Checklist for people from non-EU countries interested in studying

How do I prepare to enter Germany?

1. Check conditions

- To be admitted to study, you need a recognised university entrance qualification (“Hochschulzugangsberechtigung”) or a recognition of your academic degree.

- Get more information on universities & degree courses on www.study-in-germany.de/en/

- Keep in mind the application deadlines of the different universities and the prescribed numerus clausus.

2. Visa

- As a citizen of Australia, Israel, Japan, Canada, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand or the USA you can enter Germany without a visa.

- The same applies to students from the countries: Andorra, Brazil, El Salvador, Honduras, Monaco & San Marino.

- All other non-EU/EEA nationals require an entry visa:

- Make a timely appointment at the German embassy.

- Bring the required documents for the visa application. Clearify beforehand the financing of your stay in Germany and bring the proof of financial means to the appointment.

3. Entry / Arrival

- Your entry is sorted out? Book your journey to Germany.

- From the first day of your arrival, you need a valid health care insurance. Take out a travel health insurance in your home country.

- Take some cash with you to get your first shoppings done.
Accommodations for students

✓ In advance to your arrival in Germany, you have to register for a room in a student residence at the respective student social services (Studierendenwerk) of your university.

✓ Look for furnished apartments for subleasing.

✓ You didn’t find a permanent residence? Try to find German shared flats in online portals.

✓ Let your local Welcome Center help you find an accommodation.

✓ Make it in Germany also provides tips on looking for housing.

4. Registration of residence / Application of residence permit

✓ A „reporting obligation“ („Meldepflicht“) exists in Germany. You have to register within 2 weeks with the registration office.

✓ Make a timely appointment at the registration office and prepare the required documents: registration form, valid passport, lease or a confirmation from your landlord („Wohnungsgeberebscheinigung“).

✓ Make an appointment at the local foreign nationals’ registration office. For the appointment you need:
  ➢ filled and signed form
  ➢ valid passport and visa
  ➢ registration certificate
  ➢ proof of financial means
  ➢ valid health care insurance
  ➢ fees up to 260 euros
  ➢ enrollment certificate

5. Get settled

✓ International student groups organise many events for students from abroad.

✓ Make new friends in sports clubs or at public events.

✓ More opportunities on how to meet new friends in Germany are available on Make it in Germany.
Attachment: important documents at a glance

You probably need the following documents down below. We recommend to bring certified copies or original documents (incl. certified translations) with you.

- **Valid Passport / ID**
- **Visa**
- **Credit or debit card**
- **If necessary birth certificate (required for the registration with the registration office)**
- **University entrance qualification („Hochschulzugangsberechtigung“) or your academic degree in original form (necessary for enrollment)**
- **School-leaving-qualification**
- **Proof of German language skills or a planned participation in a language course**
- **Proof of funding your stay in Germany (for example: salary statements, it’s necessary to grant a visa and for the residence permit)**
- **Proof of health insurance**