

What kind of budget should I have in my mind?

In Germany, education is subsidised 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 100 to 350, 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 900 - 1000 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.daad.in/scholarship will provide you an overview of DAAD scholarship programmes. A database of scholarships offered by various German organisations 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-germany.de. The Gateway to your German University

My GUIDE

What are your interests? Which degree are you aiming for? What language you prefer to study in? Answer these three simple questions and our online counselling platform will guide you find the perfect course and German University! www.myguide.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!

Germany has always been well known for its very strong industry academia linkage. During your studies you can get the opportunity to do internships with German companies, which can open new vistas for your career.

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 work permit that allows you to take up gainful employment.

Where can I find more information?

Study in Germany

www.daad.in/bachelor

www.myguide.de

www.daad.de/international-programmes

www.study-in-germany.de

www.studienkollegs.de

www.uni-assist.de

www.aps-india.de

www.testas.de

Scholarships for Germany

www.daad.in/scholarship

www.funding-guide.de

Visa Process

www.india.diplo.de

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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 2.9 million students including close to 412,000 from abroad, Germany is all set to give a headstart to your career.

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) are research oriented and offer a wide variety of subjects. These can award doctoral degrees.

Universities of Applied Sciences (FH/HAW) are practice oriented and offer courses mainly in engineering, business administration, social sciences and design. These do not award doctoral degrees.

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

Is there a ranking of universities in Germany?

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 graduations, third party funding etc. You can get a comprehensive overview of each university on www.daad.de.

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 in English. A comprehensive database of all study programmes, in both German and English, is available on www.study-in-germany.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. Knowing German language will present a great advantage in this regard!

You can start learning the language at a Goethe-Institut (Max Mueller Bhavan) / Goethe-Zentrum in your home country.

Am I eligible to apply for a Bachelor degree course?

In principle you are eligible to apply for a bachelor programme if you fulfill one of the following criteria:

- Passing the qualification assessment examination in Germany, called Feststellungsprüfung.

A foundation course – Studienkolleg – in Germany can help you prepare for the Feststellungsprüfung. Studienkolleg is a full-time time course and usually takes up to two semesters to complete. The eligibility for enrolment is a valid school leaving certificate (12th) with required subject combination and proficiency in German language (approx. B1/B2 level). Students with class 10 followed by diploma will not be eligible for Studienkolleg. You need to appear for an entrance exam (Aufnahmeprüfung) 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.

- Successfully completing the first year of a bachelor programme from a recognized university in India in the relevant subject field.
- Successfully clearing the IIT Joint Entrance Examination (Advance) for admission to courses in technology and natural sciences.
- Successfully completing IB or similar internationally recognised examination with the requisite subject combination.

How do I go about applying?

Step 1

Collect information from the DAAD, internet and brochures. Attend DAAD information sessions. Details about our various events / sessions 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.

The Academic Evaluation Centre (APS India) of the Science section of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, New Delhi, performs document verification and issues a certificate which is a prerequisite for the visa application when applying to study in Germany. Please check www.aps-india.de for more information.

TestAS is a central standardised aptitude test for foreign students. TestAS gives prospective students information about their individual ranking compared to other applicants. TestAS score is required to apply for APS certificate. More information is available on www.testas.de.

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 Germany 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.