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BACHELOR'S IN GERMANY



Introduction

Are you aspiring to pursue your bachelor's degree in Germany but feeling anxious due to your low grades? Don't worry! We've got you covered. Our comprehensive e-book is the perfect guide for students like you who dream of studying in Germany.

In this e-book, you'll find everything you need to kickstart your bachelor's journey in Germany, even with low grades. We understand that navigating the German education system can be overwhelming, especially for international students. That's why we've compiled all the essential information and insider tips to make your admission process smoother and hassle-free.

From understanding the admission requirements to finding the right university and program for you, we've covered it all. You'll learn about alternative pathways, language requirements, visa procedures, and scholarship opportunities available to help you overcome any challenges.

Our e-book provides practical advice on improving your chances of admission, crafting compelling personal statements, and acing interviews. We believe that every student deserves the opportunity to pursue their dreams, and with the right guidance, you can turn your aspirations into reality.

Don't let your low grades hold you back from studying in Germany. With our e-book as your trusted companion, you'll have the confidence and knowledge to embark on your bachelor's journey with ease. Get ready to unlock the doors to world-class education and endless opportunities in Germany!

Why Germany?

- **Tuition-Free Education:** Unlike many countries, Germany offers tuition-free education for international students.
- **Abundance of Jobs and High Earnings:** Germany boasts plenty of job opportunities and attractive earning potential for graduates.
- **Top Study Destination:** Known as a favorite study destination among students worldwide, Germany offers high-quality education.
- **Strong Economy:** Germany is the third-largest economy in the world, providing a stable environment for study and work.
- **Fast Permanent Residency:** With a streamlined process, permanent residency (PR) is possible in just 2 years after completing studies.
- **Pathway to Citizenship:** Eligibility for German nationality is achievable in 5 years, offering long-term settlement prospects.

Why Bachelors in Germany?

- **Early Age Settlement:** Studying in Germany allows for early integration into the country's society and culture.
- **Abundant Career Opportunities:** Graduates with German degrees have access to diverse career opportunities worldwide.
- **Worldwide Recognition:** German degrees are highly respected and recognized internationally.
- **Exploration of Europe:** Being centrally located in Europe, studying in Germany offers opportunities to explore neighboring countries.
- **Part-Time Job Opportunities:** Students are allowed to work part-time during their studies, providing financial support and practical experience.
- **Wide Range of English-Taught Programs:** Germany offers over 200 English-taught programs across various disciplines, catering to diverse interests.

English-taught courses

Many students mistakenly believe that there are no English-taught programs for bachelor's degrees in Germany. However, this is far from the truth as there are numerous bachelor's programs available that are entirely taught in English. These programs cater to international students and offer a diverse range of fields and disciplines.

To discover these English-taught bachelor's programs, students can visit the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) website. DAAD provides comprehensive information about study opportunities in Germany, including details about English-taught courses, admission requirements, and application procedures.

By exploring the DAAD website, students can find the perfect English-taught bachelor's program that aligns with their academic interests and career goals. Whether it's in engineering, business, humanities, or any other field, Germany offers a plenty of options for international students seeking quality education in English.

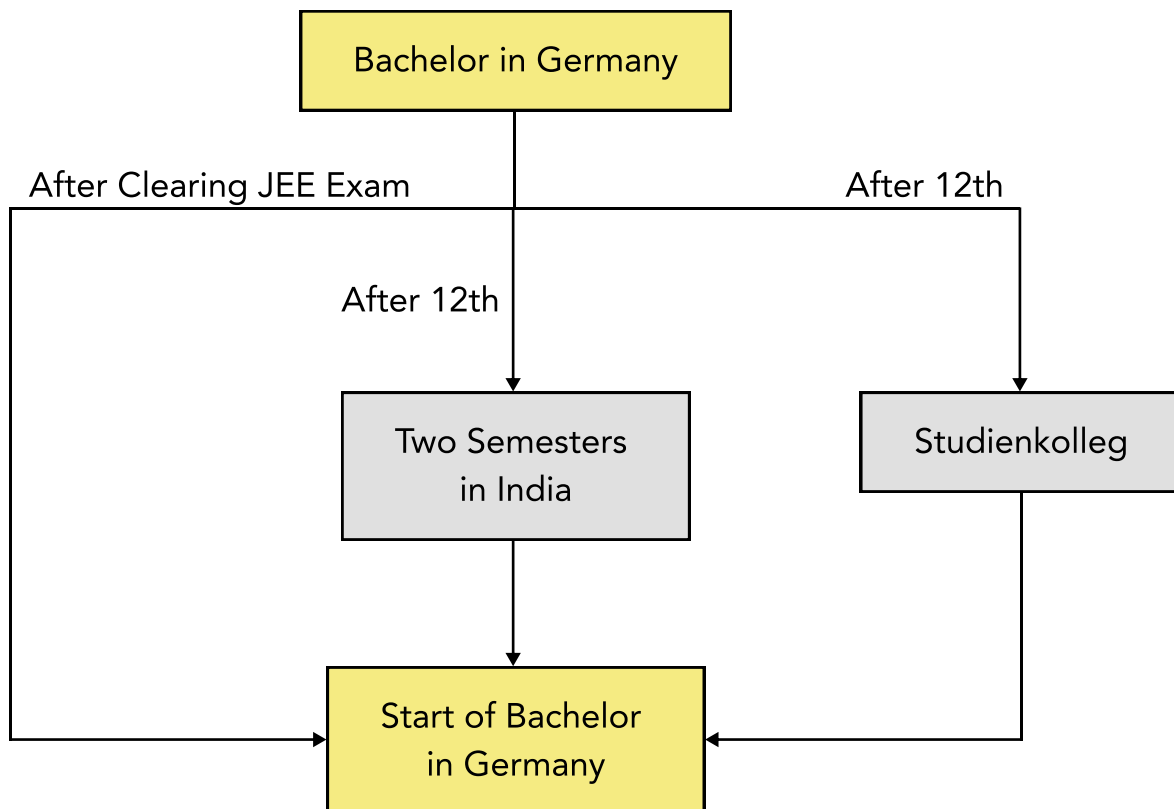
Eligibility Criteria

In Germany, students typically need to complete 13 years of education, which includes the "Abitur" or equivalent, to be eligible for bachelor's programs. However, for students coming from countries like India where the standard education system entails 12 years of schooling, there are alternative pathways to meet the 13-year education requirement.

Here are three common ways to fulfill the 13-year education requirement:

1. Direct 12+1 Level Qualification
2. 12th Year Education + 2 Semesters in University
3. 12th Year Education + Studienkolleg in Germany

Let me provide explanations for each point individually in the subsequent pages.



1. JEE Exam

For students aspiring to pursue engineering or related subjects, passing the JEE exam can be a pathway to direct admission for bachelor's programs in Germany. The syllabus covered in the JEE exam aligns closely with that of Studienkolleg, making it a suitable qualification for admission.

This opportunity is particularly beneficial for individuals interested in engineering or other fields where the JEE exam is a prerequisite in India. By leveraging their success in the JEE exam, students can streamline their application process and pursue their academic goals in Germany.

Additionally, the familiarity with the JEE syllabus can provide students with a solid foundation for their studies in Germany, facilitating a smoother transition into their chosen bachelor's program. This direct pathway underscores the international recognition and compatibility of qualifications, offering students greater flexibility and opportunities for academic advancement.

Language Requirement:

- For English-taught programs: At least 6 bands in IELTS.
- For German-taught programs: B1/B2 German language certificate.

2. 12th years Education + Two Semesters in University

The second pathway to admission is for students with a 13-year education from India. After completing 12 years in the university, you become eligible to apply directly for Bachelor's in German Universities.

Grade Requirement:

- You will need to score at least 50% marks in Intermediate and a minimum of 2.0 CGPA in the first two semesters.
- Both 12th-year marks and your CGPA will be combined (usually 50-50%) to calculate your aggregate.
- Higher marks in Mathematics increase your chances of admission.

Language Requirement:

- At least 6 bands in IELTS for English-taught programs.
- B1/B2 German language certificate for German-taught programs.
- Higher proficiency in language enhances your chances of admission.

3. 12th year Education + Studienkolleg

Many students often wonder,

"Can I go to Germany after my 12th without studying 2 semesters in my home country?"

The answer is **yes!**

You can enroll in Studienkolleg and complete this preparatory course in Germany.

Studienkolleg is a one-year program designed for international students to fulfill the 13-year education requirement. It offers different types of courses based on your academic background.

4 main points about Studienkolleg :

- 1. Language Requirement:** Studienkollegs are typically conducted in German, so you need to have a proficiency level of at least B1 or B2 in German to gain admission.
- 2. Entrance Test:** To secure admission into Studienkolleg, you'll have to pass an entrance test (Aufnahmprüfung).
- 3. Final Assessment:** At the end of Studienkolleg, you'll be required to take the Feststellungsprüfung (FSP), which is the final assessment.
- 4. Eligibility for Bachelor's Programs:** Upon successfully passing the Feststellungsprüfung (FSP), you become eligible to apply for bachelor's degree programs in Germany.

Aufnahmeprüfung

In Germany, not all universities offer Studienkolleg. You can find a list of universities offering Studienkolleg programs [here](#).

The Aufnahmeprüfung is an entrance exam conducted by universities for admission into Studienkolleg. This exam assesses your proficiency in the German language and your fundamental knowledge of relevant subjects.

Each university may have its own syllabus and exam dates. You can find information about the syllabus and exam dates on university websites such as TU Berlin.

If you fail the Aufnahmeprüfung:

- You can attempt it again in the next intake.
- Alternatively, you can consider enrolling in a private Studienkolleg.

Feststellungsprüfung (FSP)

FSP, the final exam at the end of Studienkolleg, is crucial for admission to the bachelor's program at the university. Your grade in FSP, along with your 12th-year marks, are typically combined (usually 50-50%) to determine admission.

The syllabus for FSP includes German language tests and subjects related to the Studienkolleg course you're enrolled in.

Tip: Consider applying to multiple FSP exams, as some universities also offer the option to take the FSP externally. You can find more information about External FSP on the TU Berlin website.

Is FSP conducted in German, and is it difficult to pass?

Yes, FSP is in German, but it's not too difficult to pass. You typically study for 2 semesters to prepare for this exam.

Can I skip the Feststellungsprüfung (FSP)?

No, you must pass the FSP to be eligible for admission to bachelor's programs. If you fail, you can repeat the exam, as it is conducted twice a year.

Now, let's talk about Conditional Admission in Germany. While German proficiency at the B1 or B2 level is required for entry into Studienkolleg, many students prefer to learn German in Germany after completing their 12th grade.

This is partially possible and is known as **Conditional Admission**.

Conditional Admission

Conditional admission in Germany is possible if you don't want to learn all German in India but prefer to do so in Germany.

Yes, you can obtain conditional admission from a university that states your German proficiency is not sufficient, and you need to attend a language course to meet the requirements for Studienkolleg or Bachelor programs.

You can attend the language course at that university, or they may recommend you to another institute where you can complete the language proficiency and then gain admission to Studienkolleg or Bachelor programs.

Please note:

- Some universities may reject your application outright if you don't meet their language requirements, while others offer conditional admission.

How to find such universities offering conditional admission?

I have compiled a list of the top 10 universities that offer conditional admission.

After my 12th, I want to come to Germany for my A1 German, is it possible?

No, it's not possible.

1. Usually, universities offer conditional admission to students who have at least basic German proficiency (A1 or A2).
2. The German Embassy may reject your visa if you don't have even basic proficiency in German.

Pro tip: Aim for at least A2 proficiency and then apply for conditional admission and visa.

Studienkolleg vs 2 Semesters

Should we opt for Direct or Indirect Bachelors admission in Germany?

Let's break down the differences:

Direct Admission:

- Pathway: If you complete your 12th grade along with 2 semesters in India (or if you have cleared JEE exam), you qualify for direct admission to Bachelor's programs in Germany.
- Direct Entry: You can directly enter Bachelor's programs without the need for additional preparatory courses.
- Streamlined Process: This route offers a more straightforward admission process, saving time and effort.

Indirect Admission:

- Pathway: If you complete only your 12th grade, you qualify for indirect admission, which may involve language courses (conditional admission) or Studienkolleg courses in Germany.
- Additional Preparation: Indirect admission may require additional language proficiency tests or completion of Studienkolleg courses before entering Bachelor's programs.
- Flexible Options: This pathway provides flexibility for students who may not have completed additional semesters or cleared JEE exam, allowing them to bridge any educational gaps through preparatory courses.

Direct Admission	Indirect Admission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More suitable if your course language is English • Process is simple • Cost-effective way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More suitable if your course language is German • Process is complex for beginners • Could be Expensive

Application Process

Before delving into the application process, it's essential to understand the best time to apply in Germany.

Germany typically offers two main intakes for academic programs:

1. Winter Semester:

- Application Period: Applications typically open in March/April.
- Commencement of Classes: Classes usually commence in October.

2. Summer Semester:

- Application Period: Applications generally start in September/October.
- Commencement of Classes: Classes usually begin in April.

Which intake is preferable for Bachelors?

In general, the winter semester tends to offer a broader range of courses, thereby providing more opportunities for admission. This is particularly advantageous if you're seeking direct admission to an English-taught program.

However, applying for the summer semester is also a viable option. Some courses open up slots for admissions during the summer intake as well. Therefore, the choice between the two largely depends on your field of study and individual circumstances. Consider researching the availability of your desired program and assessing your readiness to commence studies at different times of the year.

How to Apply for Bachelors?

For Direct Admission:

1. Select a course that you want to study from the DAAD website or other relevant sources.
2. Check for Deadlines, Language Requirements, and other prerequisites.
3. Determine whether the course accepts applications directly or through Uni-assist.
4. If applications are accepted on the university portal, follow the instructions provided on their website.

Note: Approximately 80% of universities in Germany accept applications via Uni-assist.

For Studienkolleg:

There isn't a direct application process specifically for Studienkolleg. Instead, you apply for your intended bachelor's course, and here's how:

1. Select a bachelor's course that aligns with your academic interests and career goals.
2. While applying for the bachelor's course, you'll be asked if you have completed Studienkolleg or taken the Feststellungsprüfung.
3. Select the appropriate options indicating your Studienkolleg status while filling out the application form.
4. Submit your application, ensuring that you meet all basic requirements specified by the university.
5. If your application meets the criteria, you may be invited to write the Aufnahmeprüfung (entrance exam).
6. Upon receiving an invitation, proceed to apply for a visa based on this invitation.

Bachelors with Low Marks

I have low marks in my 12th, How can I increase my chances of admission?

Bachelors in Germany with Low Marks

Don't worry! you can follow these strategies to get admission in public universities with low grades.

- You won't get admission just based on 12th grades alone. Your score of 12th grade and FSP/ 2 semester CGPA, both will be considered (usually 50-50%).
- So you can try to get the maximum score in FSP or 2 semesters exams.
- Perform better at university or in Studienkolleg.
- Shortlist Universities Wisely
 - a. Target the universities that have not mentioned any CGPA criteria or low CGPA criteria.
 - b. Focus more on universities in towns and medium cities.
 - c. Try to apply in non-restricted (unlimited seats) courses.

Admission with Low Marks

- Apply to a maximum number of universities
 - a. Apply to 10-12 universities that you have shortlisted.
 - b. Application fee is usually 30 euros for each university.

Personalized Motivational Letter

- It is not a good practice to submit the same motivational letter to every university.
- Try to write a strong personalized motivational letter for every university.
- Align your background and the course you want to study.
- Add a link to your portfolio, work experience, or certifications.

Apply Early

- Try to apply as soon as the admission to the university opens.

Learn German

- Learning German can increase your chances even with low marks.
- You stand out from the other crowd.
- It can boost your chances of admission.
- Will also help you a lot after landing in Germany.
- It does have a positive impact on your university application and visa interview.

Bachelor vs Ausbildung

Which is better Bachelor or Ausbildung

So here is the difference and you can decide for yourself.

Bachelor	Ausbildung
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher Education • Don't get paid while studying • Recognized worldwide • 13 years of Education is required • English taught programs available • Beneficial in longer run • White collar jobs • More growth, Promotions & Scaling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational Training • Get paid while studying • Recognized in many countries • Possible after 10th or 12th • In German Language • Instant Earning • Blue collar jobs • Less growth, Promotions & Scaling

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I have heard that bachelor's programs are only in German language. Is it true?

Not true, there are 100+ English-taught programs available for Bachelors in Germany.

2. Is IELTS necessary to apply for admission to German Universities?

Yes, in the case of English-taught courses, it is necessary in most cases.

3. Can a bachelor's student bear their expenses?

Yes, considering a minimum wage of 12 euros and 20 hours per week, a student can earn up to 10,000 euros (after tax) per year. So, a student can manage his/her expenses while studying in Germany.

4. I'm in University 4th semester, can I apply to study in Germany?

Yes, you just need transcripts of the first 2 semesters to apply for bachelors in Germany.

5. I have less marks in Inter, can I apply for Studienkolleg?

Yes, you can apply and try to get good marks in the Entrance Test (aufnahmeprüfung).

6. I have a 2-year gap, is it acceptable?

A gap of 2-3 years is common after completing intermediate studies and is often considered reasonable and justifiable. You can explain that during this gap you gained experience by doing a job, or you gave time to learn German, etc.

About bluehawks

At bluehawks, our mission is simple: to make study abroad opportunities accessible and flexible for students worldwide. We believe in the transformative power of education to change lives and unite cultures. Our commitment is to make international education more affordable and within reach for everyone.

We offer a range of online and offline courses and services tailored to meet the diverse needs of students. Whether you're seeking flexible online learning or hands-on support, we're here to help you succeed.

Our vision is to become the foremost provider of innovative study abroad solutions, empowering students to reach their goals. We envision a world where international education is accessible to all, fostering a global community of lifelong learners who are connected, engaged, and making a positive impact.

Through our courses and services, we aim to promote understanding, cooperation, and mutual respect among individuals from diverse backgrounds. Join us at bluehawks and embark on your journey to success in the global arena.

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