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"Research is the best medicine: I study in Germany."

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Ewurafua was photographed in the Medical Library "O.A.S.E." (Place for Advancement, Studies and Exchange of Ideas) at the Medical Faculty.



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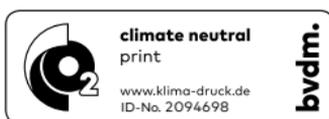
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Study – Key sources of information

DAAD



www.daad.de
www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/



The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is a joint organisation of German universities and student associations. It is the largest funding organisation devoted to academic cooperation in the world. For over 95 years the DAAD has helped young academics around the world gain international experience. Awarding scholarships is just one of its many important tasks. It promotes internationalisation efforts at German universities, strengthens German studies and language instruction abroad and helps developing countries establish their own high-performing universities. The DAAD serves as an important partner in the fields of foreign culture, research, education and development policy.



The DAAD website provides extensive information on the German higher education system, studying in Germany, funding opportunities, language and specialist courses, language examinations, and living in Germany. You can also find a complete list of addresses of DAAD offices in Germany and abroad.



German and English

My GUIDE



www.myguide.de



This new DAAD platform takes current and prospective international students on a personal tour through the vast array of study opportunities in Germany – with over 20,000 degree programmes to choose from.



You can check whether you meet the admission requirements and contact universities directly if you have specific questions. The site includes an integrated watch list and a dashboard with personal widgets.



German and English

DAAD: “Study in Germany” campaign



www.study-in-germany.de



The “Study in Germany” campaign is targeted at international pupils and students who are interested in studying and living in Germany. The website contains useful links, tips and information about German university towns, as well as a calendar of education fairs worldwide where “Study in Germany” is represented. There is also a degree programme search function, step-by-step instructions on studying in Germany, and blogs by international students.



The Facebook page provides quick answers to students’ questions, information, helpful tips, and news on the latest trends.

The YouTube channel offers informative tutorials and insights into what student life is really like in Germany.



German and English

DAAD: International Bachelor, Master and Doctoral Programmes in Germany



www.daad.de/international-programmes



International bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes are particularly interesting to foreign students, postgraduates and junior researchers. They offer internationally recognised degrees, and most courses – if not all – are taught in English. The degree programmes focus on topics of international relevance and offer courses by visiting international lecturers and/or study abroad opportunities. The programmes are generally supplemented with special advice services and academic supervision tailored to international students. In addition to numerous bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes, the database contains information on a wide range of university preparatory, language and specialist courses. One can find detailed information on each of the more than 1,900 programmes, e.g. structure and content, supervisory services, costs and funding opportunities.



English

HRK – Hochschulkompass



www.daad.de/study-programmes



German Rectors' Conference, see p. 18



The “Higher Education Compass” is a database containing information and links on all state-accredited higher education institutions in Germany. It also provides related information on the study opportunities one can find at each institution, e.g. bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes), as well as international cooperation agreements with other German and foreign universities.



German and English

studienwahl.de

www.studienwahl.de

University Admissions Foundation (SfH) and the Federal Employment Agency



This website offers information to first-time students. Here you will find brief descriptions on all study areas and disciplines offered in Germany and an extensive database with information and links to over 18,000 degree programmes. The website includes a broad range of information related to studying, the labour market, different types of universities, financing one's studies, insurance issues and much more.



German and English (database in German only)

Deutsches Studentenwerk: Information for international students

www.internationale-studierende.de

The Deutsches Studentenwerk (German National Association for Student Affairs – DSW) is the umbrella organisation of 57 student service associations in Germany. These work closely with their respective universities to provide some two million students in Germany with a wide range of study-related support services.



This website offers practical advice to international students on entry visas, accommodation, health insurance, financing, enrolment and residence permits. It explains key terms (e.g. “Feststellungsprüfung” and “Studienkolleg”) and contains a list of addresses and links to all student service associations in Germany.



German and English

Alumniportal Deutschland



www.alumniportal-deutschland.org



A project jointly established by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and Goethe-Institut and managed by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)



“Germany alumni” are people who have studied, researched, worked, gained advanced qualification, or completed a German language course at a German institution. These are people who have cultivated personal and professional contacts during their stay in Germany or at a German institution and have gained intensive learning and work experience. With financing from the German government, the Alumniportal Deutschland bundles and strengthens these experiences. On this site Germany alumni can easily connect with one another and with German and international companies, institutions, universities and foundations.



German and English



Admission to German university

DAAD: Admissions database



www.daad.de/admission



The DAAD admissions database offers basic orientation as to whether one's secondary school certificate or prior academic achievement will be recognised as university entrance qualification in Germany. In the search field, prospective international students can enter the country where they received their secondary school education and the certificate they obtained. The result tells them whether and to what extent their certificate qualifies them for university admission in Germany.



German and English

Preparatory colleges (Studienkollegs)



www.studienkollegs.de



Consortium of Preparatory College Directors at German Universities



As the name indicates, preparatory colleges prepare international students to take an examination, the “*Feststellungsprüfung*”, which assesses the aptitude of foreign applicants seeking admission to higher education in Germany. International students are required to pass this examination if their school-leaving certificate does not automatically qualify them for university study in Germany.

This website provides information about the examination and the preparatory courses. It also includes a list of preparatory colleges and a description of the various courses they offer (based on one's desired course of study).



German and English

University Application Service for International Students (uni-assist)



www.uni-assist.de



The University Application Service for International Students (uni-assist) was established by 41 German universities, the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) and the DAAD to make admission procedures for prospective international students easier, more efficient, affordable and service-oriented.



For a fee of 75 euros (and 30 euros for each additional university), uni-assist processes applications submitted by international students on behalf of its member universities. Currently 180 universities in Germany cooperate with uni-assist. The advantage for international applicants is that it takes less effort to apply and less time to have applications processed. The website provides a detailed explanation of the application process and a list of all the member universities which cooperate with uni-assist. Applications can be submitted directly **online** via the website.



German and English

University Admissions Foundation (SfH)



www.hochschulstart.de



Stiftung für Hochschulzulassung



The University Admissions Foundation (SfH) is responsible for processing certain university applications, specifically those in subjects with restricted admission (medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry and pharmacy), and applications submitted by students from the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA) and those who have earned their university entrance qualification in Germany or a German school abroad. The website provides extensive information on application requirements and deadlines, as well as an **online application portal**.



German

Academic Aptitude Test for Foreign Students



www.testas.de



Society for Academic Preparation and Test Development (g.a.s.t.), ITB Consulting GmbH and the TestDaF Institute, Bochum



The TestAS is a centralised, standardised test which assesses the academic aptitude of foreign students. The TestAS score allows prospective international students to gauge how they compare with other university applicants. A high score can significantly improve their chances of receiving a study place in Germany. The test is administered several times a year and can be taken at test centres around the world. The website contains information on testing fees and where and when upcoming tests are scheduled. Moreover, one can find details about the registration process and sample exercises.



German and English



Funding organisations/ Foundations

DAAD: Scholarship database



www.funding-guide.de



This scholarship database contains a list of funding opportunities offered by the DAAD and other selected funding organisations that are available to international students, graduates and postdocs. From the broad range of scholarship programmes targeted at international academics, the DAAD has carefully compiled a list of some 200 funding opportunities offered by more than 60 funding organisations. The DAAD scholarship database also includes programmes funded by the large talent-promotion foundations in Germany, e.g. those affiliated with political parties and churches. By customising the search based on one's country of origin, subject, academic status and intention, the search engine lists all programmes which meet the desired profile.



German and English

German Research Foundation (DFG)



www.dfg.de



The German Research Foundation (DFG) is the leading funding provider for research endeavours at higher education institutions and publicly financed research institutes in Germany.



The DFG also supports international researchers in Germany, e.g. by awarding grants to researchers who are pursuing short-term, subject-specific research projects. The DFG website provides extensive information on all its programmes including info sheets and application forms as downloads.



German and English

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH)



www.humboldt-foundation.de



The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH) awards grants to highly qualified postdoctoral researchers around the world to conduct long-term research projects in Germany.



The AvH website offers detailed descriptions of all its programmes and the possibility to apply for funding **online**. Its online magazine “Humboldt Kosmos” presents the latest news and activities from the foundation. The site also includes the “Humboldt Network”, a database for cultivating contacts with other AvH-sponsored recipients.



German and English

Higher education system

German Rectors' Conference (HRK)



www.hrk.de



The German Rectors' Conference (HRK) is an association of public and state-accredited universities in Germany. It currently has 268 member institutions and addresses all matters related to German higher education: research, teaching, study, advanced scientific qualification, knowledge and technology transfer, international cooperation, and self-administration.



In addition to the “Higher Education Compass” (see chapter “Study – Key sources of information”, p. 6), the website provides information on current issues and developments in the higher education sector.



German and English

The Standing Conference of Ministers of Education (KMK) and the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB)



www.kmk.org
www.kmk.org/zab
www.anabin.kmk.org



The Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (KBK) is a consortium of state ministers and senators responsible for education and schooling, higher education, research and cultural affairs.



On the KMK website, visitors can learn about its activities to anchor and continue developing common standards in higher education in Germany, as well as on European and international education and cultural policy.

The website of the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB), operated by the KMK head office in Bonn, describes the tasks and services of the ZAB, particularly with regard to evaluating and recognising foreign academic degrees. The website www.anabin.kmk.org offers a database with information on the recognition of foreign academic degrees for over 200 countries.



KMK: German and English
ZAB: German and English
anabin: German

CHE/DIE ZEIT: University Ranking



[https://ranking.zeit.de/che/de/
www.universityranking.de](https://ranking.zeit.de/che/de/www.universityranking.de) (DAAD, English only)



DIE ZEIT is Germany's leading weekly newspaper. The CHE University Ranking is one of the partner services offered in the online edition of DIE ZEIT.



On this website, users can view the current rankings of all German universities. The assessments are based on 40 subjects from a wide range of disciplines. Established in 1998, the CHE ranking now includes over 390 universities and incorporates surveys and questionnaires by some 120,000 students and 3,000 professors. The results are not tabulated as a final score but are presented as a multidimensional ranking that reflects the strengths and weaknesses of the individual universities. Although the service is free, user registration is required.



German and English



Doctoral study and research

Research in Germany



www.research-in-germany.org



This website is operated by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBWF, see p. 24) and editorially managed by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, see p. 6).



The portal presents an overview of the German research and funding landscape. It provides international researchers with information on funding and career opportunities in Germany and helps prepare them for research visits in Germany. The website offers extensive information on funding programmes, news from the world of science and academia, tips for planning research visits and much more. The information is primarily targeted at doctoral students, postdocs and (junior) researchers. Users can also subscribe to an English-language newsletter via email.



German and English

GERiT – German Research Institutions



www.gerit.org



Jointly offered by the German Research Foundation (DFG, see p. 17), the German Rectors' Conference (HRK, see p. 18) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, see p. 6).



GERiT provides an overview of more than 29,000 research organisations in Germany. Applying various search criteria, users can find detailed information on German university-affiliated institutes and non-university research organisations. The website also provides listings of job openings, doctoral regulations and information on research projects funded by the DFG.



German and English

DAAD: “PhDGermany” database – Doctoral study opportunities in Germany



www.phdgermany.de



German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), see p. 6



The DAAD database “PhDGermany” provides information on doctoral programmes and study opportunities specifically targeted at international applicants. Prospective candidates can find suitable doctoral positions and further information about application requirements.



German and English

Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)



www.bmbf.de



The Federal Ministry of Education and Research of the Federal Republic of Germany



The website provides information about the BMBF, its tasks, structure and current fields of activity, such as the campaign to promote digitalisation in education and the federal government's "High-Tech Strategy 2025". Users can also download publications, peruse the media library and listen to podcasts.



German and English

EURAXESS Germany – Germany for Researchers



www.euraxess.de



The National Coordination Point at the German Aerospace Center (DLR) is part of the European project "EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion".



EURAXESS Germany provides internationally mobile researchers with information on funding opportunities and job offers, as well as practical advice on such matters as social insurance and taxes. The website contains helpful information for researchers travelling to Germany, leaving Germany for a position abroad or returning to Germany after completing a foreign research visit. Visitors will also find contact details of support staff working at 88 EURAXESS service centres at German universities and research institutions.



German and English



Important research and science organisations at a glance

The following organisations operate websites which contain information about their institutions and current research projects. New job openings and calls for proposals are regularly posted on these sites as well.

Fraunhofer Gesellschaft



www.fraunhofer.de



The Fraunhofer Gesellschaft is the world's leading organisation of application-oriented research. It focuses on developing key technologies for the future and exploiting these advances for the benefit of business and industry. Its research activities mainly focus on the natural sciences and engineering, specifically on health and environment, protection and safety, mobility and transportation, production and services, communication and knowledge, and energy and raw materials. Founded in 1949, the Fraunhofer Gesellschaft now operates more than 70 institutes and research institutions worldwide.



German and English

Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres



www.helmholtz.de



The Helmholtz Association pursues long-term research goals which aim to safeguard and improve the livelihood of populations around the world. Founded in 1995, the Helmholtz Association is a consortium of 19 natural-scientific, medical and biological research centres. They conduct research on a broad array of topics ranging from astrophysics to cell research. The Helmholtz Association is the largest research organisation in Germany.



German and English, Russian, Chinese, Hebrew

Leibniz-Gemeinschaft



www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de



The Leibniz Association maintains ties to more than 90 independent research institutes which conduct knowledge- and application-based research and address the pressing social, economic and environmental issues of our day. Its research activities cover a broad range of disciplines: natural sciences, engineering, environmental studies, economics, spatial and social sciences, the humanities and much more. Its predecessor organisation, the “Blue List” was founded in 1990.



German and English

Max Planck Society



www.mpg.de



The Max Planck Society comprises more than 80 institutes and research organisations devoted to pursuing basic research in the natural sciences, life sciences and humanities. Max Planck institutes are active in research areas which are especially innovative and require intensive effort and financial resources. The Max Planck Society is Germany's most successful research organisation. Since its founding in 1948, it has seen 20 Nobel Prize winners join its ranks.



German and English

DFG: Directory of Research Training Groups and Collaborative Research Centres



www.dfg.de/gk (Research Training Groups)
www.dfg.de/sfb (Collaborative Research Centres)



German Research Foundation (DFG), see p. 17



The DFG website contains a directory of DFG-funded Research Training Groups and Collaborative Research Centres, listed by scientific area and federal state. The directories provide all relevant information including the contact details for each Research Training Group and Collaborative Research Centre.



German and English

DFG: Excellence Strategy



www.dfg.de/excellence_strategy



German Research Foundation (DFG), see p. 17

On this webpage, the DFG describes the background, goals and current status of the federal- and state-funded “Excellence Strategy”. Launched after the successful completion of the Excellence Initiatives from 2005 to 2017, the Excellence Strategy promotes high-level research at German universities to further strengthen Germany’s competitive edge as an internationally attractive research location.



German and English

General information about Germany

Portal to Germany



www.deutschland.de



A service by FAZIT Communication GmbH in cooperation with the Federal Foreign Office



The goal of “deutschland.de” is to provide information about Germany to international users. Divided into six thematic areas – “Politics”, “Life”, “Knowledge”, “Business”, “Culture” and “Environment” – the website features articles and videos on key issues being discussed in Germany today. Other topics relate to the diverse relationships that Germany has cultivated with partner countries around the world. One can find information on studying, working and travelling in Germany, and for language learners, the “German language”. Visitors can download the e-paper magazine “Deutschland Edition”, available in twelve different languages.



German, English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Turkish

Tourism in Germany



www.germany.travel



This website is operated by the German National Tourist Board on behalf of the German federal government to promote Germany as a travel destination. It presents various cities and cultural highlights, as well as Germany’s most stunning natural landscapes and holiday travel routes. There is also information on environmentally friendly and handicapped-accessible travel options, hiking tours and other travel-related topics.



German, English, French and Spanish

Facts about Germany



www.tatsachen-ueber-deutschland.de



A service by FAZIT Communication GmbH in cooperation with the Federal Foreign Office



This portal contains current data, interesting facts, and information about Germany. It spotlights Germany's form of government, social life, political parties, societal developments, and many other topics related to business, environment, education, and cultural diversity in Germany.



German, English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish

Federal Agency for Civic Education



www.bpb.de



The Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb) is affiliated with the German Federal Ministry of the Interior. The website contains extensive information on political, historical and social matters of interest – and not only on topics related to Germany, but also of international relevance.



Visitors can find reference works, legal regulations, and a collection of facts and figures. The integrated media library contains informative videos and info graphics. A large selection of bpb publications (books, journals, brochures) can be downloaded for free or ordered (and shipped abroad) for a small fee.



German, general information also available in English

Information portal “Culture and Foreign Policy”



www.ifa.de/forschung



The ifa (Institute for Foreign Relations) is committed to peaceful, enriching coexistence around the world, and to this end, promotes artistic and cultural dialogue and research-based knowledge transfer. On this website, one can find databases on current exhibitions and funding opportunities for cultural projects.



German and English

Deutsche Welle



www.dw.com



Deutsche Welle (DW) is a public broadcasting organisation financed by the German federal government.



Deutsche Welle features the latest news from Germany and around the world, along with analyses and commentaries. Its TV programme is offered in German, English, Spanish and Arabic. Visitors can watch TV broadcasts online; cable and satellites options are also available. Under the heading “Learn German”, visitors can find an extensive range of language-learning services including free online German courses and language trainings.



German, English and 28 other languages

Deutschlandradio



www.deutschlandradio.de



DeutschlandRadio is the public radio broadcaster of the Federal Republic of Germany. On its website, visitors can listen to radio online, as well as read news, behind-the-scenes stories, and interviews.



There are currently three programmes:

www.deutschlandfunk.de ▶ Deutschlandfunk, radio news programme

www.deutschlandfunkkultur.de ▶ Deutschlandfunk Kultur, radio cultural programme

www.deutschlandfunknova.de ▶ Deutschlandfunk Nova, radio science programme for inquisitive minds



German

Entering, living and working in Germany

Federal Foreign Office    



www.auswaertiges-amt.de



The Federal Foreign Office (AA) is the German federal ministry responsible for national foreign policy.



The Federal Foreign Office is the first place to visit to obtain information about travelling to and entering Germany. The website provides detailed descriptions of Germany's bilateral relations and contact details of its diplomatic missions abroad. Information on entry visas and application procedures can be found under the menu heading "Service".



German, English, Arabic, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish

DAAD: Info Sheets on Entry, Residence and Employment



www.daad.de/infosheet-incoming



The DAAD offers two publications with extensive information for international students and researchers on entry and residence requirements and gainful employment in Germany. Not only do they explain the current legal provisions but also describe the corresponding administrative procedures in detail.



German and English

Federal Ministry of the Interior: Migration Policy



www.zuwanderung.de



Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI) of the Federal Republic of Germany



This website provides detailed information on German migration law. Under the heading “Entry and Residence”, visitors can find answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding immigration policy.



German and English

Federal Agency of Migration and Refugees



www.bamf.de



Federal Agency for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)



The website of the Federal Agency for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) offers extensive information on such topics as “Migration and Residence”, “Integration”, “Asylum and Refugee Protection” and “Return”. In the “Information Collection”, visitors will find a wide range of FAQs. The site provides a list of addresses of advice centres, telephone numbers to topic hotlines and the hotline “Working and Living in Germany”.



German, English, Arabic, French, Russian and Turkish

Make it in Germany



www.make-it-in-germany.com



Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy and the German Economic Institute



“Make it in Germany” is the official website for international professionals who are interested in pursuing a career in Germany. The website offers an overview of the general occupational training, study and research opportunities available in Germany. In addition to information on entering the country, looking for employment and managing daily life, the website includes additional services ranging from a job portal to personal consultation by email, hotline or chat.



German, English, French, Spanish, basic information in eleven other languages



Tip

Internship referrals

Looking for an internship or work placement? You can obtain advice and support from the Careers Service or International Office at your university.

The following student support organisations can provide further advice and assistance.

www.aiesec.de ► AIESEC Deutschland (German)

www.elsa-germany.org ► ELSA Deutschland e.V.
(European Law Students' Association; available in German and English)

www.iaeste.de ► IAESTE (International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience; available in German and English)



Job-finding services on the web

Social networks devoted to cultivating professional contacts are very popular, e.g. the German provider www.xing.com and the global network www.linkedin.com. The platforms allow members to engage in contact with potential employers.

There are also numerous job exchanges specialised in student and academic job opportunities. Here is a selection:

- ▶ www.academics.de
- ▶ www.absolventa.de
- ▶ www.askstudents.de
- ▶ www.berufsstart.de
- ▶ www.campusjaeger.de
- ▶ www.connecticum.de
- ▶ www.jobmensa.de
- ▶ www.studentjob.de

Other helpful sites include www.jobsuma.de and www.jobworld.de, which scan multiple job exchanges with each search query.



Learning German

DAAD: Language and short courses in Germany



www.summerschools.de



The DAAD language and short course database contains information on more than 280 courses for international students offered at German universities. The thematic spectrum is quite broad; in addition to short courses on such topics as European studies, regenerative energies and art history, one can find a wide range of German language courses with various focuses (e.g. German regional studies, intercultural communication and German for law students). Website users can search for courses based on specific search criteria, such as course type (specialist, language or e-learning courses), course language, and field of study.



German and English

TestDaF: Standardised Test of German as a Foreign Language



www.testdaf.de



The TestDaF Institute is operated by the Association for Academic University Preparation (g.a.s.t.) and is affiliated with the FernUniversität Hagen and the Ruhr University in Bochum (RUB). It offers a standardised test of German as a foreign language to students worldwide.



Foreign student applicants are normally required to provide proof that their German language skills are sufficient for

studying in Germany. The TestDaF is a central, standardised test of German as a foreign language, similar to the American “Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Passing this language test is a common admission requirement for international students applying to German universities. On the TestDaF website, visitors can find upcoming testing dates, a set of model exams with sample exercises, and the addresses of all testing centres worldwide where candidates can take the test before arriving in Germany.



German (information in 22 languages can be downloaded under the heading “Infos in Ihrer Sprache” (Information in your language)

Goethe-Institut



www.goethe.de



The Goethe-Institut is the largest intermediary organisation of German foreign cultural policy in the world. It teaches and promotes German language and culture at 157 institutes in 98 countries worldwide and 12 institutes in Germany.



On the Goethe-Institut website, visitors will find information on cultural life in Germany and a large section on “Learning German”. This is where language learners can book German courses and register for exams. Under the heading “Free German Practice”, several websites invite learners to practice and improve their German language skills.



German and English (the websites of the foreign-based institutes are usually offered in English or the national language.)

Professional Association for German as a Foreign and as a Second Language



www.fadaf.de



The Professional Association for German as a Foreign and Second Language (fadaf) is dedicated to teaching the German language, thereby promoting intercultural encounters.



Under the heading “DaF/DaZ-Angebote”, one can find a database of language course providers in Germany, and under “DaF-Links”, a list of links related to the subject of “German as a Foreign Language.”



German

Deutsche Welle – Learn German



www.dw.com



On the Deutsche Welle website, one can find links to free German courses along with extensive materials for self-study under the menu heading “Learn German”.



German, English and 27 other languages from Albanian to Urdu

deutsch.info



www.deutsch.info



The online service deutsch.info was developed by Studio GAUS GmbH (Berlin) in cooperation with nine partners from eight European countries. The project was made possible with funding from the European Commission.



This online platform offers modern didactic tools for learning German. It enables motivated learners of various levels to improve their language skills at no cost. The platform also provides practical information about living and working in Germany and Austria.



German, English and 22 other languages

Tip

Learning German with videos and podcasts

Watching videos and podcasts at various language levels is a great way to learn German. Deutsche Welle has produced an entire series of exciting podcasts and videos, some of which were created in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut. These include “Radio D”, “Deutschtrainer” (German trainer), “Deutschlandlabor” (Germany Lab), “Top-Thema mit Vokabeln” (Top Theme with Vocabulary), “Das sagt man so!” (That’s How You Say It!), “Langsam gesprochene Nachrichten” (News Spoken Slowly), “Sprachbar” (Speak-Easy) and “Alltagsdeutsch” (Everyday German).

There are also numerous YouTube channels devoted to learning German. Some examples include “24h Deutsch”, “Learn German with Anja” and “Easy German”.

www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/nachrichten/s-8030

► Latest daily news, spoken slowly

www.podcast.de/podcast/14645 ► Podcast series by the Goethe-Institut: Grüße aus Deutschland (Greetings from Germany)

Tip

For German Studies students and literature enthusiasts

<https://networks.h-net.org/h-germanistik> ► H-Germanistik contains academic information targeted at German Studies scholars: calls for papers, conference announcements and reports, reviews, tables of contents of current academic journals, presentations of research projects and degree programmes, funding opportunities and scholarships, job and internship advertisements.

www.germanistenverzeichnis.phil.uni-erlangen.de ► In the online directory of the Gesellschaft für Hochschulgermanistik (GfH), more than 7,700 German studies scholars from over 70 countries share information about their teaching and research areas.

www.germanistik-im-netz.de ► The online portal of the Fachinformationsdienst (FID) Germanistik helps German studies scholars gain access to subject-specific data sources and supports them with researching and publishing their research findings. The portal also contains extensive information on institutions, current topics, and tools.

www.litrix.de ► Litrix.de – German Literature Online presents new German-language publications from the areas of fiction, non-fiction, children's books, and youth literature. In addition to book reviews, litrix.de provides sample chapters and information about selected authors and publishing companies.

www.literaturkritik.de ► The online journal "Literaturkritik" publishes reviews of new publications on the book market, as well as essays and reports on the literary scene and cultural studies.

projekt-gutenberg.org ► The Projekt Gutenberg-DE has amassed the largest online collection of German-language literature with more than 10,000 works by over 2,000 authors.

www.literaturport.de ► The Literaturportal features a lexicon of over 1,400 contemporary German-language writers, along with information on literary journals and scholarship offers in the field of literature.

Dictionaries and grammars

www.dwds.de ► Digital dictionary of the German language

www.wortschatz.uni-leipzig.de ► Leipzig Corpora Collection/ Deutscher Wortschatz

www.duden.de ► Spellcheck dictionary of the German language

www.leo.org ► Leo's dictionaries and grammar

www.deutschegrammatik20.de ► German grammar 2.0

Life and travel

Tip

Looking for accommodation

Students in Germany usually find accommodation in student residence halls or private apartments. Unlike some countries, students in Germany are not automatically assigned a room in a student residence hall when they enrol at university. Usually they have to find accommodation on their own.

For information on student accommodation, visit www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-stay/accommodation. The site www.study-in-germany.de is available in German and English.

Especially popular among students are flat-shares, or “WGs”. Several apartment-finding websites are specialised in WGs, such as accommodation exchange services and housing associations. To take advantage of these service, it helps to understand a little German.

- ▶ www.wg-gesucht.de
- ▶ www.immobilienscout24.de
- ▶ www.immowelt.de

DAAD: Find a student residence hall



www.daad.de/accommodationfinder



German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), see p. 6



The DAAD operates a database to help students find and apply for a room in a student residence hall at their respective university. After selecting the desired city and university, the search engine provides a list of all available residence halls. There one can find detailed information on prices, the neighbourhood and provided furnishings. With just a few clicks, one can submit an online application for a room in the selected residence hall.



German and English

Tip

Inexpensive overnight accommodation

For those who have just arrived in Germany and have not arranged overnight accommodation, or those who are simply travelling through Germany and need a place to stay, there are a number of ways to find reasonably priced overnight accommodation.

Some networks, for example, which offer overnight accommodation at no cost:

- ▶ www.couchsurfing.org
- ▶ www.bewelcome.org
- ▶ www.hospitalityclub.org

Youth hostels

- ▶ www.jugendherberge.de
- ▶ www.german-hostels.de
- ▶ de.hostelbookers.com
- ▶ www.german.hostelworld.com

Tip

Sustainable living

Sustainability is becoming more and more important to many people. For detailed information and ideas for living a sustainable lifestyle, visit:

- ▶ www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/nachhaltigkeitspolitik/nachhaltig-leben (German only)

One can find shops in cities throughout Germany which sell unpackaged foods. At www.unverpackt-verband.de/map you can view where these “unpackaged” supermarkets are located.

For those who are looking for or want to give away used items, Facebook groups like *Free Your Stuff* is the place to go. This is where everything is given away for free – books, clothing, furniture, electronics and much more.

There are also networks devoted to bringing neighbours and people together who are willing to help each other, and share or lend things to one another:

- ▶ www.nebenan.de/
- ▶ www.nachbarschaft.net/

Tip

Mobility

There are many ways to travel and remain mobile in Germany.

Railway

For information about railway travel via Deutsche Bahn, visit www.bahn.de. The website provides information about all train connections, travelling times, prices and discounts. Travellers can purchase tickets and reserve seats online. For especially good deals, one should book tickets as early as possible. “DB Navigator” is the name of the official app of the Deutsche Bahn.

If tickets are no longer available on the Deutsche Bahn website, we recommend checking with the travel company *Ltur*, which offers inexpensive, economy-class tickets:

www.ltur.com/de/reisearten/bahn

Please note that tickets can only be purchased with a credit card.

Coach

Taking a coach, or long-distance bus, is an inexpensive way to travel. There are a number of coach companies which offer connections to German and European cities. Some large companies include *BlaBlaBus*, *Eurolines*, *FlixBus*, *IC BUS* and *RegioJet*. To find the best prices, visit www.fernbusse.de.

Car-pooling

Car-pooling agencies offer a reasonably priced mode of transportation – they put passengers in contact with drivers who have space available in their cars. The travel expenses are shared by all the passengers. Some large car-pooling agencies include *fahrgemeinschaft.de*, *BesserMitfahren.de*, *BlaBlaCar*, *Drive2Day*, *MiFaz* and *mitfahren.de*. For an overview of offers by various car-pooling agencies, visit: www.hitchhikers.de.

Bicycle and e-scooter rentals

Biking is extremely popular in Germany, and there are many cities and regions where bicycles, e-bikes and e-scooters are available for rent. In addition to numerous local companies, the larger companies with branches in several cities include *Call a bike*, *Nextbike* and *Swapfiets* (bicycles and e-bikes) and *Bird*, *Circ*, *dott*, *Hive*, *Lime*, *SPIN*, *TIER* and *Voi* (mainly e-scooters).

Car-sharing

There are various forms of car-sharing in all major German cities. For more details and an overview of providers in Germany, visit: www.carsharing.de. Some large companies include *cambio*, *Flinkster*, *MILES*, *scouter*, *SHARE NOW*, *stadtmobil* and *StattAuto*.

Who to contact with questions about Germany as a place to study

www.daad.de/io ► Addresses of the International Offices at German universities. The International Office at the university of your choice is your first contact point in Germany.

www.daad.de/contact ► Addresses and links to the DAAD Regional Offices and Information Centres around the world

www.study-in-germany.de/en/contact/contact-form/

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