What kind of budget should I have in my mind?

In Germany, education is subsidized by the state and therefore most universities charge no tuition fee. Thus, in Germany virtually every student gets a scholarship! You will need to pay semester contribution ranging from Euro 50 to 250, depending upon the university and the services or benefits provided. For certain special courses you may need to pay higher fees. Apart from these you will require about Euro 700-800 per month for housing, food, clothing, study material and other expenses such as health insurance and leisure activities. This amount can vary from city to city, and depends on your lifestyle!

Are there any scholarships available?

Funding in Germany is available mainly for research, and in some cases at the Master level. www.daaddelhi.org will provide you an overview of DAAD scholarship programmes. A database of scholarships offered by various German organizations can be found at www.funding-guide.de.

Where can I learn more about students’ experience in Germany?

To know more about student life or read what international students have to say about Germany, check out the DAAD Young Ambassadors page and video gallery on www.daad.in and www.study-in.de.

Can I work in Germany?

As an international student, you are permitted to work for 120 full days or 240 half days in a year. This will help you in getting a bit of extra pocket-money!

After completing your degree in Germany, you can stay on in the country for up to 18 months to look for a job that is in keeping with your qualification. Once you find a job, you will be issued a residence permit that allows you to take up gainful employment.

Germany has always had a very strong industry-academia linkage. A lot of research is funded by the industry. During your studies you can get the opportunity to do internships with German companies, which can open new vistas for your career.

Where can I find more information?

Study in Germany:
www.studienkollegs.de
www.daad.de/international-programmes
www.uni-assist.de
www.university-ranking.de

Student life in Germany:
www.study-in.de

Research in Germany:
www.research-in-germany.org
www.study-in.de

Scholarships:
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How do I choose a university in Germany?

There are various kinds of institutions of higher education in Germany. A majority of these belong to either of the following categories:

- Universities (including Universities of Technology, abbr. TU)
- Universities of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschulen, abbr. FH)
- Universities of Technology (Universities of Technology, abbr. TU)
- Universities of Applied Sciences (Universities of Applied Sciences, abbr. FH)

Universities are research oriented and offer courses mainly in engineering, business administration, social sciences and design. These do not award doctorate degrees.

Your interest and inclination should define which of the two kinds of institutions you choose!

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<td>Germany offers a multidimensional ranking, considering various criteria that are important from a student’s perspective. For example, student and staff judgment on quality of teaching, atmosphere at the university, library and other equipment, student numbers, average study duration, number of graduates, third party funding etc. You can get a comprehensive overview of each university on <a href="http://www.university-ranking.de">www.university-ranking.de</a>.</td>
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Are Bachelor programmes taught in English medium?

Germany offers some Bachelor programmes with English as the sole or primary medium of instruction. Most Bachelor programmes however are taught in German, for which German language proficiency is a must. The website www.daad.de/international-programmes gives information about study programmes offered with English. A comprehensive database of all study programmes, in both German and English, is available on www.study-in.de.

Do I need to know German?

Being a student in Germany, your life will not be limited to the university campus. You will surely want to interact with people, do your internships, travel and make the most of your time there.

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Am I eligible to apply for a bachelor degree course?

In Germany, every university is autonomous and has its own set of criteria for admitting students. So please check the university website, and specifically the programme you are interested in to find out the exact admission requirements. Generally, you are eligible to apply for a Bachelor's programme if you fulfill one of the following criteria:

• Completing IB or similar internationally recognized examination with the requisite subject combination
• Successfully completing the first second year of a bachelor programme from a recognized university in the home country in the relevant subject field
• Passing the qualification assessment examination in Germany viz. Feststellungsprüfung

A foundation course – Studienkolleg – in Germany can help you prepare for the Feststellungsprüfung. Studienkolleg is a full-time course and usually takes up to two semesters to complete. The eligibility for enrollment is a valid school leaving certificate (12th) with required subject combination and proficiency in German language (approx. B1/B2 level). You need to appear for an entrance exam (Aufnahmesprüfung) for admission to a Studienkolleg.

The Feststellungsprüfung assesses your proficiency in subjects crucial to your chosen degree programme and in German language. On successfully completing the Feststellungsprüfung, you are eligible to apply for a bachelor degree programme.

How do I go about applying?

Step 1: Collect information from the DAAD, internet and brochures. Attend DAAD information sessions or webinars. Details about our information events are available on www.daad.in.

Step 2: Contact the selected university. This will be your most important source of information as far as exact details about eligibility, course duration, fee, application procedure etc. are concerned. Study programmes may have winter semester (October-March) or summer semester (April-September) intakes. The university will guide you to the appropriate Studienkolleg if required. Check the application deadline.

Step 3: The website of the course/ university you have chosen will carry details about application procedure to be followed. Accordingly, send your application either to the university or to uni-assist. uni-assist is a body that accepts your application, screens it and forwards it to its member universities of your choice against payment. Member universities of uni-assist often do not entertain direct applications. Please check www.uni-assist.de for the list of member universities.

Step 4: Apply for a student visa as soon as you have the admission letter, as the procedure can take 8 to 12 weeks. To find out where you should apply for a visa, visit the website of the German Embassy in your country. Proof of funding for the first year of studies is required.

Arrange for accommodation. The International Office of the university can be of help.

Step 5: Arrive in Germany at least a week before your course begins. Contact the International Office of your university for further guidance. Get your residence permit within the first three months of your stay in Germany from the Foreigners' Registration Office.

Every year, thousands of international students and scholars choose to study in Germany. There are very good reasons for this – International Programmes taught in English medium, excellent quality of education, low or no tuition fee, promising career opportunities and above all the vibrant social and cultural milieu to mention a few.

With over 400 universities offering a wide variety of courses in various disciplines to over 2.7 million students including 340,000 from abroad, Germany is all set to give a headstart to your career.