

Study in Germany.

A deep higher-education system with many public institutions and strong applied routes. For a bachelor's applicant, qualification recognition and teaching language are the two gates to resolve before choosing by reputation.

Study language	Many bachelor's degrees in German; some English options
Main route	Direct, uni-assist or another course-specific route
Institution types	Universities and universities of applied sciences
Budget pressure	Rent, insurance and any programme exception to tuition
Good first question	Does the qualification grant access, and in which language?

For students coming from Spain or Italy, this guide brings the degree, admissions, economy, budget and everyday life into one decision. The examples are a starting point; always verify the exact programme and entry year.

THREE QUESTIONS TO SETTLE FIRST

Before the shortlist becomes a decision

1. Access to this programme

Check how the particular school qualification and subjects are assessed for the intended degree. Save the institution's answer and any preparation route it identifies.

2. Language of the whole course

Check teaching, examinations and any placement language, then compare the published evidence required with the student's present level.

3. A route for each application

Record whether the application is direct, through uni-assist or another route, with documents and deadlines for each choice.

What can the student actually study?

Universities and Hochschulen für angewandte Wissenschaften (universities of applied sciences) can differ in academic focus, project work and placements. Search by subject, language and degree type, then compare module handbooks and admission restrictions. Do not assume every public institution offers every bachelor's subject in English.

Berlin and Munich attract attention, but Hamburg, Aachen, Heidelberg, Leipzig, Dresden and many smaller cities may fit a course better. Compare housing, semester contributions, transport and links to local employers, not only the city name.

02 / ADMISSIONS AND LANGUAGE

The route from Spain or Italy

Use the DAAD admission information to investigate whether the exact school-leaving qualification provides direct access and whether subject restrictions apply. The university decides the final assessment. Some programmes receive applications directly; others use uni-assist or a different portal.

Check whether German proof is required for admission, study or practical placements; English-taught options may have separate English evidence. A programme with restricted admission may also have earlier deadlines or selection. Translate and certify school records only as the institution requests.

03 / FEES AND THE REAL BUDGET

What a family should price

Tuition

Many public bachelor's programmes do not charge tuition, but exceptions and non-EU rules exist. All students normally face a semester contribution; ask the institution for its current fee schedule.

Living reference

DAAD's published student-expense table includes average rent with utilities of about €410/month. This is a historical survey average, not a current quote for Munich or Berlin. Price real rooms in the chosen city.

Complete budget

Include food, health insurance, transport beyond any semester ticket, materials, rent deposit and travel. The family should plan for arrival costs as well as the monthly amount.

Planning method: request the exact programme fee, price a real room, and add food, transport, insurance, travel home, deposits and a contingency. Recheck every figure before accepting an offer.

04 / ACCOMMODATION

Make housing part of the choice

Look into Studierendenwerk residences, shared flats (WG) and private rentals as soon as the city is realistic. Waiting lists and competition differ by city. Read whether rent includes utilities, verify the room and tenancy, and ask the institution about orientation housing or emergency options. Check health insurance requirements before enrolment.

05 / CITIES AND SETTINGS

Where might the student thrive?

Berlin and Munich

Large academic and employer markets; accommodation can be difficult and costly.

Hamburg, Aachen and Heidelberg

Different subject strengths and urban scales; inspect the actual campus and rent.

Leipzig, Dresden and smaller cities

Potentially different living budgets and campus settings; check course availability and language.

06 / ECONOMY AND CAREERS

Put the degree in context

Germany's manufacturing and engineering base sits alongside automotive, chemicals, healthcare, research and digital services. Regional specialisation is useful when evaluating applied study and internships. German-language ability may matter even when lectures are in English; consult the programme's placement and careers pages.

07 / QUALITY OF LIFE

Picture an ordinary Tuesday

A student should expect more responsibility for administration: housing contracts, registration, insurance and course enrolment. Ask about introductory support and the practical language needed in the city. Consider travel connections and whether the student prefers a dense metropolis or a more compact university town.

A PLAN FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Five decisions to make together

1. Choose three real programmes. Save their module lists, admission pages and the exact degree awarded.
2. Check eligibility. Record qualification and subject rules, language evidence, application channel and every deadline.
3. Build one budget per city. Use the published tuition for this student, a real housing option and a full-year living estimate.
4. Test the daily experience. Ask about accommodation, travel, wellbeing, healthcare and who can help on arrival.
5. Assign the next action. Decide what the student researches, what parents verify and which questions need a university answer.

OFFICIAL STARTING POINTS

Verify for your entry year

[DAAD: admission requirements ↗](#)

[DAAD: finances and expenses ↗](#)

[DAAD: accommodation ↗](#)

Reviewed September 2026. Cost examples are sourced and dated where available. National averages are not offers. Requirements, fees, deadlines, housing and work or visa rules can change; the university and competent authorities are the final source for the student's circumstances.

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