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Supporting **ISD** Students & Parents With German Higher Education Applications

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German higher education in the news

- ✗ Marketplace (04.15)
- ✗ BBC (06.15)
- ✗ Montreal Blog (09.16)
- ✗ THE Cheapest Places to Study (09.16)
- ✗ A Guide to Getting a Bachelor's Abroad (11.16)
- ✗ Die Exzellenzstrategie (Path to Excellence - 2016)
- ✗ Germany Most Popular non-English speaking country
- ✗ The Local - Studying in Germany
- ✗ Studying in Germany - Statistics and News
- ✗ International Student Statistics

Let's talk about Germany

- ✗ Beautiful country in the heart of Europe
 - ✗ Clean, safe and stable
 - ✗ Excellent public transportation system
 - ✗ World-class institutions
 - ✗ [THE Germany](#) | [QS Germany](#) | [ARWU Germany](#)
 - ✗ Higher education is very affordable - What's not to like about ***FREE?**
 - ✗ German government subsidizes studies for international students
 - ✗ [Some institutions charge a semester fee](#) - 1500 Euro per semester
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Germany 101

- ✗ **400+ public institutions (DAAD)**
 - ✗ States regulate their own institutions
 - ✗ **LOW/NO TUITION FEES!** (Minimal semester contribution of 200-300 Euro)
 - ✗ **Kunstakademie** (57): Arts/Visual Arts/Music
 - ✗ **Fachhochschule** (207): Applied Science Institutions (Study/practice)
 - ✗ **Hochschule** (120): Research Institutions (Theoretical)
 - ✗ Check/verify admission procedures/requirements with each institution
- ✗ **113 private *accredited institutions (VPH & Study in Germany)**
- ✗ **20.501** programmes to choose from
 - ✗ **248 English Bachelor & 1368 English Master** programmes
- ✗ **Duales Studium (English text)**
 - ✗ Geared to native/near-native speakers
 - ✗ Combination of theoretical studies and practical work
- ✗ Bachelor programs normally **3** years
 - ✗ Applied Science (FH) universities **3-4** years
- ✗ Winter and summer semesters

Be mindful!

- ✗ **Specific entrance requirements (KMK/Anabin - Choose 'IB'!)**
 - ✗ Qualification equivalent to 'Abitur' (State accredited!)
 - ✗ **DP Math:** Studienfachspezifische Mindestanforderungen
- ✗ Most **Bachelor** programs are **taught in German**
 - ✗ *Official German language proficiency test required (CEFR C1 level)
- ✗ Limited number of **UG programs in English** (HSK)
 - ✗ **248 English**-language **Bachelor** programs - **68** with **NO TUITION**
- ✗ Non-EU Visa applicants must meet **minimum financial standards**
 - ✗ €10.332 yr/€861 m - Requires proof!
- ✗ Some programs require **internship** before admission
- ✗ Limited on-campus housing
 - ✗ International office can assist with housing (Studenten-WG)
- ✗ Public German institutions are a good fit for **highly independent students** who can advocate for themselves!

Researching (English/International) programs

- × DAAD (English)
 - × Hochschulkompass (Extended Search)
 - × Study in Germany (Extended Search)
 - × ISD Counselling Department
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Admission requirements - IB Diploma/Abitur

✗ Abitur equivalent

- ✗ Two languages: Language A (SL or HL) or Language B (German not required!)
 - ✗ One must be 'continuous foreign language'
 - ✗ If Language B is 'continuous foreign language' it must be HL
 - ✗ If Language A (SL or HL) is continuous foreign language, then Language B can be SL or HL
 - ✗ School Supported Self-Taught (SSST) Literature A SL recognized!
 - ✗ ****Math HL or *Science HL (Bio/Chem/Phys)**
 - ✗ *Science HL - Medicine
 - ✗ **Math HL - Science, Engineering & Technical subjects
 - ✗ Studienfachspezifische Mindestanforderungen
 - ✗ Design Technology | SEHS | ab initio languages as 6th subject only
 - ✗ Information Technology in a Global Society (ITGS) is **not** accepted
 - ✗ Minimum of '4' in each course
 - ✗ **ONE '3'** accepted when student achieves a '5' in another subject at the same or HL
 - ✗ All subjects studied **continuously** for **two consecutive years**
 - ✗ No DP course changes after Nov. 1 of Gr. 11
 - ✗ DP points converted to German Abitur score | AUSWAHLGRENZEN site!
- ✗ Different types of entry (uni-assist)

Access for ISD HSD + DP Courses candidates

- ✗ Fast Track Bachelor Programme - RWTH
- ✗ *STUDIENKOLLEG (Studienkollegs)
 - ✗ **1-year preparatory course** to study specific subjects
 - ✗ M-Kurs; T-Kurs; W-Kurs; G-Kurs
 - ✗ *For students who **do not have Abitur equivalent** IB Diploma
 - ✗ May require **B1/B2** German - check with each Studienkolleg
 - ✗ Includes German language preparation
 - ✗ Students who pass Studienkolleg do not need C1 test
 - ✗ Finishes with 'Feststellungsprüfung'
 - ✗ Direct access - except for subjects w/ restricted access (NC)
- ✗ Studieren ohne Abitur
 - ✗ Ausbildung (3 years) + Work experience in area of training (3 years)
 - ✗ Macromedia University of Applied Sciences
 - ✗ Mittlere Reife + Artistic portfolio!

(Some) Post-secondary options - Public

- ✗ TU Munich School of Management (Management & Tech)
- ✗ Reutlingen (IBA + *Dual degree with Rollins)
- ✗ Freiburg (Liberal Arts & Science)
- ✗ Magdeburg (Management & Economics)
- ✗ HWR Berlin (BSEL - IBM)
- ✗ Halle-Wittenberg (Business Economics)
- ✗ Rhine-Waal UAS (All subject areas)
- ✗ Bonn-Rhein-Sieg UAS (Business|Applied Bio|Forensic Science)
- ✗ HTW Berlin (IBA)
- ✗ Duisburg/Essex (Engineering - Dual German/English)

(Some) Post-secondary options - Private (€€)

- ✗ “Boutique” programs in English
- ✗ Range of tuition fees
- ✗ *Admission requirements vary (Accreditation?!)
 - ✗ Jacobs (Medical Preparatory Year)
 - ✗ KIT - Carl-Benz School of Engineering
 - ✗ WHU
 - ✗ Frankfurt School of Finance
 - ✗ EBS (Law | Business)
 - ✗ Cologne Business School (Prep4University)
 - ✗ Hochschule Fresenius
 - ✗ SRH (multiple campuses)
 - ✗ Touro College & Bard College (Berlin)
 - ✗ Kühne Logistics University (Hamburg)
 - ✗ Kassel School of Medicine + University of Southampton

Application process

- ✗ Applications in 3 minutes or less (video)
- ✗ How to apply - deadlines, processes
 - ✗ Numerus Clausus (NC) and non-NC subjects (Hochschulkompass)
 - ✗ UniAssist (foreign diploma holders)
 - ✗ Germans attending foreign/international schools may be required to take Test DaF or DSH
 - ✗ Always check with University Language Department!
 - ✗ Hochschulstart.de (German applicants w/Abitur)
 - ✗ Local/admission restricted
 - ✗ Medicine/Vet Met/Dentistry/Pharmacy
- ✗ When to apply - Timeline (UniAssist - July 15th!)
 - ✗ **Private** institutions have **individual** deadlines and **rolling** admissions!

Application process - NON-GERMAN

- ✗ Check institution websites for application procedure - International Office!
 - ✗ Usually requires application via uniassist.de
 - ✗ German test required for German-language programs (C1)
 - ✗ DP results need to be uploaded by **July 15**
 - ✗ Process must be started before, including recognition of DP via the relevant State education authority (Zeugnisanerkennungsstelle - Einschreiben zum Studium)
 - ✗ ****Enroll each term** when at institution to remain in classes
- ✗ Keep each certificate you receive from each class

Finances

- ✗ Tuition fees: public
 - ✗ BAföG (Deutsches Studentenwerk)
 - ✗ 583-853 Euro/month *support
 - ✗ *income-tested
 - ✗ Scholarships
 - ✗ Deutschland Stipendium
 - ✗ Stipendien Lotse
 - ✗ Financing/proof of finances (international)
 - ✗ (€10.332 yr/€861 m)
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Visas & residence permits (international)

- ✗ Study Applicant Visa
 - ✗ Only if coming to Germany to apply for university in person
 - ✗ Does not allow students to study in Germany - only valid for application process
- ✗ **Student Visa - Standard Visa for applicants already in Germany**
 - ✗ How to apply
- ✗ Detailed info: www.diplo.de/visa (English)

Other helpful links

- ✗ [DAAD CHE University Ranking](#)
 - ✗ [Das Richtige studieren](#)
 - ✗ [Was studiere ich?](#)
 - ✗ [Studienwahl](#)
 - ✗ [DAAD Brochures & Magazines \(Studying in Germany\)](#)
 - ✗ [Die Zeit - Studienführer](#)
 - ✗ 2020/2021 copies now available
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