Pursue an Undergraduate Degree in Germany
Webinar – February 11th, 2019
Agenda

- Why Germany?
- General Information
- Types of Higher Education Institution
- Living Expenses | Accommodation | Funding

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

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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 Bildungsinnländer)*
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

* For most public universities; since 2017 €1500 tuition fees for international students in Baden-Wuerttemberg; individuals with EU passport are exempt.

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# Types of Higher Education Institutions

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<td>Fachhochschulen [Universities of Applied Sciences &amp; Universities of Applied Economics] (BA, MA, few offer PhD)</td>
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<td>Music, Art- and Film Higher Education Institutions (BA, MA, PhD)</td>
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Duales Studium - Cooperative work-study degree program
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.
What degree can you earn in Germany?

- **Bachelor’s** (B.A., B.Sc., Bachelor of Engineering, etc.) – 3-4 years
- **Master’s** (M.A., M.Sc., Master of Engineering, etc.) – 1-2 years
- **State examination** (for medicine, law, teaching or pharmacy)
- **Doctorate (PhD)**
  - Independent PhD – time to PhD varies
  - Graduate School – 3 years
How to find the right program

- Searchable database of all programs taught at German universities
  www.higher-education-compass.de

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  http://www.wegweiser-duales-studium.de/duale-studiengaenge/

- International Graduate Schools
  www.daad.de/international-programmes

- For Bachelor and Master programs
  Program rankings from Center for Higher Education Development
  www.university-ranking.de

- General information about study and research in Germany
  www.study-in.de
  www.research-in-germany.de
Application

Winter: 1 business day in Juni – mid July
Summer: 1 business day in December – mid January

Bildungseinländer vs. Bildungsausländer – domestic vs. foreign student:

• “Bildungseinländer“ with German Abitur
• “Bildungsausländer“ with non-German degree

Where to apply? (check university website for details)

• Bildungseinländer: University
• Bildungsausländer: www.uni-assist.de (application fee 75€ for evaluation plus 1 university application; every additional application 30€) – send application at least 8 weeks prior to deadline!
• www.hochschulstart.de (for medical fields and certain fields of studies at some universities)
What documents to submit?

(Please check universities for additional requirements)

Required:

• Official copy of 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
Are you interested in pursuing a degree in Germany? Most universities have their international candidates apply via uni-assist e.V., the University Application Service for International Students. Join our free webinar on February 13th, 9:30 PST for in-depth, first-hand information from uni-assist e.V. representatives.

http://bit.ly/2Tw4C1v

Find the recording after Feb 13th the recording at: www.daad.org/en/about-us/who-we-are/webinars/
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:

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<td>Neu-Ulm</td>
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*Baden-Württemberg charges 1,500 € for international students.
Accommodation


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

BAfög

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Bundesausbildungsförderungs-gesetz

• Eligible:
  • Germans
  • Foreigners with permanent resident status

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