STUDY DESTINATION - GERMANY

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About Germany

- Germany consists of 16 States & the capital and largest city is **Berlin.**
- **Berlin** is start up Capital of Europe.
- Population of Germany is 81 million and it is the fourth largest economy in the world and Europe’s largest.
- It is a leading exporter of machinery, vehicles, chemicals, and household equipment and benefits from a highly skilled labor force.

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About Germany

- German is the official and predominant spoken language in Germany.
- Euro is the official currency of Germany.
- Some of the famous cities in Germany are
  - Berlin
  - Munich
  - Frankfurt
  - Hamburg
  - Dresden
  - Leipzig
  - Heidelberg

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Mercedes-Benz

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Audi
Vorsprung durch Technik

Renowned German based Companies

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Why Study in Germany?

- Free education or extremely low cost of education.
- Approx. 500 EUR as social contribution per semester with no tuition fees.
- Most of the Universities or colleges are state owned and Government funded.
- Quality of Education.
- Education in Germany is one of the oldest and best in the world.
- Merit is the only criteria for admission.
- German Education guarantees practical knowledge in addition to solid theoretical foundation.
- Good Job Prospects.

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Why Study in Germany?

Part Time work/Student Jobs

- International students are allowed to work for 120 full working days or 240 half working days in a year.

- Typically the student wages range from 8 to 12 Euros an hour. Students can work on campus or outside the campus.

- Students with German language skills are entitled for higher wages as compared to the students having no skills.

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Why Study in Germany?

Job Prospects

- **Germany is home to many of the Fortune 500 companies like Volkswagen, Audi AG, BMW, Bentley Motors Limited, Škoda Auto, Siemens etc.**

- The German economy is Europe's strongest. It is the European leader in terms of growth, employment and export.

- **Non-EU students are allowed to stay up to 1.5 years after the completion of the study to search for a job.**

- Indefinite right of residence to graduates after 5 years of working in Germany.

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Types of Higher Education Institutions

- There are 500 officially recognized institutions of higher education in 165 towns and cities throughout Germany.

- Universities in Germany are categorized into three groups :

- Technical University/ Technische Universität (TU)
- Universities of Applied Sciences/ Fachhochschule
- Colleges of Art, Film and Music

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Types of Higher Education Institutions

Technical University / Universitat

- Degrees offered includes Bachelors, Masters & Doctorate.
- Universities mainly impart theoretical knowledge
- Research plays an integral part of the study.
- Faculties include Education, Engineering and Science, Law, Medicine, Social & Cultural Sciences, Business Management.

University of Applied Sciences / Fachhochschule

- More practical oriented.
- Offers Bachelors programs in general.
- Some institutions also offer Masters Program.
- Though research is gaining importance but the focus remains at application oriented study.
- Excellent job opportunities owing to close tie up with industry.

Types of Higher Education Institutions

Colleges of Art, Film and Music:

- **Artistic subjects, such as music, architecture, visual arts, drama, dance, industrial and fashion design**
- **Modern media, directors, cinematographers, screenwriters and other film and television professionals are trained**
- **Admission requirements for these courses include a specific talent which you must demonstrate at an entrance examination**

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PUBLIC AND PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES IN GERMANY

	PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES	PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES (← CBS)
COURSE SIZE	Large course size (300-500 students)	Small course size (ca. 50 students)
ORGANIZATION	Students have to sign in and schedule lectures on their own	The study courses and individual schedules are given and organized
FACULTY	Mostly academic background	Academic + practical background
TEACHING	Classic lectures, less interaction	Vivid presentations, more interaction
ORIENTATION	Theory- & research-oriented	Practicality & hands-on approach
LANGUAGE	Limited programmes in English, German is often required	Several English programmes, German is usually not required
ACCREDITATION	Automatically state-accredited	If state-accredited → quality feature
COSTS	Lower costs but extra language training costs might occur	Moderate international education costs

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Intakes & Deadlines

Two Intakes:

- Winter – **September / October**
- Summer – **March / April**

Deadlines for Applications:

- Winter – **Starts from 15th December to 31st March**
- Summer – **Starts from 15th August to 15th January**

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Public Universities

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Entry requirements for Master's

- Academic percentage – **Above 70% is required**

- Minimum IELTS score – **Overall 6.5 with no band less than 6 OR**

  Minimum TOEFL score – 87.

- German Language – may not always be a criteria for admission but it is better to achieve a basic level of German language A1 or A2 as more and more universities are expecting at **least A1 level proficiency**. It is noted that candidates with German language skills have better chance of getting admission in German universities as compared to candidates with no German language skills.

- Three ways to prove the language ability is through

✓ DSH - German Language test for foreign students.

✓ TestDaF - Central, standardized test for German as a foreign language.

✓ ZOP of Goethe Institute.

- GRE is needed for good and high ranked Universities – 310+ is considered as a good score. GRE is a mandatory requirement for some Automobile and Mechanical courses by high ranked Universities.

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Entry requirements for Master's

- There is no concept of applying without IELTS or without final year marksheet in most of the universities. It is recommended to apply once the student is ready with all the documents including IELTS score card and Provisional Degree Certificate.

- Universities do not issue Conditional Offer Letters to the students.

- For courses like Mechanical Engineering and Automotive Engineering, candidate must have very good academics like 75% plus in Bachelors and a GRE score as well, as these are highly competitive courses.

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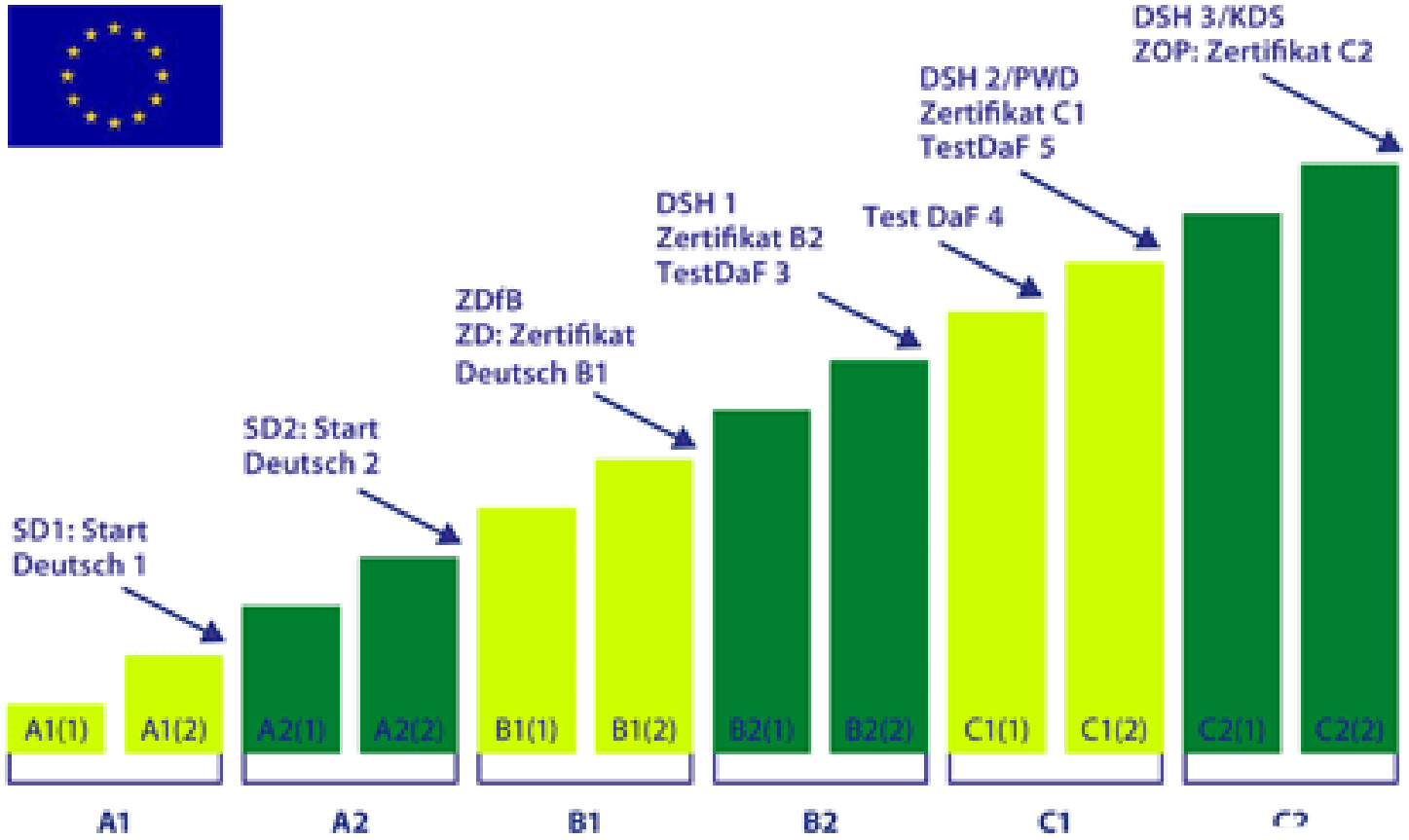
German Language Levels



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German Language Levels

Test Locations

Goethe Institute/Max Muller Bhavans are at major cities like Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chandigarh, Chennai, Coimbatore, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi, Pune and Trivandrum.

Test Dates and Fees

Test dates and Fees are subject to changes and can be found online –

www.testdaf.de

www.goethe.de

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Entry requirements for Bachelor's

- **13 years of education** is required for entry in a Bachelors program in Germany.

✓ This can be achieved by successfully completing the first year of a Bachelors program from a recognized university in India in the relevant subject field.

OR

✓ Successfully completing a Foundation year at a university in Germany to compensate for the 13th year of education.

- Academic percentage – Minimum 80% & above in 10th/12th /UG is required
- IELTS – Overall 6.5 with no band less than 6
- German Language – B2 Level Proficiency

KC overseas education

Duration & Tuition Fees

Usually the **Master's** course is of **2 years** and the **Bachelor's** course is for **3 years**.

Generally no tuition fees in most Universities yet some institutions do charge a nominal amount of around 200 to 500 Euros/semester which are termed as social contribution.

For example, fees for 2 years will be 500 Euros * 4 Semesters = 2000 Euros

Indian Rupees equivalent = 2000 Euros * Rs. 85 = Rs.1,70,000 for a complete

Master's excluding living and accommodation costs.

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Represented Institutions by KC

- Jacobs University, Bremen
- SRH Hochschule Berlin
- Cologne Business School, Cologne
- Hochschule Bremen - International Graduate Centre, Bremen
- GISMA Business School, Hanover
- Accadis University of Applied Sciences, Bad Homburg, Hamborg
- EBS University
- German International College
- New European College, Munich
- International University of Applied Sciences—IU
- International School of Management, Dortmund
- EU Business School, Munich
- Berlin School of Business and Innovation
- University of Europe for Applied Sciences, Hamburg
- EIIE Eurasia Institute for International Education GmbH, Berlin *(Except Gujarat, Punjab and Haryana)*
- Arden University, Berlin
- Lancaster University, Lipzing

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Documents required for Application to Institutions

Master's:

- Academic percentage: Min 60-65% in Bachelor's is required
- IELTS - Overall 6.5 with no band less than 6
- Tuition Fees - € 7000 - € 15,000 approx.

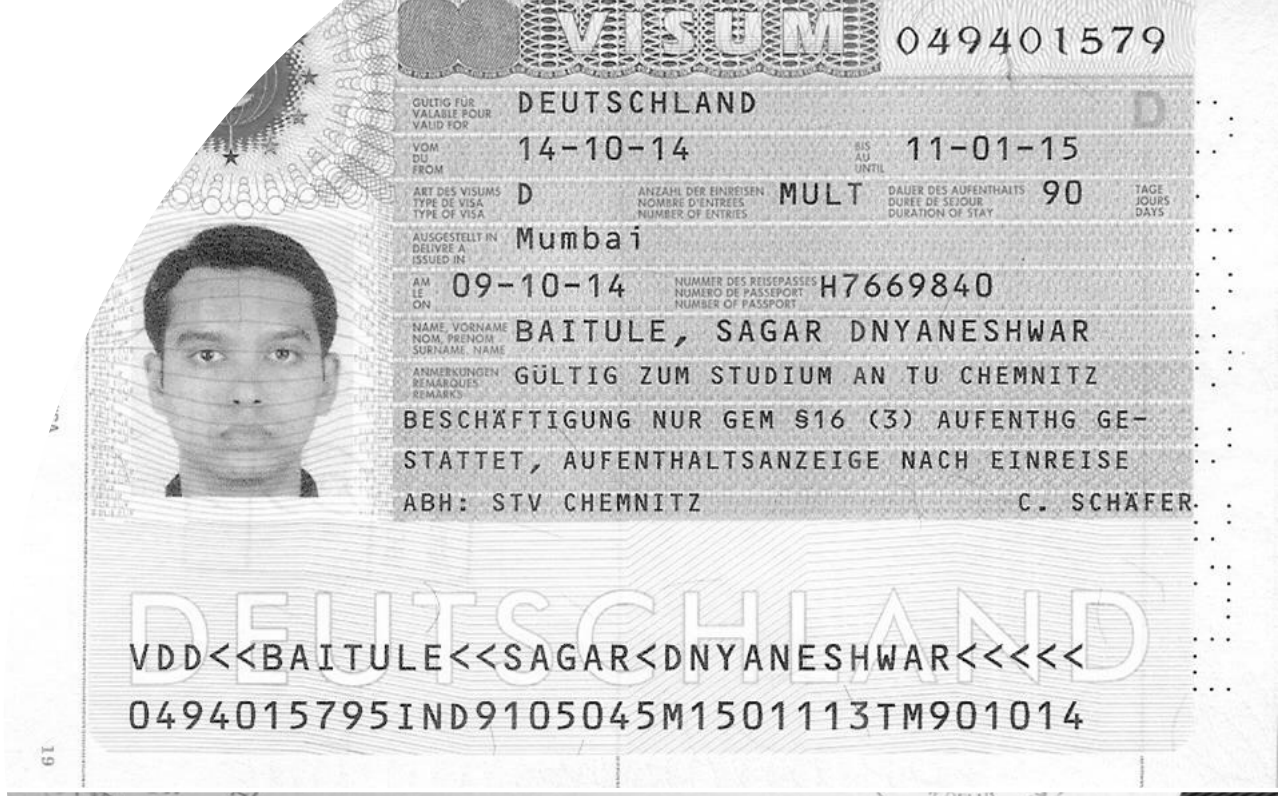
Bachelor's:

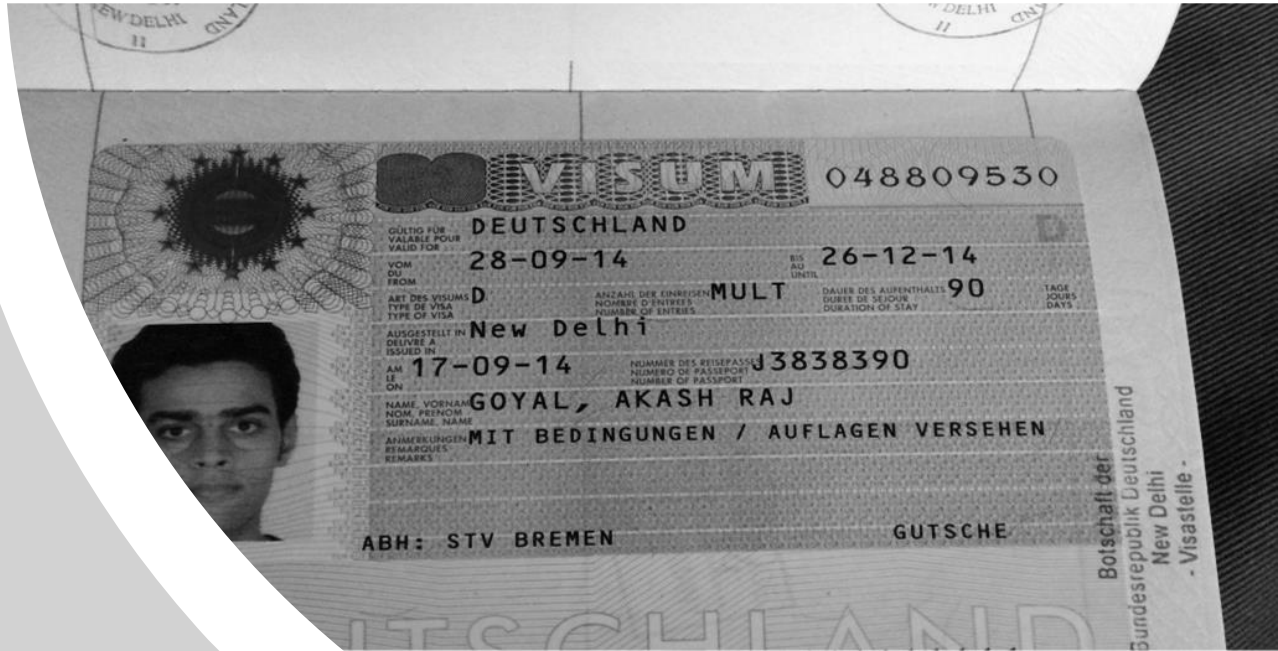
- Academic percentage: 60 to 65% in 10th and 12th Std
- IELTS - Overall 6.5 with no band less than 6
- SAT score requirement in Jacobs University is 1200
- Fees - € 10,000 - € 15,000 approx.

Documents required for Application to Institutions

- Passport copy.
- Mark Sheets of 10th and 12th and Bachelors.
- Degree Certificate.
- Recommendation letter from HOD & Project Guide in sealed & attested covers.
- Statement of Purpose.
- TOEFL / IELTS score.
- GRE score card (Not mandatory). Most of the Mechanical/Automobile Programs require GRE.
- Resume.
- Statement of Purpose
- German Proficiency Certificate.
- Project Synopsis (If any).
- Work Experience (If any).

Germany Student Visa





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GERMANY STUDENT VISA UPDATES

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PROOF OF FINANCIAL MEANS

- Student needs to pay minimum 1st year complete tuition fees before submitting visa file to Embassy/VFS
- Blocked account amount has been increased to **€11,208**

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APS CERTIFICATE & TESTAS IS MANDATORY FOR GERMAN STUDENT VISA

Germany Embassy has made APS Certificate a mandatory requirement to get the Germany Student Visa with effect from the 1st of Nov. 2022

What is the APS certificate in Germany?

The APS is a joint institution of the German Embassy's cultural department and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The APS checks the authenticity of educational biographies and the corresponding educational certificates, and issues certificates if the result is positive. The fee for the APS is INR 18,000 **(NON-REFUNDABLE)** and APS will be applicable for both UG and PG Students.

Duolingo, PTE, and MOI are not acceptable to the **embassy**.

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Recognized language tests are required during the visa application process:

Please provide proof of your language ability in the language of instruction required for your desired study course or preparatory course in Germany. Without a preparatory language course, as a rule, at least a B2-level in the language of instruction is required. **Please note that for the visa process, only language certificates that are approved by the German government will be accepted (such as Goethe Institute / Max Mueller Bhavan / ÖST, DSD, IELTS, and TOEFL). Do NOT provide "exemption letters" or "medium of instruction letters"!**

More information can be found here: https://www.aps-india.de/

Please Note:- TestAS will become mandatory for UG students from the **1st of January 2023**. The fees for this will be around **80 Euros**.

https://www.testas.de/en/pruefungstermine_en.htm

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What is the TestAS Exam?

Non- European Union students who wish to pursue graduation in German-based universities can apply for the TestAS examination. It is a central standardized scholastic aptitude test that measures intellectual and cognitive abilities for higher studies. German Academic Exchange Service conducts this examination. The test can be taken in German, English, and in certain cases in Arabic languages. It comprises of three major parts which include the onscreen language test, the core test, and subject-specific test modules.

Benefits of TestAS

- It is mandatory for every applicant to fulfill the eligibility criteria; most European universities require a student's TestAS score as one of the criteria.
- TestAS acts as a self-assessment tool, after appearing for the exam applicants are able to evaluate themselves about the course they want to pursue & if they would be able to complete the course on not.
- TestAS certificate is just not restricted to European university admission, students can also use it for applying to various companies & universities.

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TestAS Registration Process

Applicants interested in TestAS have to register themselves. Here's how you can apply for TestAS:

1. To register all applicants, must visit the official website of TestAS (https://www.testas.de/)
2. Enter your contact details like your email address & contact number.
3. You will receive a confirmation email after a username & password are generated.
4. With the help of generated username & password log in to book the test date & test center.
5. An applicant has to also select the exam language, core subject & any one module.
6. To complete the registration process, candidates have to pay the application fee. The application fee is announced during the registration duration.

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Examination Pattern

The examination pattern is a prime asset that will help you to carve a niche in prestigious universities based in Germany through TestAs.

- At the time of registration, applicants can go through four subject-specific modules & choose one among them: Humanities, Cultural Studies, Mathematics, Computer Science and Natural Sciences, Engineering, Economics, and Social Science
- It is important to know that each TestAS examination consists of an online language test, a core test as well as a subject-specific module
- Onscreen has 30 minutes of duration which examines general language proficiency in German or English of an applicant
- The Core Test examines the general skills of a candidate that are required in all academic courses

What subjects are in TestAS?

The test comprises a core test and a test in one of four subject areas:

- Humanities, cultural studies, and social sciences, or.
- Mathematics, computer science, and natural sciences, or.
- Engineering or.
- economics.

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MAIN STRUCTURE AND COMPONENTS OF TESTAS

It is important to know that the TestAS examination is conducted in German as well as English. Given below are the major modules as well as subjects that are an essential part of the exam:

Main module	Subjects	Duration
Core Test	Solving Quantitative Problems Inferring Relations Completing Patterns Continuing Numerical Series	110 minutes
Subject-Specific Test Modules Economics Module	Analyzing Economic Interrelationships Analyzing Processes	150 minutes
Engineering Module	Formalizing Technical Interrelationships Visualizing Solids Analyzing Technical Interrelationships	150 minutes
Humanities, Cultural Studies, and Social Sciences Module	Understanding and Interpreting Texts Using Representation Systems Flexibly Recognizing Linguistic Structures	150 minutes
Mathematics, Computer Science, and Natural Sciences Module	Analyzing Scientific Interrelationships Understanding Formal Depictions	145 minutes

TestAS Centers In India

There are 8 test centers across India for TestAS. Here is a list of all the centers:

1. Goethe-Institut Max Mueller Bhavan Chennai
2. British Council Examinations and English Services India – Bangalore
3. British Council Examinations and English Services India – Chennai
4. British Council Examinations and English Services India – Kolkata
5. British Council Examinations and English Services India – New Delhi
6. Max Mueller Bhavan / Goethe-Institut Bangalore
7. British Council Examinations and English Services India – Mumbai
8. Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan New Delhi

TestAS Result

1. Applicants can view & download their results by visiting the official website
2. Login with the help of your username & password
3. No notification is sent to test-takers, it is advised to check the result after 4 weeks of the test date

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FAQs

What is the validity of TestAS?

The certificate validity is unlimited.

What are the age criteria for TestAS?

There is no maximum age limit to appear for the TestAS but the applicant has to be at least in the secondary level and completing his/her last year.

What are the things allowed at the test center on the day of the exam?

There are two mandatory things every applicant must carry:

1. Valid ID proof, the ID proof should be the same ID proof that was used during the registration Process
2. Print out of admission email, applicants will receive an email from the test centers

Applicants can carry a black/blue ballpoint pen & make not carry a calculator, reference book, or resource at the test center.

What is the last date for registration for TestAS?

The last date for registration is five weeks before the exam date.

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Germany Student Visa

Centres in India- https://india.diplo.de/in-en/service/vac-addresses/1822616?openAccordionId=item-1986584-12-panel

- A student visa is required by Indian students who wish to pursue Higher Education in Germany and have **secured admission** in a German College or University.

- Applicants should apply for the visa in person at least 3 months prior to departure. The visa processing may take 8 – 12 weeks.

- The Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in **Mumbai** can only accept the visa applications from persons residing in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Daman and Diu.

- The Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in **Chennai** accepts the visa application from the states of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry.

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Germany Student Visa

- The Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in **Bangalore** accepts the visa application from the states of Karnataka & Kerala.

- The Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in **Kolkata** accepts the visa application from the states of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura.

- The **Delhi** Embassy's area of consular jurisdiction covers the states of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and the Union Territories of Chandigarh, Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands.

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Germany Student Visa

- There is a VISA fee of 75 Euros at present (subject to change) to be submitted through Demand Draft at the time of VISA interview. VFS charges Rs. 844 approx. payable once approval is received and passport is submitted at VFS center for stamping.

- Students have to open a blocked account (called "Sperrkonto") in Germany in the name of the applicant and deposit **Euros 11,208**. Once in Germany the student will receive the amount back in 12 equal installments of **Euros 934** to cover Living costs.

Note: It is advisable to deposit an additional amount of **150 Euros** in the blocked account to make sure that the amount standing in account is more than 11,208 EUR after deduction of bank charges. If the balance in blocked account is below 11,208 EUR due to any reason, German Consulate will not accept VISA Application.

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Open a Blocked account through Expatrio

Please note, we are now official partners with EXPATRIO, global service provider for Blocked Account and Health Insurance required for German Visa.

Kindly refer to the below link and refer the link to register the student for Blocked account or Health insurance for German Visa.

https://www.expatrio.com?p=KCOverseas

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Germany Student Visa Flowchart

Open an account in the German Banks - Fintiba, ex-patrio, Deutsche bank, Coracle as soon as the student receives the offer letter

After opening Blocked Account deposit 11,208 EUR + 150 EUR bank charges in Bank

Take Appointment through email or call or online for Consulate/VFS VISA Interview

Fill up the VISA application form and arrange other documents as per VISA checklist

Attend the VISA Interview on Appointment Date

Submit passport at VFS/Consulate for VISA Stamping after receipt of Confirmation Email by Consulate

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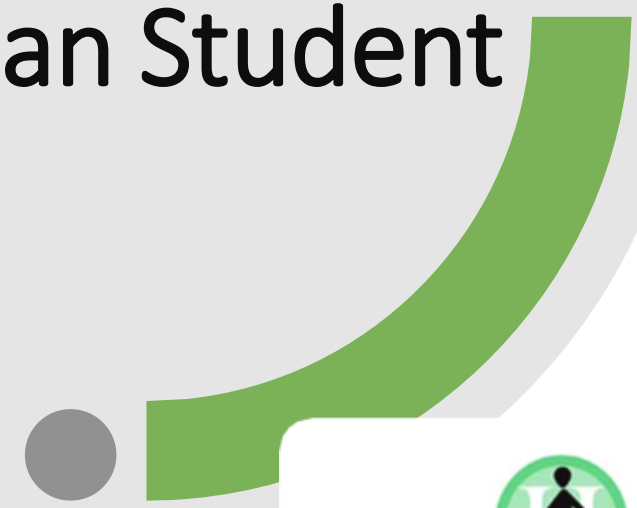
Below mentioned documents are required for a Student Visa Application:

You can also refer the checklist here
https://india.diplo.de/blob/1862506/bd4c68421684a35de40f5324cb5f1c5e/student-oct-31st-2022-data.pdf

- Valid passport (issued within the last 10 years and with at least 12 months validity left after the scheduled return)
- Application form & declarations duly signed
- 1 copy of your passport's data page (A4 size copy)
- 3 passport pictures according to biometric specifications
- Cover letter from applicant explaining the exact purpose and duration of stay
- Letter of admission from German university (electronic version)
- Proof of payment of study fees, if applicable

Documents required for German Student Visa



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Documents required for German Student Visa

- Proof of language proficiency in English (only IELTS/TOEFL)
- Proof of other academic qualifications, if applicable
- Proof of financial means to cover the costs for the time of your studies (Blocked Account for Living expenses and saving or FD or Education loan for balance complete tuition fees)
- Travel health insurance covering the period from your departure to the date of enrolment at the university (Euro 30,000 coverage)

Note: - Applicants are requested to prepare 3 sets (1 set of original documents and 2 sets of photocopy documents) of the above-mentioned documents. Additional documents may have to be presented, if required.

There would be a brief interview of the student by an officer at the consulate to assess the genuineness of the student.

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Frequently Asked Questions

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Q. Does Germany accept 3 years Bachelor's degree to apply for Master's courses?

Ans: Yes, 3 years Bachelor's is acceptable to apply for Master's in Private Institutions.

For Public Universities, 4 years Bachelor's degree is required.

Q. How many Backlogs are acceptable in Germany?

Ans: 10-15 backlogs are only acceptable.

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Q. What are documents required for application process?

Ans:

- Passport copy.
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- Recommendation letter sealed & attested covers.
- Statement of Purpose.
- TOEFL / IELTS score.
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- Resume.
- German Proficiency Certificate.
- Project Synopsis (If any).
- Work Experience (If any).

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Q. What is the age limit for applying in Germany?

Ans: Up to 30 years of age limit is acceptable.

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Q. Can a student apply without IELTS ? Is IELTS waiver possible?

Ans: IELTS is mandatory in Germany.

Q. Can student apply in Germany on conditional basis?

Ans: Yes, University gives offer on the conditional basis subject to student fulfill the required conditions.

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