Checklist for nationals from the EU, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland 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

✓ Citizens from the EU, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland need for the entry to Germany just a valid passport or identity card.

3. Entry / Arrival

✓ From the first day of your arrival, you need a valid health care insurance. Find out if your health care insurance covers all German health care benefits.

Accommodation in the beginning

✓ 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.
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 Living in Germany.

4. Registration of residence

✓ A „reporting obligation“ („Meldepflicht“) exists in Germany. You have to register within 2 weeks with the registration office or the “Bürgeramt”.
✓ Make a timely appointment at the registration office.
✓ Prepare the required documents for the appointment at the registration office:
  ➢ filled and signed form
  ➢ valid passport or identity card
  ➢ lease or a confirmation from your landlord („Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung“)

Looking for housing

✓ 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.
✓ Our webpage provides tips on looking for housing.

✓ Look for furnished apartments for subleasing.
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
- Credit or debit card
- If necessary: Birth certificate (required for the registration with the registration office)
- University entrance qualification ("Hochschulzugangsberechtigung")
- Academic degree in original form (necessary for enrollment)
- Training contract
- If necessary: Proof of German language skills
- School-leaving-qualification
- Proof of health insurance