



# GERMANY



## OVERVIEW OF OPTIONS



More than 400 state-accredited universities can be found in many different locations throughout Germany.

Together, these universities offer almost 20,000-degree courses

A selection of courses and international courses are available through English.

The majority of offers are in languages and business.

There are no English taught courses in eg: medicine, dentistry, or pharmacy. These courses require the completion of the staatsexamen- (for German speakers only)

Many English taught subjects are found in the master's section.

There are roughly 259 courses taught through English at undergrad level.

To find English taught courses use:

- [www.hochschulkompass.de/hochschulen.html](http://www.hochschulkompass.de/hochschulen.html)

The following website gives a good overview of those considering studying in Germany.

- [www.make-it-in-germany.com/de/studium-ausbildung/studium/gruende/](http://www.make-it-in-germany.com/de/studium-ausbildung/studium/gruende/)
- [www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=OWyhOfniFpk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=OWyhOfniFpk)

## INSTITUTION TYPE



There are a number of types of higher education institution in Germany:

- Universities
- Universities of applied sciences (where most English courses are taught- business section)
- Colleges of art, film and music
- Dual studies (this option is for German speakers- it is highly competitive. Selections are made by the companies, 1 year in advance. High school German may be accepted.)

See the following websites for further information:

- [www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/types-of-universities\\_26607.php](http://www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/types-of-universities_26607.php)
- [www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/the-right-university/](http://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/the-right-university/)

The main list of all German Higher Education Institutions can be found here:

- [www.hochschulkompass.de/hochschulen.html](http://www.hochschulkompass.de/hochschulen.html)

## PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE



### Database of all courses:

For specific course, eg: courses taught through English-

1. Go to: [www.hochschulkompass.de/en/study-in-germany.html](http://www.hochschulkompass.de/en/study-in-germany.html)
2. Select 'degree programmes'
3. Chose the 'Extended search' option
4. Select 'study type', 'undergraduate'
5. Select 'main instructional language'- 'English'
6. Select 'type of control', 'state'- (if you wish to filter out private options)

The following website is useful to distinguish private v non private institutions: [www.studienwahl.de/](http://www.studienwahl.de/)

The following websites may also be of interest:

- [www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/find-programme-and-university/](http://www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/find-programme-and-university/)
- [www2.daad.de/deutschland/studienangebote/international-programmes/en/result/?q=&lang%5B%5D=2&fos=](http://www2.daad.de/deutschland/studienangebote/international-programmes/en/result/?q=&lang%5B%5D=2&fos=)

Regarding: Training opportunities (requires German B1 level):

- [www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/study-training/training/find-a-vocational-training/](http://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/study-training/training/find-a-vocational-training/)
- [www.con.arbeitsagentur.de/prod/berufetv/start](http://www.con.arbeitsagentur.de/prod/berufetv/start)
- [www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/study-training/training/find-a-vocational-training/](http://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/study-training/training/find-a-vocational-training/) (information with a more official tone)
- [www.planet-beruf.de/schuelerinnen/mein-fahrplan/berufswahlfahrplan/](http://www.planet-beruf.de/schuelerinnen/mein-fahrplan/berufswahlfahrplan/) (a website geared towards young people)
- [www.hochschulkompass.de/studium/rund-ums-studieren/studienformen/duales-studium.html](http://www.hochschulkompass.de/studium/rund-ums-studieren/studienformen/duales-studium.html)

Regarding: International programmes and short courses:

- [www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/international-programmes-and-short-courses\\_71782.php](http://www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/international-programmes-and-short-courses_71782.php)

Further information: [www.daad.de/en/](http://www.daad.de/en/)

## FEE INFORMATION



The majority of universities in Germany are financed by the state.

[www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/types-of-universities\\_26607.php](http://www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/types-of-universities_26607.php)

There are no tuition fees in German state universities. You will have to pay a semester contribution. It is set by the HEI and can range between €100-€450. The majority of this goes towards the 'semester ticket' which allows you to travel on public transport for free at your place of study.

There are also no fees for the dual system

Modest study fees may be charged for further master's studies.

In private institutions fees will be much higher.





## APPLICATION PROCESS

**Always start with the university!!** Find out from them directly which application route you should take- i.e.: an online application form, the trust for HEI, uni assist etc.

The requirements, deadlines and application routes vary from university to university and whether the course you wish to apply for has a restricted number of places (numerus clauses) or not.

There is no limit to the number of applications one can make.

Please see the following video for an overview of the process: [www.youtu.be/YQRfqxIU\\_Do](http://www.youtu.be/YQRfqxIU_Do)

### Numerus clausus

[www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/application\\_27435.php#collapse31\\_1001\\_0\\_0](http://www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/application_27435.php#collapse31_1001_0_0)

If a subject has a numerus clausus (NC), this means that there is only a limited number of places. Applicants have to have a specific overall average grade in order to be admitted to study this course. It is therefore not possible to say how high the NC for a course will be, because this is set every semester according to the supply and demand for places.

Three different institutions are responsible for applications (below). Where you send your application initially will depend on where you want to study.

### • The university itself

The process:

In the foreign students' office (Akademischen Auslandsamt) at your university you will learn how the application process works and which documents you need to submit. Forms and information material, which will vary according to the application procedure for the university, are available on the uni-assist application portal [www.uni-assist.de/applying.html](http://www.uni-assist.de/applying.html) or from the Stiftung für Hochschulzulassung (Foundation for Admission to Higher Education) [www.int.hochschulstart.de/](http://www.int.hochschulstart.de/).

You will normally need the following:

- A certified copy of the higher education entrance qualification (Hochschulreife)
- An overview of your subjects and grades (certified and including an official translation)
- Certified copies of your previous higher education certificates, if applicable
- A passport photograph
- A photocopy of your passport (name and photograph)
- Certified copies of language certificates

- **The Trust for Admission to HEI** Foundation for Admission to Higher Education (Stiftung für Hochschulzulassung) [www.int.hochschulstart.de/](http://www.int.hochschulstart.de/)

If you're applying to a course with a **central (national) Numerous Clause\***- you do so through the above.

*\*Medicine, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, dentistry etc. are very popular courses of study and therefore there are restrictions on admission at all universities in Germany. They have what is known as a numerus clauses (NC). This is a specified minimum grade required for your school leaving certificate.*

- **Uni Assist** University Application Service for International Students (Arbeits- und Servicestelle für Internationale Studienbewerbungen) [www.uni-assist.de/index\\_en.html](http://www.uni-assist.de/index_en.html)

*Note: They describe themselves as institution who help 'international' students (ie: non-EU students). So, although all Irish students can use them, it is not really necessary (and it costs money which can be saved). So, a university cannot require EU students to use uni assist for applications.*

If applying for a subject with a local NC\* only or no NC, check if the university is a member of uni-assist, (see list on website)

Uniassist is a centre that reviews international certificates. It establishes for the universities whether your certificate is sufficient to begin a course of study in Germany. Uni-assist is a non-profit association, which receives no government funding. As a result, there is a fee for reviewing your documents (€75 for the first, €15 per university after that)

*\*Some degree programmes only have admission restrictions at particular universities. They also have an NC, but this is determined by the university. Applicants sometimes have to pass tests or attend selection interviews. These criteria differ between higher education institutions and between study programmes. The Hochschulkompass (Higher Education Compass) [www.hochschulkompass.de/en/study-in-germany.html](http://www.hochschulkompass.de/en/study-in-germany.html) will indicate whether your chosen subject is restricted.*

### More Information:

- [www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/application\\_27435.php](http://www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/application_27435.php)
  - [uni-assist.de](http://uni-assist.de) | uni-assist
  - [daad.de](http://daad.de) | Important information for scholarship applicants
  - [hochschulkompass.de/en](http://hochschulkompass.de/en) | Application and admission
- [www.abi.de](http://www.abi.de)- is a useful website if you wish to make company applications (if you speak German) for internships, dual training, studying.
- [www.abi.de/bewerbung.htm](http://www.abi.de/bewerbung.htm)

## IMPORTANT DATES



These are the general deadlines for courses starting in the winter semester (usually October):

- Application deadline: usually from the end of May to the 15 July
- The letter of acceptance will be sent in August/September.
- Notification of rejection will be sent in September and October.

For courses starting in the summer semester (March/April):

- Application deadline: beginning of December to the 15 January
- The letter of acceptance will be sent in February/March.
- Notification of rejection will be sent in March/April.

Some universities have different (and earlier) deadlines than shown here. Find out about the exact deadline for the application and the start of the semester at your chosen university well in advance!

[www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/application\\_27435.php#collapse13\\_1001\\_0\\_0](http://www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/application_27435.php#collapse13_1001_0_0)

As our Leaving Certificate results only come out mid-August, this could pose a problem for Autumn enrolment. You will need to check at local level.

[www.anabin.kmk.org/no\\_cache/filter/schulabschluesse-mit-hochschulzugang.html#land\\_gewaehlt](http://www.anabin.kmk.org/no_cache/filter/schulabschluesse-mit-hochschulzugang.html#land_gewaehlt)

## GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



### General requirements:

EU country school certificates are usually recognised. This also applies if you received an “Abitur” from one of more than 140 German Schools abroad.

In the Irish “Leaving Certificate”

- 6 subjects (with general, non-vocational content).
- 2 H5 minimum
- 4 O6/ H6 minimum
- Two languages
- Mathematics (minimum grade O5 or H6)

Subject-specific requirements for individual areas of study

- Humanities, law and artistic courses- N/A
- Social and economic studies: Maths H5
- Technical, mathematical and scientific courses: Maths H5, H5 in a natural science.
- Medical courses: 2x H5 from mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics.
- 1 x subject with a H5 and 1 x subject with a H3.

See below for further details:

- [www.anabin.kmk.org/no\\_cache/filter/schulabschluesse-mit-hochschulzugang.html#land\\_gewaehlt](http://www.anabin.kmk.org/no_cache/filter/schulabschluesse-mit-hochschulzugang.html#land_gewaehlt)
- [www2.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/voraussetzungen/en/57293-database-on-admission-requirements/?id=3139&ebene=3](http://www2.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/voraussetzungen/en/57293-database-on-admission-requirements/?id=3139&ebene=3)
- [www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/requirements/](http://www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/requirements/)

Further information regarding potential requirements:

[www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/requirements/](http://www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/requirements/)

## OTHER USEFUL RESOURCES

- ZAV (part of the German Federal Employment Agency (BA) offer advice and guidance on studying or training in German:

e-mail [make-it-in-germany@arbeitsagentur.de](mailto:make-it-in-germany@arbeitsagentur.de)  
or call 000492287131313

- Make-it -in-Germany website has a chat function.  
[www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/study-training/study/reasons/](http://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/study-training/study/reasons/)  
[www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/about-the-portal/contact/email/](http://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/about-the-portal/contact/email/)

- DAAD are also contactable for information:  
[www.daad.de/en/the-daad/contact/contact-study-research-in-germany/](http://www.daad.de/en/the-daad/contact/contact-study-research-in-germany/)
- The European Commission ‘Study in Europe’ page for Germany  
[www.ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe/country-profiles/germany\\_en](http://www.ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe/country-profiles/germany_en)

