

University Summer Courses offered in Germany for Foreign Students and Graduates • DAAD

Overview

Objective

This programme aims to deepen knowledge of the German language (general language, technical language) and regional studies.

Who can apply?

- Students in undergraduate (e.g. bachelor's) and master's degree programs in all disciplines are eligible to apply.
- Undergraduate students must have completed at least two academic years by the time the scholarship period begins.

What can be funded?

- The programme funds attendance of language, regional studies and technical language courses offered by state or state-recognised German universities and by affiliated language schools.
- Course providers and courses offered can be found on the DAAD website at: www.daad.de/hsk-kursliste [<http://www.daad.de/hsk-kursliste>].
- The courses are taught exclusively in German.

Duration of the funding

- The courses have a duration of at least 18 teaching days (max. 5 days/week, excluding arrival and departure days) with at least 25 teaching hours per week each.
- The grants are not extendable.
- The courses usually take place between the months of June and September.

Value

- One-time scholarship payment of 1,134 euros; scholarship holders from the "[Least Developed Countries](https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/dac-liste.pdf)" [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/dac-liste.pdf] receive a scholarship in the amount of 1,309 euros.
- Payment of a country-specific travel allowance (exception: Western Europe), see: [travel allowance](https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/daad_hsk_rkp.pdf) [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/daad_hsk_rkp.pdf].
- Health, accident and personal liability insurance benefits.

Please note:

The above-mentioned scholarship benefits (including the travel allowance) are not transferred abroad.

The course fees and accommodation costs are usually directly deducted from the scholarship benefits by the language course provider, so that the scholarship holder may "only" receive the difference to the full amount from the course provider.

Selection

- A selection committee will review all applications
- Key selection criteria are:
 - Previous academic achievements

- Convincing letter of motivation for choice of study programme and future academic project

Further information

Answers to frequently asked questions regarding the University Summer Courses programme can be found here: https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/daad_hsk_hwk_faq.pdf (in German)

Application requirements

What requirements must be met?

- The grant holder must be at least 18 years old when starting the language course.
- Applicants must be enrolled at a university in one of the programme-related countries (except Germany) both at the time of application and during the entire scholarship period.
- There must be two full years between two grants for a university winter or university summer course. An application is possible at the earliest when the last sponsorship took place in 2021.

Language skills

- Applicants must be able to follow lectures in German and participate in group work.
- German language skills must be proven at the time of application.
- The following language certificates are usually accepted: onSET-Deutsch, TestDaF, Goethe Institut Zertifikat, DSD, DSH, telc Deutsch, ÖSD-Zertifikat, baccalaureate (for specialised language courses only).
- The language certificate cannot be older than 1 year at the time of application (this also applies to DSH). Language certificates from B2 or TDN4 in all examination parts may be older than one year.
- In principle, applicants must provide proof of a minimum language level of A2.
- In principle, doctoral students must provide proof of a minimum language level of A1.

Application Procedure

Application deadline

December 1st of each year, 23:59 CET (Central European Time)

Applications are open from September 15 each year.

Application documents

Certificates, transcripts, attestations and translations can be submitted in uncertified form. The DAAD Head Office in Bonn reserves the right to request additional certified copies of the documents submitted.

Documents to be uploaded to the DAAD Portal:

- Online application form
- Complete curriculum vitae in tabular form (in German)
- Letter of motivation (in German)
- For undergraduate students: Copy of school leaving certificate with grades (with German or English translation)
- For graduate students in postgraduate studies: Copy of the last university degree certificate (with German or English translation)
- Performance records of the last two years in German or English
- Language certificates (with German or English translation, if applicable)
- Other documents that you consider important for your application, if necessary with German or English translation (e.g. proof of internships, certificates of employment).

- All university certificates on all annual examinations with individual grade(s), incl. explanation of grading system. As well as other relevant documents for the application (internship confirmation etc.)
- German or English translations of documents submitted in the national language.
- A copy of your current student ID.
- Applicants from this country with A1 and A2 grades can upload their letter of motivation and CV in German or English. Letter of motivation and CVs of candidates from B1 onwards must be in German.

Please submit your application online through the DAAD Portal.

Please note

- In the application form, applicants are asked to indicate three course preferences. They must fill in all fields and indicate different course locations. The course preferences will be taken into account by the DAAD in the final placement, if possible. **Important:** The capacity for each course is limited. Therefore, the DAAD reserves the right to assign applicants to a different course than one of the preferred ones.
- Once your application has been received, it is no longer possible to change your course preferences or change courses.
- Only complete applications submitted by the deadline can be considered.
- Your application documents, including all attachments, samples, etc., become the property of the DAAD without any claim to remuneration. They will not be returned. Applicants' data will be stored by the DAAD in accordance with the Federal Data Protection Act and the EU General Data Protection Regulation, as far as they are required for processing the application.

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More detailed information

- Course providers and courses on offer can be found on the DAAD website at: www.daad.de/hsk-kursliste [<http://www.daad.de/hsk-kursliste>].
- For more general information on language certificates, please visit the DAAD website at: <https://www.daad.de/de/studieren-und-forschen-in-deutschland/studium-planen/die-deutsche-sprache/> [<https://www.daad.de/de/studieren-und-forschen-in-deutschland/studium-planen/die-deutsche-sprache/>].

Please also take note of our [important scholarship information](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/) [<https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/>].

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