

STUDYING IN GERMANY



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Top Universities in Germany for English-Taught Bachelor's Degrees

University Name	QS World Ranking 2024	Times Higher Education Ranking 2024	Location	Popular Programs Available in English	Official Website
Technical University of Munich (TUM)	37	30	Munich	Engineering, Computer Science	TUM Website
Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich	59	33	Munich	Natural Sciences, Medicine	LMU Website
Heidelberg University	87	47	Heidelberg	Life Sciences, Humanities	Heidelberg University Website
Humboldt University of Berlin	128	86	Berlin	Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences	Humboldt University Website
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)	141	157	Karlsruhe	Engineering, Physics	KIT Website
Freie Universität Berlin	91	91	Berlin	Political Science, Philosophy	Freie Universität Website
RWTH Aachen University	147	108	Aachen	Mechanical Engineering, Information Technology	RWTH Aachen Website

For more universities and courses, visit: <https://www.daad.de/en/studying-in-germany/>

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Eligibility Criteria for Indian Students

a) Eligibility for Indian Students Without German Language Proficiency

Many universities in Germany offer English-taught bachelor's programs, allowing international students without German language skills to study in Germany. However, students must meet specific eligibility criteria:

1. Academic Requirements:

- Completion of Class 12 (with a recognized board such as CBSE or equivalent) with at least 75% marks.
- Students with 60-74% can qualify by attending a "Studienkolleg" or a foundation course.

1. Language Proficiency:

- Minimum English language proficiency test scores:
 - IELTS: 6.0 - 6.5 overall
 - TOEFL: 80-90 (Internet-based)
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2. Entrance Exams (if required):

- Some universities may require SAT or ACT scores, depending on the course.
- JEE is also accepted in some universities

1. Other Documents:

- Statement of Purpose (SOP)/Motivation Letter
- Letters of Recommendation (LOR)
- CV/Resume
- Passport copy

b) Eligibility for Indian Students With German Language Proficiency

For students proficient in German, additional opportunities open up as many universities offer bachelor's programs in German. The eligibility criteria are as follows:

Academic Requirements:

Completion of Class 12 with similar conditions as English-taught programs.

German Language Proficiency:

- TestDaF (Test of German as a Foreign Language): Level 4-5 in all sections.
- DSH (Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang): Level 2 or higher.
- Goethe-Zertifikat: B2 or C1 depending on the course.
- Entrance Exams (if required):
- Specific tests or university entrance exams in some programs.



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University Comparison Table

University Name	Tuition Fees	Living Expenses (per month)	Best Courses Offered	Eligibility	Application Process
Technical University of Munich (TUM)	No tuition fees (only semester fee of ~€144)	€800 - €1,200	Engineering, Computer Science	- High school diploma - English proficiency (IELTS 6.5/TOEFL 88) - Mathematics background (for STEM courses)	Apply via TUM Online Portal Upload documents, IELTS/TOEFL scores, and high school transcripts
Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich	No tuition fees (semester fee of ~€144)	€800 - €1,000	Natural Sciences, Medicine	- High school diploma - Proof of English proficiency (IELTS 6.5/TOEFL 90) - Subject-specific requirements	Apply via LMU Online Portal Submit certified copies of transcripts, English language test scores
Heidelberg University	No tuition fees (only semester fee of ~€171)	€850 - €1,200	Life Sciences, Humanities	- High school diploma - English proficiency (IELTS 6.5/TOEFL 90)	Apply via Heidelberg University Portal Upload required documents and complete entrance test if applicable

University Name	Tuition Fees	Living Expenses (per month)	Best Courses Offered	Eligibility	Application Process
Humboldt University of Berlin	No tuition fees (only semester fee of ~€315)	€900 - €1,200	Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences	- High school diploma - English proficiency (IELTS 6.5/TOEFL 87)	Apply via Uni-Assist Portal Submit academic transcripts and English test results
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)	No tuition fees (semester fee of ~€153)	€750 - €1,100	Engineering, Physics	- High school diploma - English proficiency (IELTS 6.5/TOEFL 88) - Subject-specific requirements	Apply via Uni-Assist Portal Submit high school diploma, English test scores, and other relevant documents
Freie Universität Berlin	No tuition fees (only semester fee of ~€311)	€800 - €1,200	Political Science, Philosophy	- High school diploma - English proficiency (IELTS 6.5/TOEFL 88)	Apply via Uni-Assist Portal Submit academic documents, English language proficiency test results
RWTH Aachen University	No tuition fees (only semester fee of ~€300)	€800 - €1,200	Mechanical Engineering, Information Technology	- High school diploma - English proficiency (IELTS 6.5/TOEFL 90)	Apply via RWTH Aachen Portal Upload academic transcripts, proof of language proficiency, and CV

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Visa Requirements for Indian Students

To study in Germany, Indian students need to apply for a student visa (National Visa - D Visa). Below are the requirements:

1. Completed Visa Application Form: Download from the official German consulate or embassy website.
2. Valid Passport: Must be valid for at least six months beyond the intended stay.
3. Admission Letter: From the German university offering the bachelor's degree.
4. Proof of Financial Resources: At least €11,208 must be deposited in a blocked account ("Sperrkonto") to cover living expenses.
5. Health Insurance: Proof of health insurance coverage is mandatory for the visa.
6. Proof of Language Proficiency: For English-taught courses, IELTS/TOEFL scores; for German-taught courses, DSH/TestDaF certification.
7. Visa Fee: €75 (subject to change).
8. Accommodation Proof: Confirmation of residence or student accommodation.
9. Academic Documents:
 - Class 10 and 12 certificates and transcripts.
 - Copy of passport-sized photos.
10. SOP and CV: Statement of Purpose outlining reasons for studying in Germany, and a CV/resume.

Processing Time: Visa processing can take anywhere from 6-12 weeks, so it is advised to apply well in advance.

For more details on the visa application process, visit the German Embassy website.

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Available Scholarships

Scholarship Name	Eligibility Criteria	Benefits	Application Process
<u>DAAD Scholarship (Undergraduate)</u>	- Indian students with excellent academic records.	- Monthly stipend (approx. €861)	- Application through DAAD portal.
<u>Deutschlandstipendium</u>	- Open to international students enrolled in a German university.	- €300 per month.	- Apply directly to the university offering this scholarship.
<u>Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Scholarship</u>	- Indian students with a strong academic background and social or political engagement.	- €850 per month, study and travel allowance.	- Application online with an essay, references, and interview process.
<u>Heinrich Böll Foundation Scholarships</u>	- Indian students who demonstrate academic excellence and social/political commitment.	- €850 monthly stipend for undergraduate students.	- Apply online with motivation letter, references, and personal interview.

Note: University and course specific scholarships can be found on the respective websites.



SCHOLARSHIP

Key Points to Note:

- **Application Deadlines:** Scholarship deadlines vary, so it's crucial to check the official websites for the most up-to-date information.
- **Additional Requirements:** Some scholarships require language proficiency, academic merit, social engagement, or participation in extracurricular activities.
- **Combining Scholarships:** In some cases, students can apply for multiple scholarships, but certain scholarships may not be combined with others.

Germany's scholarship opportunities for Indian students can significantly reduce the financial burden of pursuing a bachelor's degree, making it an even more attractive study destination.

Important Links

Uni-Assist	Central application service for international students	<u>Official link</u>
German Visa Information	Official information on student visa requirements	<u>German Visa Information</u>
IELTS	Official website for IELTS exam information	<u>IELTS Website</u>
TOEFL	Official website for TOEFL exam information	<u>TOEFL Website</u>
TestAS	Official website for TestAS exam information	<u>TestAS website</u>
DSH	Official website for DSH exam information	<u>DSH Website</u>
TestDaF	Official website for TestDaF exam information	<u>TestDaF</u>

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Application Timeline and Process for Studying in Germany

Task	Recommended Timeframe	Months
Research and Shortlisting	12–18 months before start	April – September (of the previous year)
Prepare Documentation	9–12 months before start	July – October (of the previous year)
Language Proficiency Tests	8–10 months before start	August – November (of the previous year)
Application Submission	6–9 months before start	October – December (of the previous year)
Offer and Acceptance	3–4 months before start	March – June
Apply for Visa	3–6 months before start	March – June
Accommodation and Final Preparations	1–3 months before start	July – September
Start Your Journey	Course begins (Winter: October)	September – October

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