

Study in Germany

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- What to expect at a German university
- Types of higher education institutions – theory based, applied, dual system
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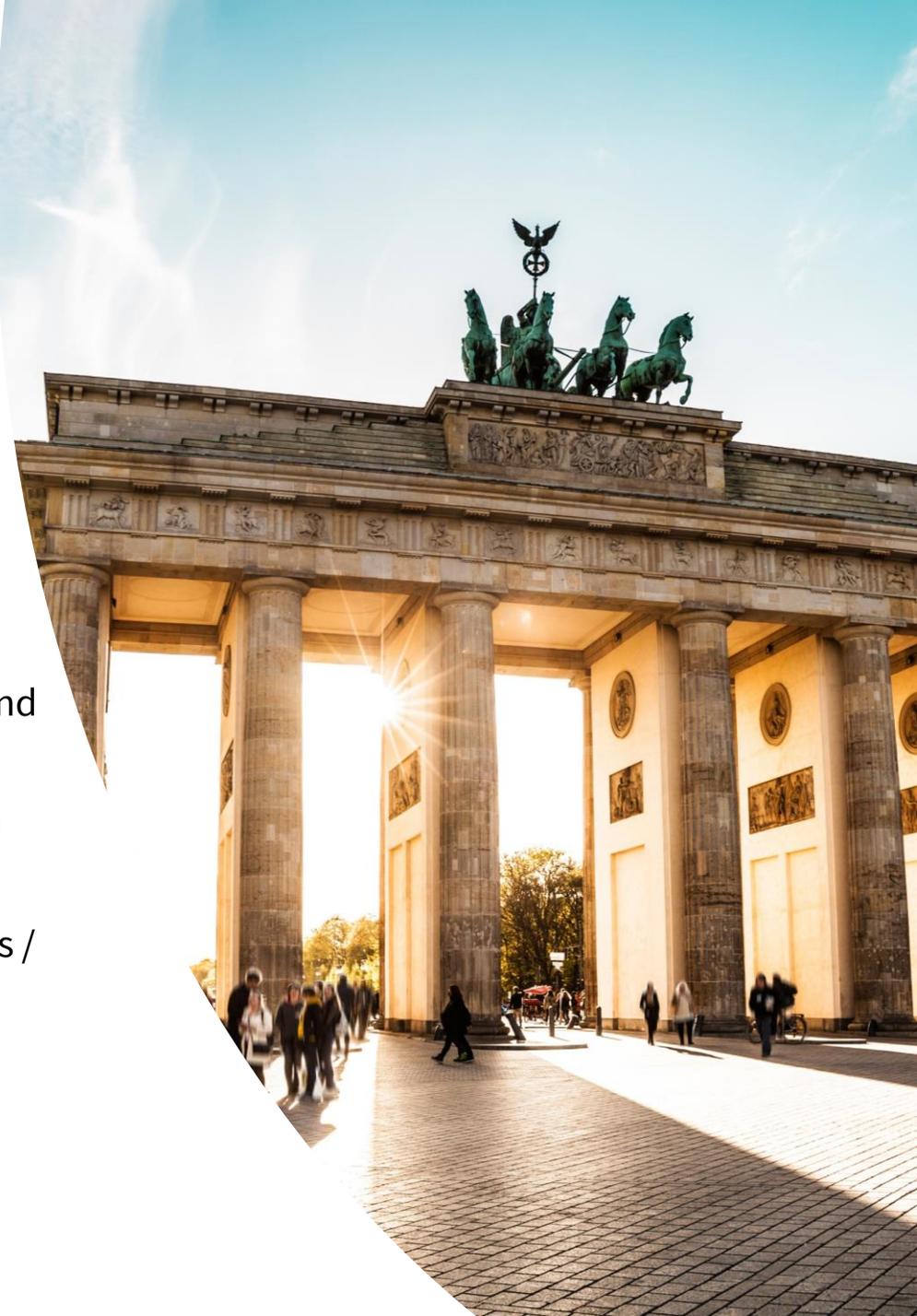
What is DAAD?

- German national agency for international academic cooperation and exchange (242 member universities and 104 student bodies)
Self-governing
 - Stipends for foreigners
 - Stipends for Germans
 - Internationalization of higher education institutions
 - Promotion of German studies and German language
 - Support of developing countries to improve education
 - Support for prospective students in Germany
- About 130,000 people supported annually



Why Germany? Because ...

- ... Germany has high academic and living standards at a reasonable cost
- ...Germany offers an outstanding study and research infrastructure
- ...Germany is home to more than 300,000 international university students
- ...Germany offers 21.000 degree programs / 2200+ International Programs
- ...German degrees are internationally recognized



US and German Universities – What to expect



United States

1. Tuition fees
2. Campus community
3. Student housing
4. University sports important
5. A lot of advisor support

Germany

1. No Tuition fees – only service fees (for EU nationals and *Bildungsinländer*)*
2. Campus decentralized in most cities
3. Less on-campus student housing
4. Sports only as clubs, often no sports teams, no university gym
5. Students expected to be independent

*For most public universities; €1500 tuition fees per semester for international students in Baden-Wuerttemberg; individuals with EU passport are exempt.

~ 400
universities

Types of Higher Education Institutions

Universities & Technical Universities (BA, MA, PhD, <i>Staatsexamen</i> , <i>Habilitation</i>)	121
Hochschulen für Angewandte Wissenschaften [Universities of Applied Sciences & Universities of Applied Economics] (BA, MA, PhD: Right to award doctorates systematically expanded)	211
Music, Art- and Film Higher Education Institutions (BA, MA, PhD)	57
Other	5

Public	Religious	Private
240	39	119



Duales Studium - Cooperative work- study degree program

- Combines academic study with elements of vocational training or professional practice
- Cooperative work-study degree programs = usually the same length as full-time degree
- Cooperative work-study degree programs available in all states, various fields, about 2000 participating companies.

The screenshot shows the top part of the website. The logo 'Wegweiser Duales Studium' is on the left. Navigation links include 'Für Unternehmen', 'Für Hochschulen', 'Das duale Studium', 'Studiengänge', 'Freie Studienplätze', and 'Hochschulen'. A search bar is partially visible. The hero section features a banner with a woman's face and the text 'Jetzt durchstarten mit deinem Dualen Studium an der FOM.' Below the banner are three buttons: 'Was suchst du?', 'Flexibel und dual studieren', and 'Studieren + Arbeiten verbinden', followed by a link 'Jetzt informieren!'.

Duale Studiengänge im Überblick

...al studieren? Hier gibt es den großen Überblick über duale Studiengänge. Wir i
raussetzungen, Gehalt und Karriere der einzelnen Studiengänge. Dazu listen wi
rschulen, Unternehmen und freien Studienplätze. Finde jetzt dein duales Studi



n &
gänge, z.B.



Ingenieurwesen & Technik
24 duale Studiengänge, z.B.



Informatik & IT
8 duale Studiengänge

What degrees can you earn in Germany?

- Bachelor's (B.A., B.Sc., Bachelor of Engineering, etc.) – 3-4
- Master's (M.A., M.Sc., Master of Engineering, etc.) – 1-2
- State examination (for: doctor, lawyer, teacher or pharmacist)
- Doctorate (PhD)
 - Independent PhD – time to PhD varies
 - Graduate School – 3 years

Academic year:

- Winter Semester: 1st of October - 31st of March
- Summer Semester: April 1 - September 30



Study? Yes! But what? ...

Hey Studium Studium Orte Interessentest Ranking Studienführer Login Get started

Start > Studium-Interessentest

Interessentest

Welches Studium passt zu mir?

Mach unseren Test zur Studienwahl und lasse dir zu deinen Interessen passende Studiengänge anzeigen.

→ Test starten

Schon über **1.Mio** Teilnehmer:innen haben den Interessentest absolviert

Dauert nur 15. Min



In nur 3 Schritten zum richtigen Studium

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Beantworte 72 Fragen zu deinen Interessen.

Du entscheidest, ob du an bestimmten Tätigkeiten viel bis gar kein Interesse hast. In knapp 15 Minuten hast du alle Fragen beantwortet.

Studium Studium Orte Interessentest Ranking Studienführer Dein Profil

Start > Studium-Interessentest > Test

Seite 1 von 10

Wie stark interessierst du dich für folgende Tätigkeiten

Auf geht's! **0%**

1 **Kunstwerke/Literatur analysieren und interpretieren***

Kein Interesse Neutral Großes Interesse **80%**

2 **ein eigenes Unternehmen gründen und führen***

Kein Interesse Neutral Großes Interesse **10%**

3 **Kundendaten aktualisieren und pflegen***

Kein Interesse Neutral Großes Interesse

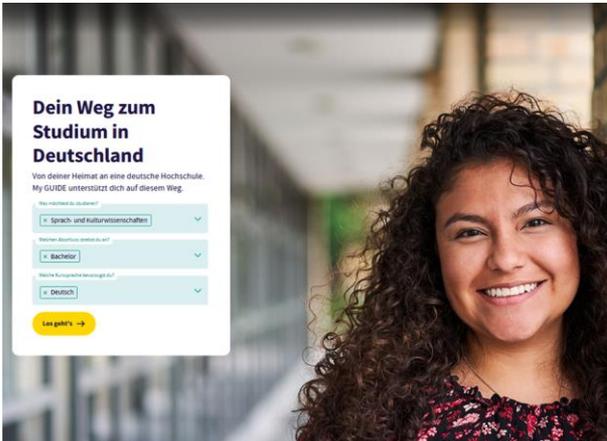
4 **die Ursachen eines Problems durch wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen analysieren***

Kein Interesse Neutral Großes Interesse **10%**



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MyGuide



Mein Profil

Hier findest du deine wichtigsten persönlichen und akademischen Daten. Diese Daten kannst du pflegen, um über My GUIDE eine aussagekräftige Kontaktanfrage an Hochschulen zu senden.

→ **Persönliche Daten**

Akademischer Hintergrund

Deine Hochschulzugangsmöglichkeiten

Studienziel in Deutschland

Nutzerdaten auf My GUIDE löschen

Persönliche Daten

Du hast dein Benutzerkonto über die zentrale DAAD-ID angelegt. My GUIDE bezieht die Daten direkt von dort. Änderungen kannst du in deinem zentralen Nutzerprofil der DAAD-ID vornehmen.

Geschlecht
weiblich

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Hanni

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Staatsangehörigkeit
Deutschland

Mein Herkunfts- und Aufenthaltsland entspricht dem Land der Staatsangehörigkeit

Herkunftsland
Vereinigte Staaten/USA

Aufenthaltsland
Vereinigte Staaten/USA

Suchbegriff

Prüfung der Zugangsmöglichkeiten
Noch nicht durchgeführt. [Jetzt prüfen](#)

Studientyp: Studiengang, Abschluss, Hochschultyp, Hochschule, Studienort, Hauptunterrichtssprache, Weitere Filter

Sprach- und Kultur... 110 x, Bachelor x, Deutsch x

Filter zurücksetzen

Suchergebnisse | 1350 Studienangebote

Studiengang (Z-A)

- Wissenschaftsphilosophie**
Universität Bielefeld
Bachelor, 6 Semester, Bielefeld, Keine Angabe, 29 Stipendien
- Wissenschaftsjournalismus**
Technische Universität Dortmund
Bachelor, 8 Semester, Dortmund, Keine Angabe, 28 Stipendien
- Wissenschaftsgeschichte**
Universität Regensburg
Bachelor, 6 Semester, Regensburg, Keine Angabe, 29 Stipendien
- Wissenschaft Medien Kommunikation**
Karlsruher Institut für Technologie
Bachelor, 6 Semester, Karlsruhe, Keine Angabe, 28 Stipendien

Alle Ergebnisse einblenden

Information on Studying in Germany

- Plan your studies
- Find a degree program
- Prepare your stay
- Discover university cities

www.study-in-germany.de

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DEUTSCHE ZUSAMMENARBEITUNG FÜR STUDIUM UND BERUF

Deutch

SAY HELLO TO GERMANY

Here you will find helpful information about your stay in Germany and useful insights from international students. Find out how to plan your studies in Germany and learn what life in Germany is all about.

Why Germany?



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How to find the right program

- Searchable database of all programs taught at German universities
www.higher-education-compass.de

- Searchable database of all programs taught at German universities
<http://www.wegweiser-duales-studium.de/duale-studiengaenge/>

- International Graduate Schools

www.daad.de/international-programmes

- For Bachelor and Master programs

Program rankings from Center for Higher Education Development

www.university-ranking.de | <https://ranking.zeit.de/che/en/>

- General information about study and research in Germany

www.Study-in-Germany.de

www.Research-in-Germany.org



Bildungsinländer vs. Bildungsausländer – domestic vs. foreign student (regardless of citizenship(s)):

- „Bildungsinländer“ with German Abitur
- „Bildungsausländer“ with non-German degree

Where to apply? (check university website for details)

- Bildungsausländer: www.uni-assist.de (application fee 75€ for evaluation plus 1 university application; every additional application same semester 30€) – **send application at least 8 weeks prior to deadline!**
- www.hochschulstart.de (for medical fields and certain fields of studies at some universities)

Admission Requirements: German Abitur



Requirements for Bildungsinländer

Abitur

- Course requirements
- Language requirements



Eligible for direct admission to any German higher education institution



Apply as Bildungsinländer



Admission Requirements: High School Diploma



Admissions Guide

[Download link to Guide](#)



Please note: This is just a *guide* about what is needed to attend a German institution of higher education and should not be taken as a guarantee. Please verify the requirements for each university and program.

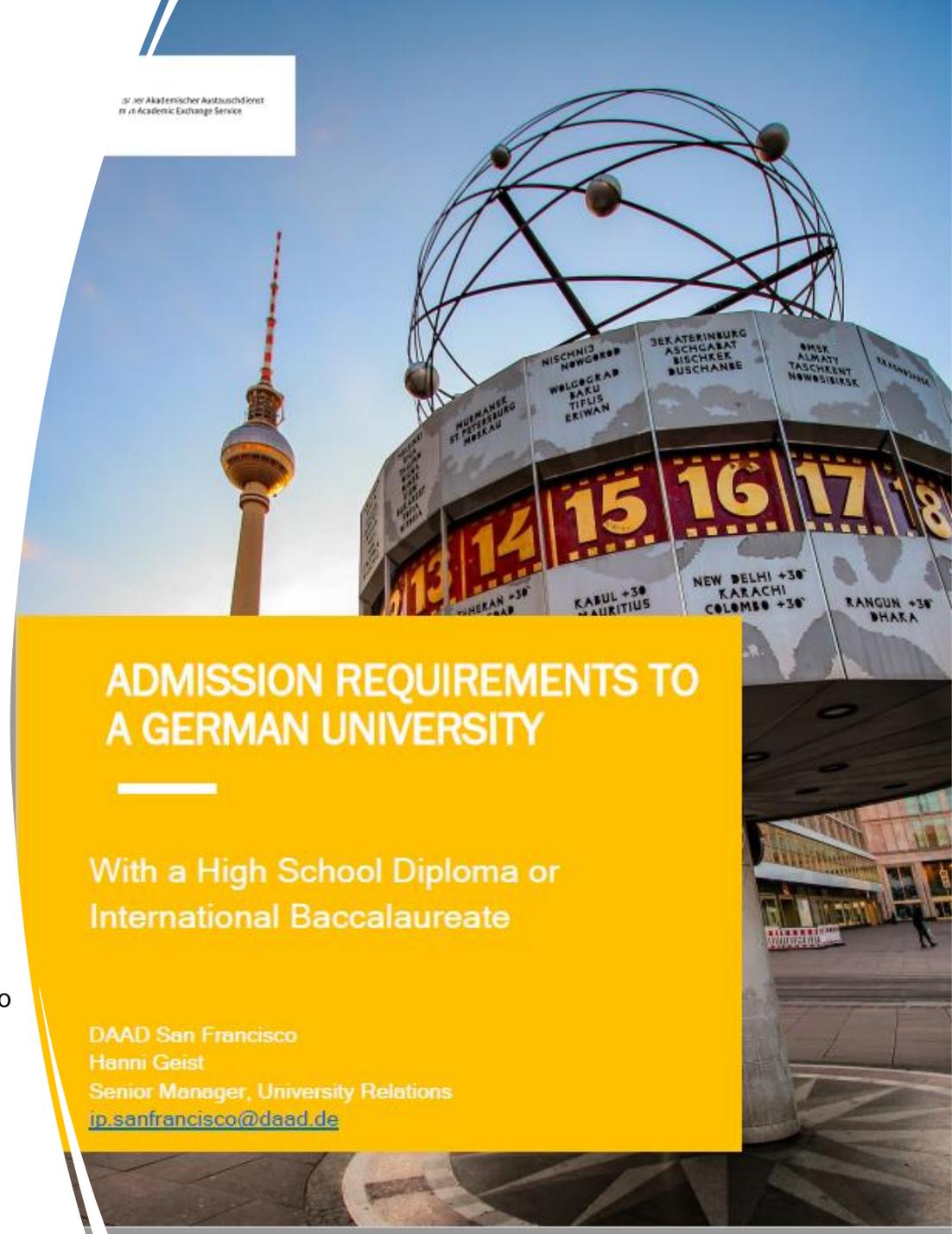
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO A GERMAN UNIVERSITY

With a High School Diploma or
International Baccalaureate

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Course Requirements for Bildungsausländer*

Source: <http://anabin.kmk.org/> & www.daad.de

High School Diploma

Condition:

It is obligatory for your High School Diploma*) to be acquired after continuous attendance of the classes 9 to 12 at a US High School and to comprise a total of 16 "academic units" in the forms 9 to 12:

- 4 units (3 units are sufficient for 11 forms) English with a minimum grade C: English IV or Honors or AP English,
- 2 units Second Language,
- 3 units Social Studies,
- 5 units in total Mathematics and Science:
 - 2 or 3 units Mathematics with a minimum grade C: Algebra II or Trigonometry and Precalculus,
 - 2 or 3 units Science with a minimum grade C: Biology, Chemistry or Physics,
 - 2 academic units free to choose.

+

Advanced Placement (AP)

5 AP courses

General admission to all higher education institutions

4 AP courses

Field-specific admission to all higher education institutions

Advanced Placements (AP) – General Admission

To be eligible to apply for general admission, i.e. all fields, all degree programs, students must provide the following:

High School Diploma **AND**

5 Advanced-Placement exams with at least a grade 3.0 in:

- Mathematics (AP Calculus AB or BC)
- Natural Sciences (AP Biology, AP Chemistry or AP Physics)
- English AP (AP English Literature or AP English Language and Composition)
- Foreign Language (For example: AP French, AP Spanish, AP Latin or AP German*)
- 1 additional AP subject (e.g. AP European History, AP American History, AP Computer Science, etc.)



Advanced Placements (AP) – Field-specific a)

In order to be eligible to apply for field specific admission for degree programs in **Math, Medicine, Natural Sciences, Pharmacology or Technology**, students must provide the following:

High School Diploma **AND**

4 Advanced-Placement exams with at least grade 3.0 in:

- Mathematics (AP Calculus AB or BC)
- Natural Sciences (AP Biology, AP Chemistry or AP Physics)
- Language (Foreign languages, such as AP French, AP Spanish, AP Latin or AP German **OR** English, such as AP English Literature or AP English Language and Composition)
- 1 additional AP subject (e.g. AP European History, AP American History, AP Computer Science, etc.)



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* AP German is accepted for German-speaking students if they have never attended a German school or not attended a German school since 7th grade.

Advanced Placements (AP) – Field-specific b)

In order to be eligible to apply for field specific admission for degree programs in **Humanities, Social Sciences, Law or Economics/Business**, students must provide the following:

High School Diploma **AND**

4 Advanced-Placement exams with at least grade 3.0 in:

- English AP (AP English Literature or AP English Language and Composition)
- Foreign Language (e.g. AP French or AP Spanish or AP Latin or AP German)
- Math or Natural Sciences (AP Calculus AB or BC, or AP Biology or AP Chemistry or two half AP Physics C)
- 1 additional AP course (e.g. AP European History, AP American History, AP Computer Science, etc.)



Admission Requirements:

International Baccalaureate



IB Admission Requirements - Course Selection

Source: <http://anabin.kmk.org/> & www.daad.de

- a) Among the six subjects of the "International Baccalaureate Diploma / Diplôme du Baccalauréat International" (IB), the below must be taken according to the terminology of the IB. Additionally, up-to-date information and clarification for each requirement can be found on the [anabin kmk Bildungswesen page for the IB](#). Applicants should check for any changes in regulations.
- 2 languages at level A or B (of which at least one advanced foreign language is continued* as "Language A" or "Language B HL") ,
 - 1 Natural Sciences Subject (Biology, Chemistry, Physics),
 - Math: (Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches or Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation) – **check [anabin](#) for detailed information on Math requirements since 2019**
 - 1 Social Sciences subject (History, Geography, Economics, Psychology, Philosophy, Social Anthropology, Business and Management, Global Politics).
 - The 6th compulsory subject can also be one of the following subjects as designated by the terminology of the IB: Art/Design, Music, Theater Arts; Film, Literature and Performance, another modern foreign language, Latin, Classical Greek, General Chemistry, Applied Chemistry, Environmental Systems, Computer Science, Design Technology, World Religions, Physical Education, and Health Science.



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*The term „continued foreign language“ implies that the language has already been studied in lower secondary education (classes/grades 5-9/10).

IB Admission Requirements – Course Selection (continued)

- b) At least one of the three subjects to be included in the "International Baccalaureate Diploma / Diplôme du Baccalauréat International" at the "Higher Level" has to be either mathematics or a natural science subject, i.e. Biology, Chemistry or Physics.
- c) All subjects must be completed in the "IB Diploma Program" continuously, i.e. two successive years.
- d) The required six subjects must be completed with an IB grade of at least 4. If one subject is graded with an IB grade of 3, it can be made up for if a subject of the same level of difficulty is completed with an IB grade of at least 5
- e) a total of at least 24 points, of which at least 12 points need to be achieved on the Higher Level (HL)



Direct Admission – All Subject Areas

Direct Admission to German Higher Education Institutions⁶

For direct admission to a German university in ALL subject areas, the following requirements need to be met in addition to the above-mentioned requirements:

IB-Diploma with a **Math** course at the **Higher Level (HL)** AND **Natural Science** (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics) on **Standard Level (SL)**



Direct admission, all subject areas ✓



Direct Admission – Subject-Specific

Direct, Subject-Specific Admission to a German Higher Education Institution

In addition to the above-mentioned requirements, the following requirements need to be met for direct, subject-specific admission to a German university in all subject areas:

IB-Diploma with a **Math** course at the **Standard Level (SL)** AND **Natural Science** (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics) on **Higher Level (HL)**



Direct admission for subjects that do not belong to the mathematical-scientific-technical field⁷, including medicine, humanities, and law (if all other requirements are met)⁸ ✓

Language Requirements

- One of the following:
 - Deutsche Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz (DSD II)
 - Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung (ZOP)
 - Große Deutsches Sprachdiplom (GDS),
 - TestDaF-Niveaustufe 4 (TDN 4)
 - Goethe C2 certificate



What if you don't meet all requirements?

Studienkolleg

If you have earned a school leaving certificate which entitles you to go to university in your home country, which is, not recognized as a higher education entrance qualification (Hochschulzugangsberechtigung, HZB) in Germany, you must attend a Studienkolleg before you commence your studies in Germany.

Price: No tuition fees at public Studienkollegs

List of Studienkollegs with field specialization

<https://www.studienkollegs.de/Studienkollegs.html>

Studienbrücke prepares students from abroad wishing to embark directly on a course of study in Germany.

Studienbrücke partner universities offer successful program participants a courses in the STEM subjects and economics, making a certain number of places available for them each year.

Price: check local Goethe Institut

www.goethe.de/en/spr/eng/stb/stu.html

2 years at a US higher education institution:

- Community College: 2 years + Associate's Degree
- 2 years at 4-year college

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Studienkollegs in Deutschland

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Feststellungsprüfung

- Studienkolleg courses are offered for various subject areas. The Studienkolleg ends with the university qualification exam, called "Feststellungsprüfung". More at www.studienkollegs.de/home.html
- The “Feststellungsprüfung” assesses the qualification of international student applicants for entering studies at universities in the Federal Republic of Germany.
- In some Studienkollegs, you may take the "Feststellungsprüfung" without having attended the Studienkolleg ("externe Feststellungsprüfung")
- Please note:
 - Passing the exam provides you with a subject-restricted university entrance qualification ("fachgebundene HZB").
 - Both "Universitäten" (universities) and "Fachhochschulen" (universities of applied sciences) offer Studienkollegs. A university qualification exam by a "Fachhochschule" only qualifies you to study only at a "Fachhochschule." A university qualification exam by a "Universität" qualifies you to study at both types of universities.



What documents to submit?*

(Please check universities for additional requirements)

Required:

- Application form
- Official copy of Abitur or high school diploma (translation may not necessary)
- Official copy of transcripts (translation may not necessary)
- Language certificate (only for degree programs in German)

Maybe required:

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Work placements/ work experience

Required for Art/Music:

Portfolio

*Please check university website for details.



Studying/Living in Germany: What does it cost?



Tuition-free programs at public universities*



Semester fee: about €150-300/ semester – often includes public transportation pass



Average costs of living €700-1000/ month



Student discounts e.g.:

Health care
University cafeteria
Museums, theatre, sights

Das sind deine Kosten im Studium

- **Miete:** ca. 332 Euro
- **Ernährung:** ca. 154 Euro
- **Fahrtkosten:** ca. 116 Euro
- **Gesundheit:** ca. 96 Euro
- **Freizeit:** ca. 65 Euro
- **Kleidung:** ca. 48 Euro
- **Kommunikation:** ca. 32 Euro
- **Lernmittel:** ca. 24 Euro

monatliche Lebenshaltungskosten insgesamt: ca. 867 Euro

+ Semesterbeitrag (200-300 Euro /Semester)



Quelle: 21. Sozialerhebung des Deutschen Studentenwerks

UNICUM

www.unicum.de/



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*Baden-Württemberg charges 1,500 € for international students.

Find a student residence hall

Information, addresses and application details on a large selection of student residence halls in Germany



Modify search

Location *
Berlin

University *
Freie Universität Berlin

Are you... *
Regular student

33 Student residence halls Sort by Student residence hall

Internationales Studienzentrum Berlin	Theodor-Heuss-Platz 5 14052 Berlin	66 Places 270 up to 360 EUR / month	>
Wohnheim Allee der Kosmonauten	Allee der Kosmonauten 20 10315 Berlin	345 Places 165 up to 230 EUR / month	>
Wohnheim Aristotelessteig	Aristotelessteig 2/6/10 10318 Berlin	905 Places 165 up to 550 EUR / month	>

Shared housing: www.wg-gesucht.de, www.studenten-wg.de, www.wgfinden.de and www.wg-cast.de

Apartments: www.immobilienscout24.de, www.immowelt.de and www.immonet.de

Funding

Political Organizations

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

Friedrich Naumann Stiftung

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

Heinrich Böll Stiftung

Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung

Religious Organizations

Cusanuswerk

Evangelischen Studienwerk e.V. Villigst

Ernst-Ludwig-Ehrlich Studienwerk

Other

Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt

Otto Benecke Stiftung e.V.

Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes

Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft

Hans-Böckler-Stiftung

Deutschlandstipendium

BAföG

Bundesausbildungsförderungs-gesetz
(only for German citizens)

www.bafög.de/

Hanna, Max und Stefan: [Beispiele für](#)

[BAföG](#)



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Funding Opportunities for students studying in the US

Undergraduates & Graduates

Study & intern in Germany

Research in Germany

Funding Opportunities for students studying in Germany

Undergraduates & Graduates

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Research in Germany



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The screenshot shows the DAAD website's 'Study and research in Germany' page. At the top left is the DAAD logo with the text 'Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst' and 'German Academic Exchange Service'. The navigation bar includes 'Study & research in Germany' (underlined), 'Study, research & teach abroad', 'Info & Services for Higher Education Institutions', and 'The DAAD'. Below the navigation is a breadcrumb trail: 'Homepage > Study and research in Germany'. The main heading is 'Study and research in Germany'. On the left is a vertical menu with links: 'Find scholarships', 'Study programmes and language courses', 'Plan your studies', 'First steps in Germany', 'PhD Studies and Research in Germany', and 'Alumni'. On the right is a photo of four students walking on a staircase. Below the photo is a text box: 'Are you looking for a suitable Bachelor's or Master's programme? My GUIDE helps you to find a study programme among over 20,000 courses in Germany based on your academic background and interests. Check your entrance qualification and contact your favourite university.'

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Links

Studying in German, fields of study, scholarships: www.study-in.de;
www.daad.de

Which university, what field of studies? www.hochschulkompass.de

Stipends guide: www.funding-guide.de

International Programs (in English): www.daad.de/international-programmes

Summer courses at universities: www.daad.de/sommerkurse

CBYX (language, study, intern): <https://www.cbyx.info/>

University ranking: <https://ranking.zeit.de/che/en/>

Applying through Uni-assist: www.uni-assist.de

Student services: www.studentenwerk.de

DAAD US grants: www.daad.org



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