

## Information Centre Accra

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### FAQs: What is TestAS?

TestAS is a central standardised aptitude test for foreign students (comparable to the North-American SAT). TestAS gives prospective students information about their individual ranking compared to other applicants. With good results, they can improve their chances of being admitted for studies at a German university. TestAS was run worldwide for the first time in May 2007. The test dates for 2008 will be published in mid-2007. Many universities and institutions of higher education will include this aptitude test in their admission procedure in 2008 and add the TestAS result to their requirements. The test is primarily designed for SS school leavers, HND holders and university students at the beginning of their studies.

For more information on the test please visit the following website:

[http://www.testas.de/en/index\\_en.htm](http://www.testas.de/en/index_en.htm)

### New DAAD representative to come to Ghana

After four years in Ghana the current DAAD representative, Dr. Harald Olk, will leave the country this summer and hand over the running of the DAAD Information Centre to his successor, who is due to arrive in Ghana in October. Dr. Olk would like to express his sincere gratitude to his many Ghanaian partners and friends, who warmly welcomed him to Ghana and supported him throughout his time here. To find out more about the new representative please visit the Information Centre website in October. The information centre staff will be available during the summer at the usual office hours for consultation.

<http://ic.daad.de/accra>

### Scholarship Opportunities: Postgraduate Programmes for Development Professionals

The DAAD has released a list of 41 postgraduate courses with special relevance to developing countries, which will receive scholarship support in the academic year 2008/9. The list comprises courses in economics, engineering, regional planning, agricultural and environmental sciences as well as in medicine, development studies and sociology and education.

Applicants need to hold a good Bachelor's degree (at least second class, upper division) and must not be holder than 36 years of age (in some cases an age limit of 32 years applies). In addition, all applicants are required to have at least two years of postgraduate professional experience closely related to the chosen course. For further information on courses, deadlines and application procedures please contact the DAAD Information Centre in Accra: [daadghana@web.de](mailto:daadghana@web.de).

### **New German Immigration Laws to Improve the Lives of Foreign Researchers**

The German Federal Government has recently issued a comprehensive amendment to its immigration law. Under this new amendment, approximately a dozen EU policies - including policies that affect students and researchers - will be adopted into German state law. Among the significant changes that this amendment foresees are a notable decrease in immigration requirements for non-EU independent contractors. Overall, this amendment signals a gesture of openness toward students, researchers and scientists throughout the world.

To read the full article in German, go to [www.bmbf.de/press/2005.php](http://www.bmbf.de/press/2005.php)

### **Erasmus Mundus Sample Programme: MSc (Hydro-Informatics and Water Management)**

The ERASMUS Mundus programme is a cooperation and mobility program in the field of higher education which promotes the European Union as a center of educational excellence. The European Commission has selected numerous Master's degree programmes in Europe for which highly qualified international students and faculty can receive generous EU stipends. The programme allows students from non-European countries to complete a Master Course in Europe with a full scholarship. Students are required to study in at least 2 European countries and will receive a double degree on successful completion of the programme.

The Master of Science in Hydro-Informatics & Water Management, which is run jointly by universities in Spain, France, Hungary, Germany and the UK looks at the sustainable development of water resources in the aquatic environment and its management. Hydro-Informatics, a European concept, emerges as the central element for the progress of modelling activities and management of capacities. The main objective of the Master is to prepare and train future scientists and executive engineers in charge of modelling and managing projects in hydro-technologies and environment. These professionals have vocation to assist local, regional, national and international collectivities, public services and to be involved in private companies.

Admission criteria: a 2nd class degree from university (BSc) or its equivalent (min. qualification). Preferred first degree subjects are Engineering (any branch), Environmental Sciences, Physics, Computer Sciences, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry, Geology or a similar subject. Advanced level Mathematics is required.

For more information about the programme, go to: <http://www.euroaquae.org/jahia/jsp/index.jsp>

For more information about ERASMUS Mundus, go to: <http://ec.europa.eu/erasmus-mundus>

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### **International Degree Programmes**

For more information visit us at the Information Centre and check out the database of International Degree Programmes at <http://www.daad.de/deutschland/studium/idp/04709.en.html>.

Freiburg University, Master (Economics and Politics), Master (Finance), Master (Internet Economics)  
<http://master.econ.uni-freiburg.de/>

Technical University Dresden, Master (Nanobiophysics)  
<http://www.biotec.tu-dresden.de/teaching>

University Harburg, MSc (Mechatronics):  
<http://www.tu-harburg.de/education/master/mechatronics/index.html>

Karlsruhe University, MSc (Resources Engineering):  
<http://www.uni-karlsruhe.de/~ga01>

University Magdeburg, BSc (Economics and Management)  
[www.wv.uni-magdeburg.de/isp/bsc.shtml](http://www.wv.uni-magdeburg.de/isp/bsc.shtml)

Bruchsal University, Bachelor (Business Administration and International Management)  
[www.i-u.de/programs/bba/index.htm](http://www.i-u.de/programs/bba/index.htm)

Goettingen University, PhD (Wood Biology and Technology)  
[www.wood.uni-goettingen.de/phd](http://www.wood.uni-goettingen.de/phd)

University of Ulm, MSc (Advanced Materials)  
[www.uni-ulm.de/adv-mat](http://www.uni-ulm.de/adv-mat)

Fachhochschule Ingolstadt, MBA (International Project Management):  
[http://www.fh-ingolstadt.de/EWEB\\_039.HTM](http://www.fh-ingolstadt.de/EWEB_039.HTM)

Duisburg-Essen University, BSc/MSc (Computer Engineering):  
<http://www.uni-duisburg.de/ise>

### **How to get in touch:**

Visit our Website: <http://ic.daad.de/accra>

Send us an email: [daadghana@web.de](mailto:daadghana@web.de).

Visit us in the DAAD Information Centre for more information and up-to-date information material.

### **Office hours**

Mon 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm at the Goethe-Institut (next to NAFTI, East Cantonments)

Tue 9.00 am – 12.00 am at the German Embassy (Main Building, North Ridge)

Thurs 2.30 pm – 6.30 pm at the Goethe-Institut

Fri 2.30 pm – 6.30 pm at the Goethe-Institut

And by prior appointment! Just send us an email!

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