Pathway programs offer new alternatives to access German universities. 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

![Graph showing the percentage of foreign students in Germany from 1998/99 to 2013/14.](image)
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Number of German / foreign students

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<th>Institution</th>
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<td>University</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>University of Applied Sciences</td>
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<td>University of Arts</td>
<td>41%</td>
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Where are the students from

- Brazil
- China
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Japan
- Cameroon
- Columbia
- Korea
- Morocco
- Mexico
- Pakistan
- Russia
- Switzerland
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- USA
- Vietnam
- Belarus

(origin of students)
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Gender spread

[Bar chart showing gender spread across different regions: India, Middle East, Africa, Turkey, Latin America, China, Europe, Ukraine, Russia. The chart compares the number of men and women.]
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Favourite cities

favorite cities

- Berlin
- Munich
- Hamburg
- Frankfurt
- Stuttgart
- Cologne
- Dusseldorf
- Hannover
- Bremen
- Karlsruhe
- Bonn
- Aachen
- Nuremberg
- Essen
- Dresden
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Rate of success by subject area

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

Legend:
- Medicine, health studies
- Veterinary medicine
- Food science, agriculture
- Arts and arts science
- Law, business and social studies
- Total
- Engineering
- Maths and science
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Duration of job search
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Salary level
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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European Language Framework

Foundation Students require B1

Degree Students require C1 (plus English)
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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 (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

12 years of school education with certain results* plus two to four semesters* or Bachelor degree from home country

- German language course
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*Please note that the requirements and the duration of programs can vary depending on the institution. It is advisable to check with the specific university for the most accurate information.
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Admission Procedure

University Foundation Program

Eligibility:

Having 12 Years Qualification

General secondary school exam

with minimum of 50% Marks
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Admission Procedure

Bachelor Program

Eligibility:

General secondary school exam plus 2 years of university

Or school certificate equivalent to German Abitur
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Admission Procedure

Master Program

Eligibility:

General secondary school exam plus successfully completed Bachelor degree in home country.
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Admission Procedure

Phd

Eligibility:

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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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Tourist visa

• usually 90 days max
• no big difficulties
• financial support must be there
• health insurance
• return ticket
• NO option to change this into a different visa after arrival
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Language course visa

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

- duration of language course initially
- proof of place at university or sometimes eligibility
- financial support must be there (blocked account)
- health insurance
- proof of language course and accommodation
- CAN be changed into a student visa after registration at university (in the time between two visas you get a “fictional visa”)

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Student visa

- duration of university course initially
- proof of place at university
- financial support must be there (blocked account/job)
- health insurance
- CAN be changed into a job search visa after completion of university
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Work search visa

- 18 month initially
- proof of successful completion of university
- financial support must be there (blocked account/job)
- health insurance
- CAN be changed into a work visa upon starting work
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Work visa

- duration depends on time in Germany
- proof of secured full time work
- CAN be changed into a permanent residency or German citizenship if wanted (5/10 years after entering Germany)
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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 15\textsuperscript{th} and July 15\textsuperscript{th} of each year. German is necessary before application is accepted.

• Apply through UNI ASSIST – same deadlines. German can be done afterwards.

• 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.

• 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