information about application requirements and to download the application form, visit our website:
www.fh-hermannsburg-eng.landeskirche-hannovers.de/Academics/Undergraduate-Studies/ba_itmgc/apply

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND SEMESTER DATES





THE FIT-CAMPUS

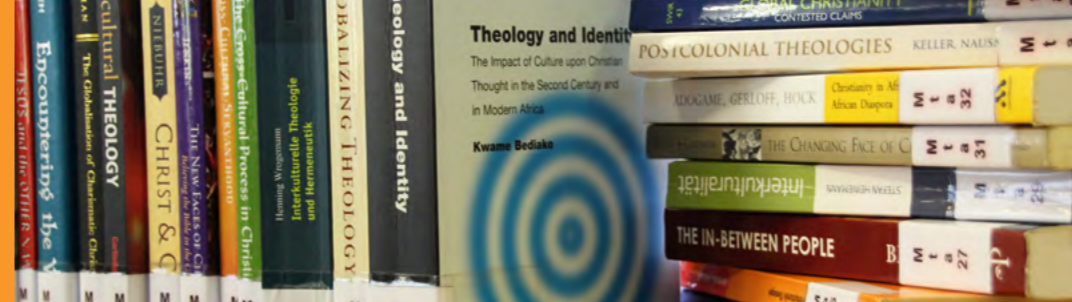


The FIT is set amid the scenic and charming Lüneburg heathlands.

The town Hermannsburg is located in the Südheide National Park.

Various sport and cultural clubs in and around Hermannsburg organize many cultural and/or leisure activities, e.g. cycling, riding, jogging, canoeing etc.

On the green-leafed FIT campus we pursue the concept of living and learning together as a community.



Facilities on campus include student residencies with community rooms, study spaces, a canteen, a chapel, prayer rooms and a library.

Students and faculty members of FIT have 24/7 access to the library. Following the bilingual communication widespread on campus, also in the library

not only German, but also English books are specifically acquired for its stock.

The main collections in the library focus on intercultural theology, mission studies, the history of Christianity, religious and biblical studies, migration, social work and development work.

The library collection with approx. 80.000 volumes is supplemented by access to online databases and electronic journals.

To foster the students' spiritual side of life, staff and students jointly arrange a daily devotion in the FIT chapel, to which everyone on campus is invited.





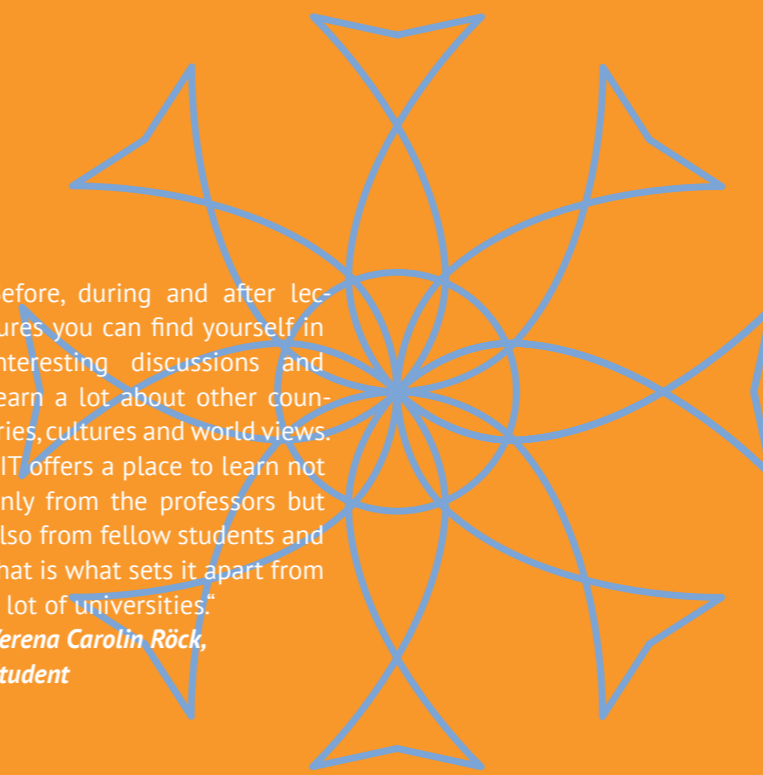
FROM A STUDENT'S VIEWPOINT

***Why are
Corelleta from Simbabwe,
Sanjog from India,
David from Peru,
Hiu Ching from Hong Kong
and Chiara from Germany
studying at the FIT in
Hermannsburg?***



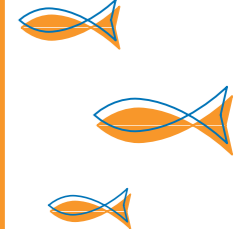
“One of the best things about studying at FIT is the diversity you can find among the students.

Before, during and after lectures you can find yourself in interesting discussions and learn a lot about other countries, cultures and world views. FIT offers a place to learn not only from the professors but also from fellow students and that is what sets it apart from a lot of universities.”
***Verena Carolin Röck,
Student***



“The intercultural orientation of the course helped me to academically analyse the worldwide relevant topic of ‘migration’. The collective intercultural studying at the FIT with students from all over the world reflects the reality of the global world.”
Frank Daffa , Graduate

***Because
they all wish to be
„FIT FOR THE WORLD“!***



GENERAL INFORMATION



The FIT is a state recognized University of Applied Sciences. It is institutionally affiliated to the Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Lower Saxony and is financed by the Evangelical Lutheran Churches of Hannover, Brunswick and Schaumburg-Lippe; their contacts offer students a broad range of opportunities for ecumenical involvement in Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America.



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FURTHER DEGREE COURSES AT THE FIT

Two other state recognized degree courses are on offer:

- **BA INTERCULTURAL THEOLOGY AND GLOBAL DIACONIA (ITGD)**

for further information, visit our website www.fh-hermannsburg-eng.landeskirche-hannovers.de/Academics/Undergraduate-Studies/ba_itgd

- **M.A. INTERCULTURAL THEOLOGY (ICT)**

in cooperation with the Georg-August-University in Göttingen (since 2009); for further information, visit our website www.fh-hermannsburg-eng.landeskirche-hannovers.de/Academics/Graduate-Studies/ma_it

APPLICATIONS must be sent by post to the following address:

University of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology
Hermansburg
Missionsstraße 3 – 5
D – 29320 Südheide, GERMANY

FURTHER INFORMATION

Visit our homepage www.fh-hermannsburg.de for further details about the degree course ITMGC and about the FIT in general. Please contact the course advisor for queries regarding the degree course content.

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Please contact the Administration Office for information regarding the application procedure, visa issues and accommodation.

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OVERVIEW OF THE COURSE MODULES

- 01 Basic Module in Theology
- 02 Introduction to Academic Work
- 03 Migration and Interculturality in the Bible
- 04 Theological Ethics and Anthropology
- 05 Intercultural Reception of Biblical Topics and Figures
- 06 Migration in an Interdisciplinary Perspective
- 07 Leadership, Organisation, and Work
- 08 Intercultural History of Christianity
- 09 Interreligious Dialogue
- 10 Introduction to the Long-Term Internship
- 11 Christian Denominations
- 12 Counselling
- 13 Social Justice from a Theological and Social Science Perspective
- 14 Project Management
- 15 Global Cooperation in Churches and Religious Organisations
- 16 Long-Term Internship
- 17 Evaluation of the Long-Term Internship
- 18 Preparation for the Bachelor Thesis
- 19 Bachelor Thesis
- 20 Bachelor Thesis Colloquium

