

Study in Germany

Education in Germany

There are over 1,000 courses German Universities offers to international students. The various courses available in German Universities nurture and develop the best in the students, train them to open their minds to new possibilities, opportunities, skills in logic, develop creativity and self-reliance.

The university offers its students various options to study in Germany as full-time, part-time, evening Programmes, distance, and eLearning.

Various Types of Universities in Germany:

- **Classical Universities-** Germany's classical universities offer a range of programs in medicine, law, humanities, and natural sciences
- **Universities of Applied Sciences** – Almost 160 Universities are founded in the last 30 years practical based universities
- **Private Universities-** There are more than 80 private and state-accredited universities in Germany several businesses and foundations headed by rich people.
- **“Technische Universität” /“Technische Hochschule”** – University for art, film and music colleges.

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More than 40 universities in Germany are ranked the world's best in the QS World University Rankings 2016-17. Six of the top 100 universities in the world are in Germany, 18 universities are included in the top 250, and 32 universities are counted among the world's top 500.

The capital city of Berlin is known as the education hub of Germany.

The Top 10 Universities in Germany are:

- Technische Universität München
- Ludwig-Maximilians – Universität München

- Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg
 - KIT, Karlsruher Institut für Technologie
 - Humboldt-Universität Zu Berlin
 - Freie Universität Berlin
 - Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen
 - Universität Freiburg
 - Technische Universität Berlin
- Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

Eligibility Criteria

There are no proper rules and requirements set up by the German universities for the students. Every university has its own admission and eligibility criteria for students want to enroll in their university. Therefore students are advised to check the university website and their admission requirements before applying for a specific study program.

If the student is planning to take a course in German medium, then he/she needs to appear in a recognized German Language Proficiency Test like **TestDaF** [Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache (Test of German as a Foreign Language)] **or DSH** (Deutschen Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang) and submit a proof of German language proficiency.

The general criteria for applications in German universities are mentioned below:

English Language Proficiency:

All International applicants are required to take recognized the English language proficiency tests (IELTS/ TOEFL) to get admission in the college. Minimum IELTS band score of 6.5 with no less than 6.0 in each section is required and the TOEFL score between 79 and 101.

Academic Requirements:

Undergraduate study in Germany

- High-school certificate or 13 years of Education
- Minimum 65 % or above score in class 12th
- Mathematics in class 12th is prerequisite for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) degrees
- SAT is necessary for some universities

Duration of Bachelor programs in Germany: An Undergraduate program has 6 semesters which generally completes in 4 years, including a 1-year program **called Foundation year/Freshman program/Studienkolleg.**

Postgraduate study in Germany

- Recognized undergraduate certificate or 16 years of education is required. Some masters programs accept students with a 3-year undergraduate degree
- Strong academic background (minimum percentage required is 65%)
- Minimum 2-years of relevant work experience after graduation is required for MBA programs and several other Masters programs
- **Minimum required GRE/GMAT test scores (optional)** – GRE is recommended for students who are planning to study MS programs in Germany taught in English and GMAT if you want to study economics, law, MBA and other management programs

Duration of Masters in Germany: A master's program has 2 to 4 semesters which generally completes within 2 years of enrolling (generally has a duration of 18 to 24 months).

Ph.D. study in Germany

- A student must have 18 years of education
- A strong research proposal
- Acceptance letter from a professor in Germany who is willing to guide you for your research work
- **Strong academic background**– at least 70% in both Bachelors & Masters if applying to prestigious German universities/institutions
- No GRE or GMAT score is required
- Work experience (if required)

Duration of Ph.D. programs in Germany: Depending on the topic of your research project, it usually takes 3 years to 5 years to complete your Ph.D. program in Germany.

Document Check list

Following is the list of documents required for applying to various German universities:

Bachelors in Germany:

- Notarized copies of class 10th & 12th mark sheet, and certificate
- IELTS or TOEFL score (whichever is applicable, must be notarized)
- Passport copy (notarized)
- Proof of pre-university entrance exam ('if any', must be notarized)
- One letter of recommendation from the school
- Statement of Purpose

Masters in Germany:

- Notarized copies of class 10th, 12th & under-graduate degree mark sheets (all semester) including backlogs/re-sits (if applicable)
- Official transcripts
- Application Form and application fee
- Application Essays/ Statement of Purpose
- IELTS or TOEFL score (whichever is applicable, must be notarized)
- GRE or GMAT score as per the university requirement (notarized)
- Two letters of recommendation from university or college (compulsory)
- Work experience certificate (if any)
- Letters of Recommendations
- Passport copy (notarized)
- Extracurricular activities certificates

Ph.D. in Germany:

- Notarized copies of class 10th, 12th, undergraduate and postgraduate degree mark sheets (all semester) including backlogs/re-sits (if applicable) Official transcripts of both Bachelors & Masters
- IELTS or TOEFL score (whichever is applicable, must be notarized)
- GRE or GMAT score as per the university requirement (notarized)
- Two-letter of recommendation from the university/college (mandatory)
- Work experience certificate (if any)
- Strong Research proposal
- Application essays/statement of purpose
- Master thesis
- Passport copy (notarized)
- Extracurricular activities certificates

Students should appear for the important standard test and collate all their important documents in support of their application to study in Germany which includes their student visa, certificates, thesis, etc.