University of Applied Sciences

## Centre for International Relations and Languages

The Centre for International Relations and Languages is the interface between the THB and the world and consists of the International Office and the Language Centre. We open up channels for a lively exchange between countries and cultures, through numerous programmes, cooperation and events, both here and abroad. We support internationally interested people who want to study at the THB and guide them through their studies. THB students, scientists, teachers and staff members who want to discover new horizons and develop new perspectives in other countries are also at the centre of our work.

The International Office builds and maintains cooperation with international partners. We accompany outgoing students in the application process, advise them on financing options and help with formalities. We also inform incoming students about the courses on offer and campus life at the THB and life in Brandenburg. Foreign students are supported during the application process and their studies and a special counselling centre is set up for refugees to respond to specific challenges.

The Language Centre offers courses in English and German as a foreign language, as well as conversation and culture in various languages. It provides the required language skills and intercultural competences for successful study and a basis for a positive international experience. We establish contacts for tandems and promote cultural exchange and learning from each other.

We are promoting the internationalisation of the THB together with the faculties and the university administration, through new cooperation, internationally oriented curricula and with a constant focus on cosmopolitanism, tolerance and interculturalism.

## Internationalisation Strategy

In 2022 and 2023, the internationalisation strategy of Brandenburg University of Applied Sciences was revised as part of the project Inter³DNA: InterDisciplinary - InterNational - InterActive using the counter-current principle. Impulses and fields of action were developed in a participatory process involving the university's departments, teaching staff, employees and students. The development process was supported by the university management as well as a steering group, taking into account strategic university objectives. With the new strategy, internationalisation is sustainably and effectively anchored as a cross-sectional task within the university and contributes to its future viability and regional effectiveness.

The strategy was confirmed by the University Senate on 8 November 2023.

Further information on the development process and other project activities is available on the Inter3DNA project website.

