

## Study and research in Germany

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### Info-Sheet on Studying at a Studienkolleg

If your school leaving certificate does not qualify you for admission to studies in Germany, you have to pass an assessment test to gain that qualification ("Feststellungsprüfung"). Upon passing the test, you can study at a tertiary education institution in Germany. Please note that the assessment tests for admission to Fachhochschulen (universities of applied sciences) and Universitäten (universities) differ. If you pass the assessment test for Fachhochschulen, you are only entitled to study at a Fachhochschule, not at a university. And the assessment test only qualifies you to study a subject from a specific core subject area, i.e. those who have qualified in the field of economics and business e.g. cannot later register for a course in engineering or arts and humanities.

You can prepare for the "Feststellungsprüfung" at a Studienkolleg ([www.studienkolleg.de](http://www.studienkolleg.de)) and sit the examination there. Or you can prepare externally and then take the external examination. The individual Studienkollegs will provide you with further information on this.

Generally you will register via the university at which you later want to study. This means you have to submit a written application for admission at the Studienkolleg to the university of your choice (and not direct to the Studienkolleg). The university then registers you at the Studienkolleg. While you are studying at the Studienkolleg, you will be registered as a full student at the relevant university. Deadline for application is 15<sup>th</sup> January for entry into the summer semester and 15<sup>th</sup> July for the entry into the winter Semester, though students are advised to check for the specific deadlines for the University or Studienkolleg of their choice.

Please note, however, that Studienkollegs generally only admit applicants with:

- 1) At least five WASSCE subjects at credit level "C6", covering a language plus a science or mathematics subject (applicants for a humanities subject need two languages).
- 2) Intermediate German language skills (at least B1) If you are already a graduate, seek information from your host university as to whether your academic background will gain you admission.

For admission to a Studienkolleg you have to pass an entrance test. This includes a test of your German language skills (German at least at intermediate level is required). The costs strictly depend on the federal state or the Studienkolleg you may be interested in. The federal state of Bavaria for example, does not charge tuition fee for its Studienkolleg. Participants, however, receive official student status and therefore must pay the general registration fee (please always refer to the specific website of every Studienkolleg for up-to-date information).

#### Specifically for Fachhochschulen

The Studienkollegs for Fachhochschulen generally offer two-semester preparatory courses in the following core subject areas:

- Course TI: Preparation for technical and engineering programmes
- Course WW: Preparation for economics and business oriented programmes
- Course GD: Preparation for design and art oriented programmes
- Course SW: Preparation for social sciences oriented programmes
- Course DÜ: Preparation for programmes leading to Diplom-Dolmetscher (interpreter) and Diplom-Übersetzer (translator) qualifications

#### Specifically for universities

The Studienkollegs for universities prepare students for the Feststellungsprüfung in courses that run over two semesters. As a rule, the following core subject areas are offered:

- T-courses: for natural sciences (except biological), technical and mathematics programmes
- M-courses: for medical and biological programmes
- W-courses: for economics and social sciences oriented programmes
- G-courses: for arts and humanities, sociological, cultural and artistic programmes; German studies
- S-course: (except German) for language oriented programme

For further information visit [www.studienkolleg.de](http://www.studienkolleg.de)