

# Willkommen in Deutschland!



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**DAAD**

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst  
German Academic Exchange Service

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# Agenda

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

- German national agency for international academic cooperation and exchange (229 partner universities)
  - 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
- ...offers an outstanding study and research infrastructure
- ...is home to more than 300,000 international university students
- ...Germany offers 1900+ International Programs
- ...German degrees internationally recognized



# US and German Universities – What to expect



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



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

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

# Types of Higher Education Institutions

~ 400  
universities

Universities & Technical Universities (BA, MA, PhD, <i>Staatsexamen, Habilitation</i> )	121
Fachhochschulen [Universities of Applied Sciences & Universities of Applied Economics] (BA, MA, few offer PhD)	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

[www.wegweiser-duales-studium.de/duale-studiengaenge](http://www.wegweiser-duales-studium.de/duale-studiengaenge)

- 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.



## Duale Studiengänge im Überblick

Was willst du dual studieren? Hier gibt es den großen Überblick über duale Studiengänge. Wir informieren dich über Inhalte, Voraussetzungen, Gehalt und Karriere der einzelnen Studiengänge. Dazu listen wir dir gleich die passenden Hochschulen, Unternehmen und freien Studienplätze. Finde jetzt dein duales Studium!



**BWL, Finanzen & Management**

35 duale Studiengänge, z.B.



**Ingenieurwesen & Technik**

24 duale Studiengänge, z.B.



**Informatik & IT**

8 duale Studiengänge, z.B.

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# What degree 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



# Study? Yes! What? ...

<https://studiengaenge.zeit.de/artikel/was-soll-ich-studieren.html>

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# WAS SOLL ICH STUDIEREN

Welchen Studiengang oder Hochschulort suchst du?

Suchen

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# How to find the right program

- Searchable database of all programs taught at German universities  
[www.higher-education-compass.de](http://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](http://www.daad.de/international-programmes)
- For Bachelor and Master programs  
Program rankings from Center for Higher Education Development  
[www.university-ranking.de](http://www.university-ranking.de) | <https://ranking.zeit.de/che/en/>
- General information about study and research in Germany  
[www.Study-in-Germany.de](http://www.Study-in-Germany.de)  
[www.Research-in-Germany.de](http://www.Research-in-Germany.de)

## Bildungsinländer vs. Bildungsausländer – domestic vs. foreign student:

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

## Where to apply? (check university website for details)

- Bildungsinländer: University
- Bildungsausländer: [www.uni-assist.de](http://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](http://www.hochschulstart.de) (for medical fields and certain fields of studies at some universities)

# Requirements for Bildungsinländer

Schule	
<b>DEUTSCHE INTERNATIONALE ABITURPRÜFUNG</b> GERMAN INTERNATIONAL ABITUR	
<b>ZEUGNIS DER ALLGEMEINEN HOCHSCHULREIFE</b> GENERAL HIGHER EDUCATION ENTRANCE QUALIFICATION for admission to any academic program of an institution of higher education	
Name _____	
geb. am _____ born _____	in _____
hat nach dem Besuch der gymnasialen Oberstufe die Deutsche Internationale Abiturprüfung abgelegt. has passed the German International Abitur after 12 years of schooling.	
<small>Dem Zeugnis liegt die Ordnung der Deutschen Internationalen Abiturprüfung an deutschen Auslandsschulen (Beschluss der Kultusministerkonferenz vom 17.06.2005) zugrunde. This certificate is based on the examination regulations for the "Deutsche Internationale Abiturprüfung" at German schools abroad (Decision by the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany dated June 17, 2005).</small>	

Abitur

- Course requirements
- Language requirements



Eligible for direct admission  
to any German higher  
education institution

Apply as Bildungsinländer



# Course Requirements for Bildungsausländer\*

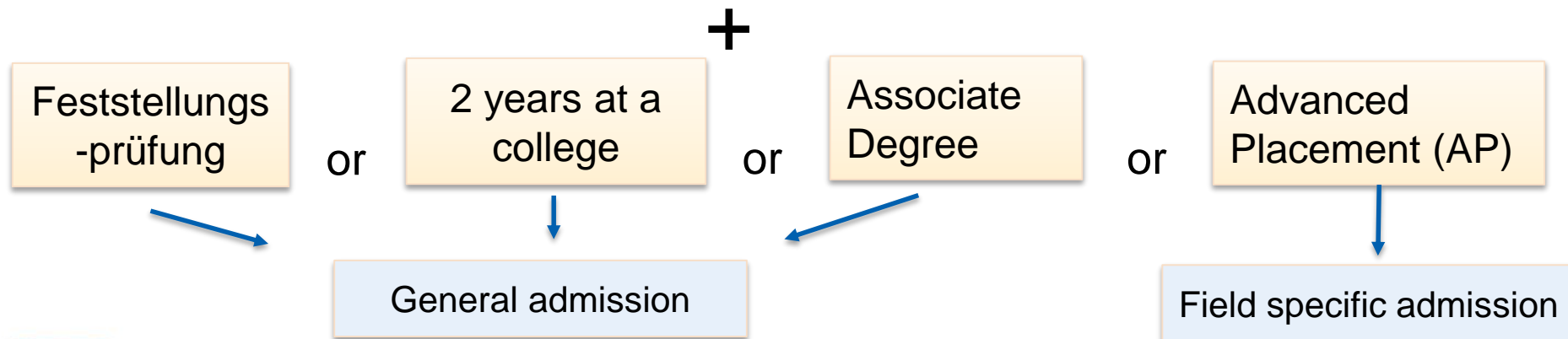
Source: <http://anabin.kmk.org/> & [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de)

## 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.



# Requirements for admission Bachelor

## Course Requirements\* via <http://anabin.kmk.org>

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Feststellungs-  
prüfung

or

2 years at a  
college

or

Associate  
Degree

or

Advanced  
Placement (AP)

General admission

Field specific admission

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Please check for each program & university

# 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](http://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.

# Advanced Placements (AP) – Option 1

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.)



# Advanced Placements (AP) – Option 2

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)
- One additional AP course (e.g. AP European History, AP American History, AP Computer Science, etc.)

# 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

\*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. Each degree program may have its own individual requirements, especially in the cases of art/music/film/architecture. Each degree program is responsible for selection of its own student body and prerequisites may vary by institution and degree program. Please verify requirements for each university and program.

# What if you don't meet all requirements?

<http://www.studienkollegs.de/>

## Studienkollegs in Germany

Home

Welcome

The application process

types of Studienkollegs

Costs

Studienkollegs

FAQ



Welcome to the homepage of the Studienkollegs at German colleges and universities!

The Studienkollegs function as a "bridge" to help you adjust from the academic culture in your home country to the academic culture in Germany. In order to do this they offer courses specifically tailored to international university applicants. The teachers at the Studienkollegs, your "bridge builders", are highly qualified and specialised experts, who will work together with you.

Cross over on the bridge built for you by the Studienkollegs! An exciting new world is waiting for you on the other side.

# What documents to submit?\*

(Please check universities for additional requirements)

## Required:

- Official copy of Abitur or high school diploma (translation often not necessary)
- Official copy of transcripts (translation often not necessary)
- Application form
- 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.**



# Graduate Studies

Generally, you can continue with a graduate degree in Germany, if you received your Bachelor's degree in the US and vice versa.  
Please check with the universities for any additional requirements.

## ■ Required documents\*:

- Bachelor's Degree in same or very similar field (certified copy)
- Letter of motivation (Master's and PhD)
- Letter(s) of recommendation (Master's and PhD)
- GMAT/ GRE test certificates (mostly in economic fields, or international degree programs)

\* 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:
  - Health care
  - University cafeteria
  - Museums, theatre, sights

## Least expensive cities:

1.	<b>Freiberg</b>	665,72 €
2.	<b>Zwickau</b>	667,25 €
3.	<b>Ilmenau</b>	669,88 €
4.	<b>Erfurt</b>	673,38 €
5.	<b>Weimar</b>	679,48 €

## Most expensive cities:

1.	<b>Sigmaringen</b>	1291,17 €
2.	<b>Ludwigsburg</b>	1260,51 €
3.	<b>Friedrichshafen</b>	1191,53 €
4.	<b>Alfter</b>	1157,58 €
5.	<b>Neu-Ulm</b>	1149,03 €

# Accommodation

## Find a student residence hall

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

[www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de)



Modify search

Location \*

Berlin

University \*

Freie Universität Berlin

Are you... \*

Regular student

33 Student residence halls

Sort by Student residence hall

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

- **Shared housing:** [www.wg-gesucht.de](http://www.wg-gesucht.de), [www.studenten-wg.de](http://www.studenten-wg.de), [www.wgfinden.de](http://www.wgfinden.de) and [www.wg-cast.de](http://www.wg-cast.de)
- **Apartments:** [www.immobilienscout24.de](http://www.immobilienscout24.de), [www.immowelt.de](http://www.immowelt.de) and [www.immonet.de](http://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



[www.bafög.de/](http://www.bafög.de/)

## Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz

- Eligible:
  - Germans
  - Foreigners with permanent resident status



# Finding Scholarships

Here you can find information on various kinds of DAAD funding for foreign students, graduates and postdocs as well as on funding offered by [other selected organisations](#).

[www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de)



## Funding Opportunities for students studying in the US:

### Undergraduates

#### Study

- University Summer Course Grant
- German Studies Grant

#### Intern

- RISE (Research Internships in Science & Engineering)
- (EMGIB – internship at the Bundestag)

### Graduates

#### Study

- Study Scholarship
- Research Grants
- University Summer Course Grant
- German Studies Grant

#### Intern

- RISE professional
- EMGIB – internship at the Bundestag

# Links

- Studying in German, fields of study, scholarships: [www.study-in.de](http://www.study-in.de); [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de)
- Which university, what field of studies? [www.hochschulkompass.de](http://www.hochschulkompass.de)
- Stipends guide: [www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de)
- International Programs (in English): [www.daad.de/international-programmes](http://www.daad.de/international-programmes)
- Summer courses at universities: [www.daad.de/sommerkurse](http://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](http://www.uni-assist.de)
- Student services: [www.studentenwerk.de](http://www.studentenwerk.de)
- DAAD US grants: [www.daad.org](http://www.daad.org)



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