

Getting admitted to an undergraduate course at a German university

Foundation Courses (Studienkollegs) in Germany

What can I do if I hold an HSSC certificate and I want to study in Germany?

An HSSC (FSc) certificate is not accepted as an entrance qualification for German universities. If you do not hold A-levels or if you do not have completed at least a one year undergraduate course at a Pakistani university, you have to attend a *Studienkolleg* before you may start your undergraduate course in Germany.

Are the courses at *Studienkollegs* all the same?

There are *Studienkollegs* preparing for Universities of Applied Sciences, and those preparing for Research Universities and Universities of Applied Sciences. In addition, the courses are designed for special study areas:

Universities

- M = Medicine, Biology, (Chemistry) Pharmacy
- T = Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry (also in M), technical subjects
- W = Economics, Social Sciences, Business Studies etc.
- G = Humanities, German literature and language
- S = Languages

Universities of Applied Sciences (Hochschulen/Fachhochschulen)

- TI = Technical and Engineering Sciences
- WW = Business Studies
- GD = Art, Design and related fields
- SW = Social Sciences

How long do the courses take and what kind of end exam will I take at the end?

Courses usually run for two semesters followed by the final exam (*Feststellungsprüfung*). Courses mostly start in spring and fall.

What are the prerequisites to join a *Studienkolleg*?

Before joining a *Studienkolleg*, you will have to pass an admission test (mostly German, Maths). Prerequisites are:

- Pakistani university entrance qualification (HSSC)
- Sufficient pre knowledge of German (B1 level – contact Goethe Institute Karachi, Annemarie Schimmel House Lahore or NUML Islamabad for language courses.)

What does it cost?

The state run *Studienkollegs* are free of charge. There are also private foundation courses charging fees.

Will the *Feststellungsprüfung* be acknowledged by other universities in Germany?

Yes, the *Feststellungsprüfung* will be acknowledged at all German universities.

How can I apply?

Applications procedures vary a lot. In many cases, you will have to apply for admission to an undergraduate course in the same *Bundesland* (county) first, before being admitted to the *Studienkolleg*. Please read the information of the selected *Studienkolleg* very carefully and follow their application guideline. For further questions, please contact the respective *Studienkolleg* and not DAAD.

How can I get a visa?

After passing the entrance test and getting your admission letter, you may apply for a student applicant visa. Please find more information at the website of the German Embassy / Consulate General, and keep in mind that the waiting time for online appointments is up to three months. You will have to proof sufficient funds (ca. 8,000 EUR) on a blocked account.

Do I have to visit the *Studienkolleg* if I want to join a degree course in English language?

Some of the universities offering undergraduate courses in English language offer foundation courses in English language (mostly against fees). Please check very carefully, if the offered course will provide you access to undergraduate courses. For more information, check: www.daad.de/idp.

List of German *Studienkollegs* (as of 15 August 2017)

| Name | Town | Status | Courses | Website/Kontakt |
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| Universität Heidelberg Internationales Studien- zentrum Studienkolleg | Heidel- berg | Uni/staatlich | M, T, W, G, S | www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de studienkolleg@isz.uni-heidelberg.de |
| Studienkolleg nrw GmbH (Hochschule Fresenius Köln) | Köln | privat | M, T, W | www.studienkolleg-nrw.de info@studienkolleg-nrw.de |
| Studienkolleg / Sprachenzentrum des KIT (Karlsruher Institut für Technologie) | Karlsruhe | Uni/staatlich | T | www.stk.kit.edu sec@stk.kit.edu |
| Studienkolleg an der HTWG Konstanz | Konstanz | Uni + FH/staatlich | T, W | www.htwg-konstanz.de/Studienkolleg- Konstanz.107.0.html studienkolleg@htwg-konstanz.de |
| Studienkolleg bei den Universitäten des Freistaates Bayern | München | Uni/staatlich | M, T, W, G | www.studienkolleg.mhn.de info@studienkolleg.mhn.de |
| Studienkolleg bei den Fachhochschulen des Freistaates Bayern | Coburg | FH/staatlich | TI, SW, WW, GD, DSH | www.sk-coburg.de studienkolleg@hs-coburg.de |
| Internationales Studienkolleg der TU Berlin | Berlin | Uni/staatlich | M, T, TI, WW, W | www.studienkolleg.tu-berlin.de studienkolleg@tu-berlin.de |
| Studienkolleg der FU Berlin | Berlin | Uni/staatlich | M, W, G, S | www.fu-berlin.de/studienkolleg studienkolleg@fu-berlin.de |
| Hamburg Studienkolleg für auslän- dische Studierende an der Universität Hamburg | Hamburg | Uni/staatlich | M, T, W, G Sonder- lehrgan- g | www.studienkolleg-hamburg.de studienkolleg@bsb.hamburg.de |
| Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main Internationales Studienzentrum/Studienkoll eg | Frankfurt am Main | Uni + FH/staatlich | M, T, W, G | www.isz.uni-frankfurt.de studienkolleg@em.uni-frankfurt.de |
| Studienkolleg für ausländische Studierende/Academic Bridging Courses | Darm- stadt | Uni + FH/staatlich | T, G | www.stk.tu-darmstadt.de kolleg@stk.tu-darmstadt.de |

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| Studienkolleg für ausländische Studierende der Universität Kassel | Kassel | Uni + FH/staatlich | T, W | http://www.uni-kassel.de/einrichtungen/studienkolleg/startseite.html studkoll@uni-kassel.de |
| Studienkolleg Mittelhessen an der Universität Marburg | Marburg | Uni + FH/staatlich | M, T, W, G | www.studienkolleg-mittelhessen.de g.schaerer-pohlmann@studienkolleg-mittelhessen.de |
| Studienkolleg an der Ernst-Moritz-Arndt-Universität Greifswald | Greifswald | Uni/staatlich | M, T, G | https://www.uni-greifswald.de/en/international/coming-to-greifswald/studying-and-study-preparations/studienkolleg-preparatory-courses/ studienkolleg@uni-greifswald.de |
| Studienkolleg für ausländische Studierende an der Hochschule Wismar | Wismar | FH/staatlich | TI, W, WW | https://www.hs-wismar.de/en/international/from-abroad/studienkolleg-foundation-course/ andrea.feldt@hs-wismar.de |
| Universität Hannover Niedersächsisches Studienkolleg | Hannover | Uni/staatlich | M, T, W | www.stk.uni-hannover.de sekretariat@stk.uni-hannover.de |
| Studienkolleg des Ökumenischen Studienwerks e.V. für ausländische Studierende | Bochum | staatlich genehmigt | T | www.studienkolleg-bochum.de info@studienkolleg-bochum.de |
| Studienkolleg Mettingen | Mettingen | staatlich anerkannt | T, W, G, M | www.studienkolleg-mettingen.de brasilien@t-online.de |
| Internationales Studienkolleg der Johannes-Gutenberg-Universität Mainz | Mainz | Uni/staatlich | M, T, W, G, S | www.uni-mainz.de/studienkolleg studienkolleg@uni-mainz.de |
| Internationales Studienkolleg für die Fachhochschulen | Kaiserslautern | FH/staatlich | TI, WW | www.fh-kl.de/studienkolleg studienkolleg@fh-kl.de |
| Studienkolleg der Universität des Saarlandes | Saarbrücken | Uni/staatlich | M, T, | www.uni-saarland.de/studienkolleg studienkolleg@stk.uni-sb.de |
| Ausländerstudienkolleg zur Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft des Saarlandes | Saarbrücken | FH/staatlich | TI, WW | https://www.htwsaar.de/studium/bewerbung/uniassist-fuer-auslaendische-bewerberinnen/ask eva.graeser@giz.de |
| TUDIAS-Studienkolleg TU Dresden | Dresden | privat | T, M | www.tudias.de sprachschule@tudias.de |
| Studienkolleg Glauchau | Glauchau | privat | T, TI, W, WW, DSH | www.studienkolleg-glauchau.de sbg@studienkolleg-glauchau.de |
| Universität Leipzig Studienkolleg Sachsen | Leipzig | Uni/staatlich | M, T, W, G, S | www.uni-leipzig.de/stksachs stksachs@rz.uni-leipzig.de |
| Hochschule Zittau/Görlitz Studienkolleg | Zittau | FH/staatlich | TI, WW | www.hszg.de/studienkolleg studienkolleg@hszg.de |
| Landesstudienkolleg | Halle | Uni/staatlich | M, T, W, | www.studienkolleg.uni-halle.de |

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| Sachsen-Anhalt Standort Halle | | | G, S | info@studienkolleg.uni-halle.de |
| Landesstudienkolleg Sachsen-Anhalt Standort Köthen | Köthen | FH/staatlich | T, SW, W | http://www.hs-anhalt.de/international/landesstudienkolleg.html stk@stk.hs-anhalt.de |
| Studienkolleg an der FH Kiel | Kiel | FH/staatlich | TI, SW, WW | www.stk.fh-kiel.de studienkolleg@fh-kiel.de |
| Staatliches Studienkolleg | Nordhausen | Uni + FH/staatlich | M, T, W, G | https://www.hs-nordhausen.de/en/international/staatliches-studienkolleg/ guenther@fh-nordhausen.de |

Note:

1. Select the *Studienkolleg* according to your study area (see first page).
2. In any case of doubt, ask the International Office of the university offering the selected undergraduate course, which *Studienkolleg* you have to attend.
3. Mind the abbreviations:
 Uni = Research University
 FH = University of Applied Sciences (does not prepare for degree courses at research universities)
staatlich = public = mostly free of tuition fees
staatlich anerkannt = private

Apart from the fact that most courses at public universities are free of tuition fees, neither DAAD nor German universities provide any scholarships for foreign students attending Studienkolleg or undergraduate courses.

Also see: www.daad.de/idp/ / www.study-in-germany.de/

Language courses: Goethe Institute Karachi : <https://www.goethe.de/ins/pk/en/index.html> , NUML Islamabad: www.numl.edu.pk , Annemarie Schimmel Haus Lahore: www.schimmel.com.pk