Pathway programs to access German universities offer new alternatives to your portfolio. We will explain the necessary steps.....

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- Foreign students in Germany: 11%
- Foreign students in the UK: 13%
- Foreign students in the USA: 4%
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Percentage of foreign students at Germany universities / universities of applied sciences

Source: BAMF 2014
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Number of German / foreign students

Source: BAMF 2014

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Where are the students from

Source: BAMF 2014
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Gender spread

Source: BAMF 2014

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Favourite cities

Source: BAMF 2014

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Rate of success by subject area

Source: BAMF 2014

- Maths and science
- Engineering
- Total
- Law, business and social studies
- Art and arts science
- Food science, agriculture
- Veterinary medicine
- Medicine, health studies

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Duration of job search

Source: BAMF 2014
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Salary level

Source: statista.com

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Why Germany? - Reasons

• High Quality Academic Degrees in Germany
• NO TUITION FEES
• Many Innovative Bachelor & Master Programs
• Huge Job Opportunities after Graduation
• Low Living Expenses
• Permanent residency after Studies

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Cost for an internationally recognized degree

Source: Forbes survey 2013

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2 Ways into German University

12 years school education with certain results*, no university study in home country:

- German language course
- Exam: B1 / B2 (Zertifikat Deutsch)
- Entry test foundation year
- 12 months foundation course
- Exam: Studienkolleg exam + C1 (TestDaf)
- 6 to 8 semester Bachelor
- 3 or 4 semester Master

secondary education plus some time at university OR equivalent to German Abitur, eg. A-levels or IB:

- German language course
- Exam: C1 (TestDaf)
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Note: Chinese Students are required to have the APS certificate

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European Language Framework

Foundation Students require **B2**
Degree Students require **C1 (plus English)**

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Admission Procedure

University Foundation Program

Eligibility:

Having 12 Years Qualification

General secondary school exam

with certain grades

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Admission Procedure

University Foundation Program

Steps:

1. German Course, Exam B1/B2
2. Entrance Test Foundation year. Maths + German
3. Foundation year – various courses (M, T, W), Feststellungsprüfung
4. German C1 exam TestDaF
5. Start Bachelor
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Admission Procedure
Bachelor Program

Eligibility:
General secondary school exam plus some time at university in home country
OR school certificate equivalent to German Abitur
In China: plus APS

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Admission Procedure

Bachelor Program

Steps:

1. German course C1 – TestDaF
2. Start Bachelor

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Admission Procedure

Master Program

Eligibility:

General secondary school exam plus successfully completed Bachelor degree in home country from a recognized university.
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Admission Procedure

Master Program

Steps:

1. German course C1 – TestDaF
2. Have Bachelor transcripts evaluated
3. Re-do some of the missing Bachelor modules
4. Start your Master

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Admission Procedure

Phd

Eligibility:

No standard rules. Students need to find a mentor for their desired thesis. Very difficult. Research work expected. Only personal application possible.
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Types of Visa

- tourist visa
- language course visa
- student applicant visa
- student visa
- job search visa
- work visa
- permanent residency
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Language course visa

- duration of course = length of visa
- no big difficulties
- financial support must be there for time of course
- health insurance
- return ticket to leave Germany immediately after course
- NO option to change this into a different visa after arrival

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Student applicant visa

• duration = duration of language course (initially 1 year)
• proof of place at university (or sometimes eligibility)
• financial support must be there (e.g. blocked account)
• health insurance
• proof of language course and accommodation
• will change into a student visa after registration at university

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Documents required for Visa (student applicant visa)

* Conditional letter of acceptance from University
* Acceptance letter from language school
* 2 months confirmed accommodation
* Medical insurance for duration of language course
* Financial security

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE ARRIVAL IN GERMANY – for most embassies

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Steps

• check if you are eligible to study
• apply for conditional admission from desired university
• (register for language course)
• open blocked account or have a sponsor
• prepare and inform yourself !!!!!
• apply for visa

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Conditional admission from university

- Apply directly with the university of your choice – most of them have an application deadline for January 15th and July 15th of each year. German is necessary before application is accepted.

- Apply through UNI ASSIST – same deadlines. German needs to be completed.

- Apply through language school – usually possible all year round. German can be learnt afterwards.

NOTE: having a conditional admission of a university does not mean you have to go there. You are free to apply to any other university once you are in Germany and have reached a certain language level.

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Financial proof

• Usually **blocked account**: student opens a special bank account with Deutsche Bank in Germany and deposits EUR 8040 in it. Only the student can then withdraw money. EUR 670 per month once in Germany. If visa is refused, money is refunded. This needs to be “topped up” each time you extend your visa, unless you have other sources of income (e.g. job)

• Alternative: **Personal guarantee**. The person issuing the guarantee has to live in Europe with a permanent residence and must have enough income to support the student. This is checked very carefully.

• Alternative: **scholarship**

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Pros and Cons

- NO TUITION FEES
- quality of education
- job opportunities
- low living expenses
- permanent residency

- hard visa interview
- no work allowed during language course
- new language needed
- blocked account

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Your Questions