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GERMANY: Your next study destination

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Basic Facts

- Population: approx. 82.2 million, incl. 20% with migrant background
- 8.6 million foreigners
- Net immigration to Germany in 2015: 1.1 million
- Geographical location: Central Europe, 9 neighbouring countries,
- Varied landscape and scenery, coastlines on two seas
- Climate: temperate, between Mediterranean and continental



- Capital City: **Berlin**
- **16** Federal States
- **Big** Cities & **Small** Towns
- **Beautiful** Landscapes
- **Safe** Environment
- **Diverse** and **Fun** People



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Wide Variety of Study Opportunities ...

❖ 427 Institutions of Higher Education

- ❑ 107 Universities
 - ❑ 217 Universities of Applied Sciences
 - ❑ 52 Colleges of Art and Music
 - ❑ 29 Colleges of Public Administration
 - ❑ 16 Colleges of Theology
 - ❑ 6 Colleges of Education
- ❖ more than 18,800 Degree Programmes, incl.
- ❖ more than 1,900 International Degree Programmes
- ❖ more than 1,500 Dual Degree Programmes



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HRK Hochschulrektorenkonferenz
Die Stimme der Hochschulen

Hochschulen in Deutschland
Higher Education Institutions in Germany
Etablissement d'enseignement supérieur en Allemagne
Centros de enseñanza superior en Alemania



- **Universitäten**
Universities
Universidades
- **Technische Universitäten/Hochschulen**
Technical universities/Ecoles supérieures techniques
Universidades técnicas
- **Hochschulen für Medizin, Tiermedizin und Sport**
Higher Education Institutions specialised in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Sport
Ecoles supérieures de médecine, médecine vétérinaire et des sports
Escuelas superiores de medicina, veterinaria y deporte
- **Pädagogische Hochschulen**
Teacher Training Colleges
Ecoles supérieures de pédagogie
Escuelas superiores de pedagogía
- ▲ **Kunsthochschulen**
Colleges of Art
Ecoles supérieures des Beaux-Arts
Escuelas superiores de bellas artes
- ▼ **Musik-, Theater-, Filmhochschulen**
Colleges of Music, Theatre and Film
Ecoles supérieures de Musique, Théâtre et Cinéma
Escuelas superiores de música, teatro y cine
- **Kunst- und Musikhochschulen**
Colleges of Art and Music
Ecoles supérieures des Beaux-Arts et de Musique
Escuelas superiores de bellas artes y música
- **Kirchliche und Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschulen**
Theological Colleges
Ecoles supérieures confessionnelles de théologie
Escuelas superiores eclesíásticas y teológico-filosóficas
- **Sonstige Hochschulen**
Other Institutions of Higher Education
Autres établissements d'enseignement supérieur
Otras instituciones de enseñanza superior
- **Fachhochschulen**
Universities of Applied Sciences

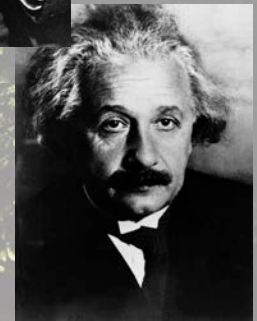
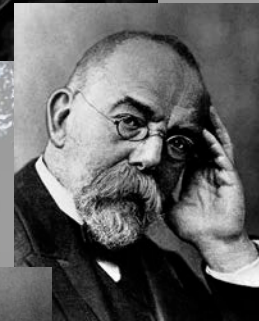
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The University Tradition

- Wilhelm von Humboldt's educational ideals: academic freedom, and unity of research and teaching
- Concept of *Bildung* (philosophy, cognition, self-development) vs. *Ausbildung* (knowledge, skills, practical appliances)
- 2.7 mio. students, 1.4 mio. apprentices
- A vast range of institutions and programmes of high academic quality
- 427 institutions of higher education, Erfurt (1379), Heidelberg (1385) and Cologne (1388) being Germany's oldest universities
- 380,200 academic or artistic staff members employed at higher education institutions or university clinics

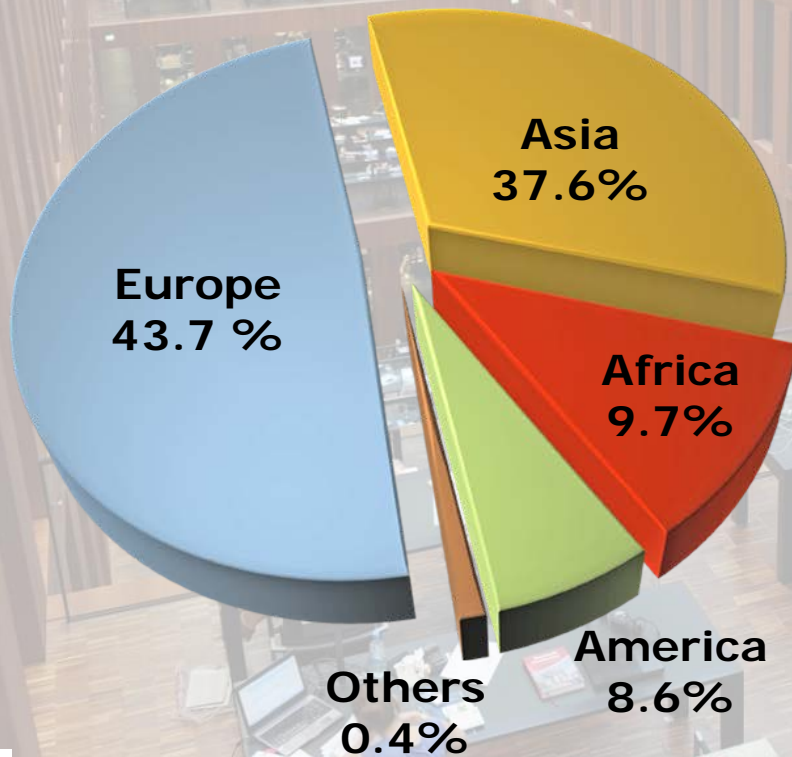
Germany: Land of Poets and Thinkers (Inventors)

- Nobel Prize winners:
Wilhelm Konrad Röntgen, Robert Koch, Max Planck, Albert Einstein, and more recently: Gerhard Ertl (chemistry 2007), Stefan Hell (chemistry 2014), Theodor W. Hänsch (physics 2005), Peter Grünberg (physics 2007), Thomas Südhof (medicine 2013)
- The land of Kant, Hegel, Adorno, Goethe, Schiller, Heine, Brecht, Mann, Wagner, Bach, Beethoven, Brahms
- Pioneering inventions and discoveries: x-ray, aspirin, television, the motorcar, airbags, computers, chip cards, ...

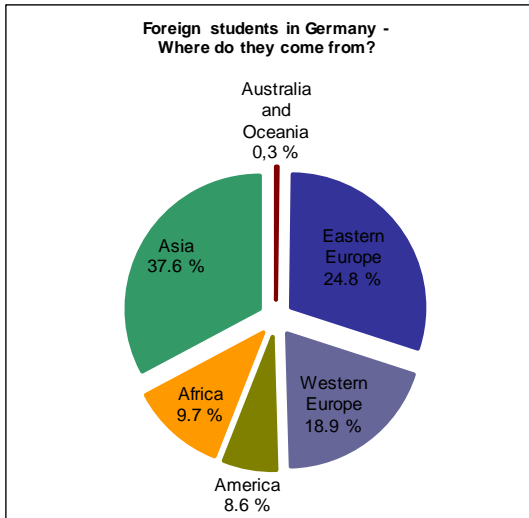


Foreign Nationals Studying in Germany

- Germany has appr. 2.8 million students in total, nearly 12% of them from abroad (more than 330,000).
- Most of these foreign students come from China, Eastern Europe or Western Europe.



International Students in Germany – Which countries do they come from?



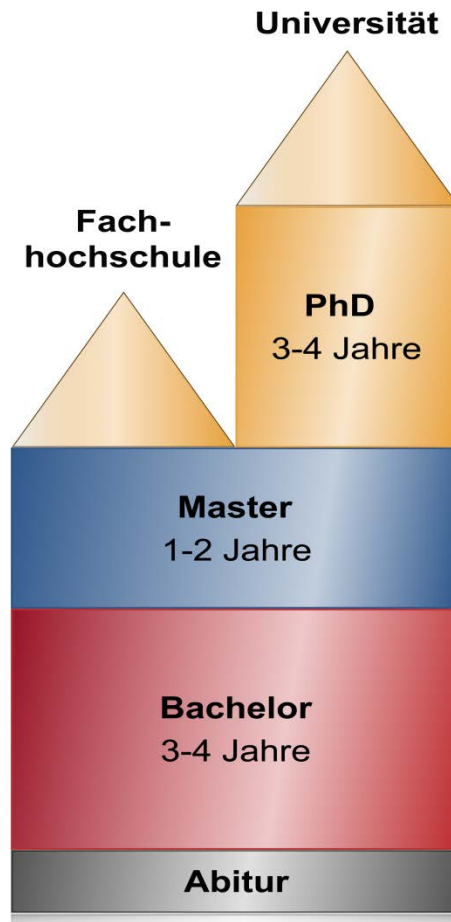
Foreign Students* 2015	
Land of Origin	Number
China	30,269
India	11,655
Russian Federation	11,534
Austria	9,875
France	7,305
Italy	7,169
Turkey	6,785
Bulgaria	6,739
Cameroon	6,672
Ukraine	6,645



*Foreign passport **and** foreign higher education entrance qualification

Source: Wissenschaft weltoffen, 2016

The current German Degree System at a glance



- ▶ Bachelor's Degree (3 and 4-year programmes)
- ▶ Master's Degree (1, 1,5 and 2-year programmes)
- ▶ If BA/BSc and MA/MSc are considered „consecutive“, max. duration of 5 years
- ▶ PhD Degree (3 to 5 years, structured programme or individual doctorate)
- ▶ State Exams for the medical and legal professions

Types of Higher Education Institutions

- Universities (including Technical Universities)
- Universities of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschulen – often simply named *Hochschulen*)
- Music, Art and Film Colleges or Academies
- Colleges of Public Administration
- Colleges of Theology
- Colleges of Education

of which are

- 126 Private Universities (100 Universities of Applied Sciences, 20 Universities, 3 Colleges of Art, 3 Colleges of Theology)

Universities

- Total number: 107
- Focus on transmitting methodological and theoretical knowledge
- Compulsory courses, but also many electives
- Research oriented, a research-based final thesis
- Appr. 25,000 finished PhDs every year (Germany ranks first in Europe)
- A broad range of subjects including medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, legal studies, philology, teacher training etc.)
- Degrees available: Bachelor's, Master's, PhD, State Examination (for state regulated professions), plus some "Diplom" and "Magister" degrees from Germany's previous degree system
- Sometimes very large institutions with up to 50,000 students

Universities of Applied Sciences

- Total number: 217
- Focus on practical application and strong links to the corporate world and industry
- Set course groups, stronger student-student and student-professor relationship
- Practice-based final thesis
- Subjects typically include engineering sciences, information technology, business management, social sciences, architecture, design, etc.
- Many highly specialized (Master degree) programs to fulfil demand by medium-sized companies in the area
- Often smaller regional universities, closely embedded in the industrial and social landscape of a province
- Nevertheless often very international with many degree programmes being taught in English and many partner institutions in Europe and beyond
- Degrees available: Bachelor's, Master's (plus some "Diplom" from Germany's previous degree system)

Music, Art and Film Colleges

- Total number: 52
- Focus on practical application
- Admission often based on portfolios and aptitude tests
- Artistic/creative subjects such as design, graphics, music, singing, directing and camera work
- Very international student population
- Degrees available: Bachelor's, Master's, State Exam, PhD, sometimes post-doc for professorships (plus some "Diplom" and "Magister" degrees from Germany's previous degree system)

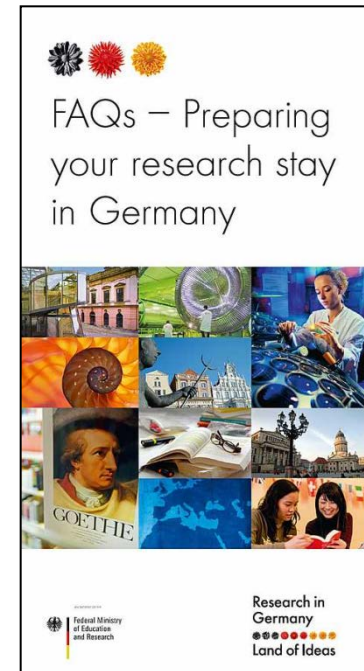
Private Universities

- Total number: 126
- Primarily universities of applied sciences
- Programmes mostly in business management, business administration, finance etc.
- Small classes
- Very modern infrastructure and state-of-the-art technology
- Close ties to industry
- A significant international dimension
- Degrees available: Bachelor's, Master's, occasionally PhD
- Sometimes high tuition fees
- Important: check for state accreditation!

International Programmes

- 1,900 International Programmes at all levels across Germany
- Bachelor's, Master's or structured PhD programmes
- Internationally recognised degrees
- Courses usually taught in **English**, often with German language classes offered as a parallel course
- No need to show proof of any German language skills
- Intensive support for international students
- A database of International Programmes is available here: www.daad.de/international-programmes

Doctoral Studies and Research



www.research-in-germany.org

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Scholarships

- The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): the world's largest organisation for promoting international exchanges for students and academics and the world's largest scholarship organisation
- The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH): scholarships for highly qualified scientists and researchers
- Political foundations
- Foundations with business ties
- Federal states
- Social organisations and churches
- Research institutions (Max Planck et al.)
- Student organisations

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Antrag auf ein Forschungs-/Studienstipendium
Application for Research Grants and Study Scholarships

Name
Name

Staatsangehörigkeit
Nationality

Antrag für ein
Application for a
Research grant for doctoral candidates and postgraduate students
Research grant for doctoral candidates and young academics and scientists
Research grant for doctoral candidates within the „Sandwich-Modell“
Study scholarship for a postgraduate course with relevance to developing countries
Study scholarship for graduates of all disciplines
Study scholarship for artists
Other programmes (please specify programme title)

Nur ein Programm annehmen
Tick one programme only

Bitte lesen Sie zunächst die Hinweise auf Seite 4, bevor Sie den unvollständigen Antrag einreichen
und Ihre weiteren Unterlagen beifügen.
Please read the information provided on page 4 carefully before completing the application
and adding further documents.

Funding Programmes by DAAD

- Study Scholarships (for Master studies) in the fields of architecture, music, performing arts, fine art, film, design and visual communication

Application deadline: 31 October

- Research Grants for Completion of a Doctoral Programme in Germany (1 – 3 years), Application deadline: 31 October

- Research Grants (Short-term up to 6 months, non renewable)

Application deadline: 15 November for stays beginning from April and 30 April for stays beginning from October

- Research Grants (Long-term 7 to 10 months, non renewable)

Application deadline: 31 October

- Research Stays for University Academics and Scientists

Application deadline: 30 November

- Re-Invitation Programme for Former Scholarship Holders

Application deadline: 30 November

- Project-related Bilateral Exchange Programme
Germany/Hong Kong Joint Research Scheme (with UGC)

- The Croucher Foundation Programme (for Natural Sciences, Medicine or Technology) ==> only Hong Kongers

Application deadline: 16 November

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Applying

There are different application procedures depending on the institution, the subject and the applicant's country of origin. Please contact the **International Office** first to find out how to apply for the programme of your choice:

- Apply directly to your institution of choice
- Uni-assist enables prospective students to apply to several institutions at the same time: www.uni-assist.de
- For subjects with limitations on admissions, apply at www.hochschulstart.de

Öffnungszeiten Zulassung

Admissions and Visas

Whether or not students need a visa depends on their country of origin and the length of their stay in Germany (no visa if duration of stay less than 3 months).

Please contact the **German Consulate General in Hong Kong** for visa issues: www.hongkong.diplo.de

What do you need for a student visa?

- Passport, valid for at least 6 months
- Admission letter from a German university or confirmation of language course registration
- Certificates of school and university exams
- Proof of adequate financial means (~ 660 € / month)
- Proof of health insurance coverage
- 2 completed visa application forms
- 3 passport photos which support biometric checks

Tuition Fees

- Currently, **NO general tuition fees** at state funded universities /colleges in all 16 federal states for Bachelor Degree Programmes and consecutive Master Degree Programmes
- Tuition Fees for other Master Degree Programmes vary, starting at € 650 per semester
- Private institutions charge higher tuition fees
- Semester dues / social fees of up to € 200 (to cover administration costs and contributions to student services such as student restaurants, cafeterias, subsidized public transportation / semester ticket, sports and cultural provision)
- Detailed information about fees available from the university or college in question

Working while Studying

- Many students supplement parental support, student loans or scholarships with a part-time job.
- Citizens of countries in the EU or the European Economic Area have the same rights as German students to access the job market.
- Non-EU citizens who do not have work permits may work for 120 full days or 240 half-days – more if they have jobs as student or graduate assistants. Whatever jobs they have need to be reported to the foreigners authority.

Jobs and Careers after Studying

- Blue Card Germany renders the job market in Germany particularly attractive to foreign graduates.
- Non-EU citizens may remain in Germany to look for work for up to 18 months after finishing their studies.
- They are permitted to work without restriction during that time.
- www.make-it-in-germany.com provides a broad range of information and tips.

The German Excellence Initiative

- **Initiated in 2005 to strengthen cutting edge research**
- **Competition to select outstanding projects in the areas of:**
 1. Graduate Schools (PhD Programmes in Specific Research Areas) (45)
 2. Clusters of Excellence (Interdisciplinary Research and Training, International Cooperation) (43)
 3. Institutional Strategies to promote top-level research (11)

A total of 4.6 billion Euros awarded (2 phases: 2005-12, 2012-17, will be continued)

- 11 universities have been awarded the title “University of Excellence”:
 - Technical University of Munich
 - Free University of Berlin
 - University of Cologne
 - University of Freiburg
 - University of Heidelberg
 - University of Tübingen
 - Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
 - Humboldt University of Berlin
 - University of Konstanz
 - University of Bremen
 - Technical University of Aachen (RWTH)



And what about the German Language?

- ❁ E-learning: www.dw-world.de/dw/0,,9572,00.html
www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/lj/
www.deutsch-uni.com/duo_webshop/en/index.jsp

- ❁ German Courses at the University

- ❁ Goethe Institut Hong Kong

Language Tests:

TESTDaF - Standardised German language test

TOEFL, IELTS for IDP courses in the English language



Germany Reasons to Study in Deutschland

- ✓ **Excellent academic quality** – high reputation worldwide, esp. in engineering and technology, natural sciences, medicine, social sciences, music, art and design
- ✓ **High degree of internationalization** at German universities
- ✓ German academic **degrees recognized and highly valued at a global level**
- ✓ **Unity of research and teaching**, interconnection of theory and practice
- ✓ **Excellent research opportunities** at universities and other research institutions
- ✓ **Great value for money**: No general tuition fees (state-funded university system)
- ✓ Various **funding opportunities** and **university jobs**
- ✓ Valuable **language and cultural skills** (“*English a Must, German a big Plus!*”)
- ✓ **International career prospects** in German and international companies

Did you know that Germany is ...

the largest economy in Europe, 4th largest globally, 3rd largest exporting nation?

the biggest European trading partner of Hong Kong and China?

~ 600 German enterprises in Hong Kong

Useful links

- Studying in Germany, degree programmes, scholarships:

www.study-in.de

- Institutions, degree programmes, contact details:

www.hochschulkompass.de

- Individual institutions' international offices:

www.daad.de/aaa

- Database of scholarships:

www.funding-guide.de

- International Programmes:

www.daad.de/international-programmes

- Summer courses (preparatory language courses and others):

www.daad.de/sommerkurse

- Social, financial and organisational matters:

www.international-students.de



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860,000 foreigners to
Germany since 1950.**

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