

Guideline for German Student Visa Application

To do's before you travel to Germany

Step 1

You will enter Germany as a tourist and there is no visa required. You can stay up to **90 days** in Germany without a visa. **Important:** Please check beforehand if your passport is still valid; it must be valid for at least the duration of the semester.

Step 2

For the visa, you need a health insurance. We will provide you with the necessary health insurance.

Step 3

You will need a biometric photo, which you can take in the U.S. or once you arrive in Germany. Here you can see how the photo must look like: <https://www.persofoto.com/lexicon/passport/how-do-i-make-a-biometric-passport-photo/>

Step 4

You need to provide a financial statement, showing your ability to cover the estimated monthly living expenses. That means that you should show at least 720 Euros per month for the duration of your stay. For example, if you stay for 4 months, you need to have in total **2880 Euros** in your bank account. You can submit proof of your financial statement with statements of account. It is recommended to get a statement of account of the past 3 months. It is possible to get a sponsor letter - parents / guardians who can show their statement. If this is the case, please also get a letter stating that they are sponsoring your study abroad, this declaration has to be verified by a notary.

To do's after your arrival in Germany

Step 1

Once you arrive in Germany, you will receive the certificate of enrollment at Hochschule Fresenius, which you will need for your interview at the "Ausländerbehörde" (aliens department).

Step 2

Foreigners who seek to remain in Germany for more than three months must get a registration card ("Meldebestätigung"). To get such confirmation, a foreigner must apply at the local Resident's Registration Office, the so-called "Bürgeramt". It is recommendable to book a timeslot online; you can find a list of all "Bürgerämter" in Berlin here:

<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/120702/> The nearest "Bürgeramt" to Hochschule Fresenius is the one in Berlin Mitte: <https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/120702/standort/122280/>

Please keep in mind that you have to bring your passport and pay the cost for registration, which is 10 Euros.

Step 3

Please book an appointment at the "Ausländerbehörde" as soon as possible after your arrival:

<https://formular.berlin.de/xima-forms-29/nextpage/59e7b8df-2ccc-46ea-b85c-1379151184de/>

➔ Make sure to select "Residence for students from states outside the EU, EEA as well as Switzerland (sect 16 par. 1)"

For the interview, please bring the following documents with you:

- Valid passport
- 1 current biometric photo - 35mm x 45mm, frontal shot with neutral facial expression and closed mouth, looking straight into the camera, light background (http://www.berlin.de/lab0/_assets/krafftfahrzeugwesen/foto-mustertafel.pdf)
- The form "Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels" (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit)
- Proof of secure livelihood (statement of account)
- Proof of health insurance
- Certificate of enrollment
- Certificate of registration at the main residence (registration card ➔ "Meldebescheinigung")
- Fee of 56 Euros

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- Biometric photo
- Proof of financial statement
- "Meldebescheinigung" (registration card)
- Certificate of enrollment