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The Berne University of the Arts BUA is an independent department of the Berne University of Applied Sciences. The BUA course for conservation and restoration offers four areas for in-depth study. In 1999 Modern Materials was added to the traditional specialisations for Painting and Sculpture; Graphics, Typography and Photography; and Architecture and Interior Design. To meet the comprehensive requirements of modern and contemporary art, the Modern Media specialisation was added in autumn 2000. The latest two fields of specialisation have since been combined to form Modern Materials and Media MMM. The studio for MMM shares its media infrastructure with the ActiveArchives project, thus facilitating useful and necessary synergies for art technological research.

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