Five reasons

1. High-quality teaching and research

Numbering around 400, German universities offer excellent opportunities for learning and research. The British magazine *Times Higher Education* ranks 23 German universities among the world’s 200 best.

2. International: Attractive international courses

German universities also offer a large number of Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees and doctorates aimed at international students. Depending on the university and availability, the students can take these courses in English or French, for example.

In 2018 about 374,538 international students were enrolled at a German university. This corresponds to a share of 13.2 percent among all students in Germany. Most of them come from China followed by India and Austria.

Interested? Then take a look at the German Academic Exchange Service database. There, you will find further information about the courses, sorted by field of study, degree/level, language, location and duration.

For 2018, 797 international courses are listed in the fields of life science and information technology alone. There are 523 engineering courses and 162 in the field of medicine.

3. Low fees

Unlike many other countries, no tuition fees are charged for undergraduate degrees at public universities in Germany.

The university year is usually divided into two semesters. Since the winter semester 2014/2015, students nationwide are exempt from paying the tuition fees. Only in Baden-Württemberg students who are not from EU countries have to pay tuition fees. Otherwise, merely a semester fee must be paid, an amount results between 100 and 300 euros. In other words, German universities offer sound academic training for relatively low costs.

To live on, students in Germany need around 900-1,000 euros per month on average. You can earn something towards this by getting a student job. You will find more information about this on the Make it in Germany website under “5 steps”. You may have the possibility of receiving money in the shape of a scholarship. You will find information about scholarships on the Make it in Germany website under “5 steps”.

4. Career: Good career prospects

You are advised to build contacts with suitable companies – for example by means of an internship – during your course of study. With your German degree, you can score points with internationally operating companies, since by moving to Germany you have proven that you are flexible and keen to learn, and that you are at ease in an international environment.

Studying in Germany can also pay off financially. Just remember that salaries differ from sector to sector and the amount depends on different factors such as the need on the labour market for certain
qualifications or professional experience. On average, university graduates earned a gross salary of 43,000 euros in 2018. Students of mathematical and technical subjects, including information technology, have better salary prospects compared with the average for graduates.

Remember that as a rule, company employees have to pay social contributions and are protected by unemployment, health, nursing care, pension and accident insurance. In this case, the contributions are deducted directly from your salary. You can find out more about social security in Germany [here](https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/study-training/study/reasons/).

You can find current job offers in the [job listings](https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/study-training/study/reasons/) on the Make it in Germany website.

### 5. Quality of life: High quality of life

The country also has an excellent [infrastructure at the centre of Europe](https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/study-training/study/reasons/) as well as numerous opportunities for recreational activities.

Also, at university you can do much more than just study: you can join a university sports club or theatre group, or engage in social or political activities. You can also go to university parties, music festivals, to the cinema or to night clubs with other students. You will soon make friends and through them get to know the country where you are studying even better. You will find some tips about this on the Make it in Germany website under "5 steps".

### Information on the internet

- **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)**
- **Database of international programmes at universities in Germany** (English)
- Information about university projects abroad (German)
- **Searches for scholarships in Germany** (German, English)
- **Information about German universities** (German, English)
- **Searching for university courses in Germany** (German, English)

- **TU9: Germany’s leading institutes of technology**
- **Information on PhD studies in engineering, sciences as well as in informatics** (German, English)

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