

M 3.1.b Studying

Studying in Germany usually means full-time study. Often there would not be much time left for working.

In Germany you can study at universities or universities of applied sciences (*Fachhochschulen*) or universities of cooperative education (*Berufsakademien*). All these institutions are called “Hochschulen”.

Financing your studies

Being able to finance your study is very important: Costs may arise for living and studying, such as, for example, rent, food and travel as well as books and semester fees.

There are several options how to finance studying:

- Are you able to finance studying with your own money/ money coming from your family?
- Maybe you can receive BAföG: a governmental support for studying. Please ask the student service organization (*Studentenwerk*) at your favoured university if you can receive BAföG.
- You can apply for a scholarship. Information about scholarships can be found at: <https://www.stipendienlotse.de/datenbank.php>
- Another option is a study loan. For detailed information please visit the following website: <http://www.studienkredit.de/>
- Information for refugees you can find here: https://www.study-in.de/refugees/studying/funding-and-financial-aid_53738.php

How to find the right study program?

Research: What and where do you want to study? Useful links for research may be:

- <https://www.hochschulkompass.de/>
- <http://studieren.sachsen.de/index.html>
- <https://www.pack-dein-studium.de/>
- <http://www.bildungsmarkt-sachsen.de/studium.php>

Information for refugees you can find here:

- <https://www.study-in.de/information-for-refugees/>

Also use the universities’ own websites.

Requirements for studying in Germany

For study programs in German language you will need **German language knowledge at about level C1**.

Each university decides on her own about further requirements for studying. For more information about specific requirements please visit the websites of the universities. Please consult the universities if you plan to study there:

- International Offices (*Akademisches Auslandsamt*) at the universities offer general information for foreigners who are interested in studying (for example information about applying, required language certificates etc.)
- Contact departmental student advice service (*Studienfachberatung*) for consultation about the requirements.

- If you plan to continue studying, contacting the respective professor or head of the study course might be beneficial.

Application

Please search for information about the application process at the universities. In most cases you apply via „uni-assist e.V.“: <http://www.uni-assist.de/>. Uni-assist examines whether you have admission to university studies in principle. Visit this website to get further information about studying and application.

Consultation for studying

Do you have further questions about studying, choosing the right study program or study financing?

Please make an appointment with “Bildungsberatung Garantiefonds Hochschule”. They provide detailed information about requirements, language courses, scholarships etc. Contact persons are Mr. Felgner, Mrs. Schober and Mrs. Reinsberger. The counselling centre Leipzig is responsible for the State of Saxony. Regular consultations take place in Chemnitz, Dresden, Bautzen and Torgau. For further information please use <http://www.naomi-leipzig.de/jmd-gfh.html>.

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<https://www.bildungsberatung-gfh.de/wde/materialien/mehrsprachige-infos-und-broschueren.php>

We hope this information is helpful. Do you have any questions? Please contact us again.

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