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Study in Germany

Your step-by-step route from choosing a programme to your first weeks in Germany

1. Choose your programme

Germany has hundreds of English-taught bachelor's and master's programmes. Most public universities charge no tuition fees; you pay only a semester fee of about €150–400, which often includes a public transport ticket. Baden-Württemberg charges non-EU students €1,500 per semester.

- Search English-taught degrees on DAAD International Programmes.
- Search all programmes in Germany on Hochschulkompass.
- Note each programme's deadline, language requirement and whether it uses uni-assist or direct application.
- Shortlist 3–5 programmes that fit your degree, grades and budget.

> **TIP**
> Deadlines differ by university. For the winter semester (October) they often fall between January and July; for the summer semester (April) between July and January. Apply early: the visa takes time.

2. Check your degree and language

Before you apply, check whether your previous degree is recognised in Germany.

- Anabin: your university should be listed as H+. Your degree type should be listed as comparable.
- If it is not listed, apply for a Statement of Comparability from the ZAB.
- English-taught programmes usually ask for IELTS 6.0–6.5 or TOEFL. German-taught programmes ask for TestDaF or DSH (usually C1).
- Some universities accept a medium-of-instruction letter instead of IELTS. Check each programme.

3. Apply

Many universities use uni-assist to check international applications. Others take applications directly on their own portal.

uni-assist fee (per semester)	Amount
First chosen programme	€75
Each additional programme	€30

- Upload clear scans: degree certificate, transcripts, language certificate, passport, CV and motivation letter.
- Some programmes need certified copies or translations. Follow the exact list for your country.
- Check your uni-assist account regularly and answer requests before the deadline.

4. After your admission letter

- Blocked account (Sperrkonto): €11,904 for 12 months (€992 per month) in 2026. A full scholarship or a formal obligation letter (Verpflichtungserklärung) from a sponsor in Germany can replace it.
- Health insurance: travel/incoming insurance for the visa, then German statutory or recognised insurance when you enrol.
- Accommodation: start searching early, especially in Munich, Berlin, Hamburg and Frankfurt. Ask your university about student halls.

5. Apply for your student visa (Pakistan)

German Missions in Pakistan accept student visa applications through the Consular Services Portal (Auslandsportal). You fill in a questionnaire, upload your documents and receive an appointment after a first check.

- Islamabad: applicants from Islamabad Capital Territory, Gilgit-Baltistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab.
- Karachi: applicants from Sindh and Balochistan.
- Mandatory from the start: past degree certificates, transcripts and proof of tuition payment (if your programme has fees).
- Visa fee: €75 (paid in local currency).

> **IMPORTANT**
> Since 1 July 2025 there is no free remonstration after a visa refusal. You can reapply with a stronger file or file a lawsuit at the Administrative Court in Berlin, usually within one month. Incomplete files cause delays, so prepare everything carefully.

6. Your first weeks in Germany

- [ ] Register your address (Anmeldung) at the Bürgeramt within 2 weeks of moving in.
- [ ] Enrol at your university and get your student ID.
- [ ] Activate your German health insurance.
- [ ] Open a German bank account and unlock your blocked account payouts.
- [ ] Apply for your residence permit at the Ausländerbehörde before your visa expires.
- [ ] Work rules: up to 140 full days or 280 half days per year. Student assistant jobs at the university do not count.

Need help with your case?

Book a personal consultation with MAKELLE for €50. We check your profile, plan your route and prepare your file with you.

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OFFICIAL SOURCES

- DAAD International Programmes – daad.de
- Hochschulkompass – hochschulkompass.de
- Anabin – anabin.kmk.org
- uni-assist – uni-assist.de
- German Missions in Pakistan – pakistan.diplo.de
- Study in Germany – study-in-germany.de

This guide gives general information as of November 2026. Rules and amounts change; always check the official websites listed. It is not legal advice. Visa and admission decisions are made only by embassies, authorities and universities.