



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

## Overview

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### Objective

This programme aims to help students and graduates improve their knowledge of German (general language, special language) and their cultural knowledge of the country.

### Who can apply?

- Applications are open to students in Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes in any subject area.
- Bachelor students must have completed at least two academic years at the start of the scholarship period.

### What can be funded?

- The programme funds attendance of language and area studies courses as well as special language / terminology courses that are offered by state or state-recognised German universities and by affiliated language schools.
- You can find out about course providers and programmes on the DAAD website under: [www.daad.de/hsk-kursliste](http://www.daad.de/hsk-kursliste) [<http://www.daad.de/hsk-kursliste>].
- The courses are taught exclusively in German.

### Duration of the funding

- The courses run for at least 18 teaching days (max. 5 days/week, excluding days of arrival and departure) with a minimum of 25 hours of teaching a week.
- The grants are non-renewable.
- The courses usually take place in the period from June to November.

### Value

- One-off scholarship payment of 1,061 euros; scholarship holders from "[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](https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/dac-liste.pdf)] receive a scholarship of 1,236 euros.
- Payment of a country-specific travel allowance (exception: Western Europe), see: [travel allowance](https://www.daad.de/go/rkp-hsk) [<https://www.daad.de/go/rkp-hsk>]. The overview valid for 2021 will be published soon.
- Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover.
- **Please note:**  
Course fees and accommodation expenses are usually deducted directly from scholarship payments by the language course provider so

that the grant holder is possibly paid only the difference to the full amount of the scholarship by the course provider.  
The above mentioned payments (including travel allowance) will not be transferred abroad.

## Selection

- A selection committee reviews applications
- The most important selection criteria are:
  - previous academic achievements
  - convincing motivation for choice of study programme and subject

## Application requirements

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### What requirements must be met?

- The grant holder must be at least 18 years old when he/she starts the funded stay.
- As a rule, applicants must be registered at a university of one of the programme-related countries (except Germany) at the time of application as well as during the funded stay.
- There must be two years between two grants for a DAAD University Summer Course.

### Language skills

- Applicants must be able to follow lectures in German and collaborate in teams.
- Proof of German language skills must be provided with the application.
- The language certificate should be no more than two years old at the time of application.
- The following language certificates are generally accepted: onSET-Deutsch, TestDaF, Goethe Institut-Nachweis, DSD, DSH, telc Deutsch, ÖSD-Zertifikat, German Abitur (only for technical specialised language courses).
  - Due to the current pandemic situation it could possibly be that onSET- Deutsch exams can't be performed in every country. In this case a language certificate by a DAAD-lecturer is exceptionally accepted. Please get further information at your application location.
- In principle, applicants must provide proof of a minimum language level of A2.

## Application Procedure

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The application procedure occurs online through the DAAD Portal.

### Application documents

Certificates, proof of credits, certifications and translations may be submitted in non-certified form. The DAAD Head Office in Bonn reserves the right to also request certified copies of the submitted documents.

#### Documents to be uploaded to the DAAD Portal:

- Online application form
- Full curriculum vitae in tabular form (in German)
- Letter of motivation (in German)
- Copy of school leaving certificate (for Bachelor students) or Bachelor degree certificate (for Master students), both with final grade(s), if available (with German or English translation)
- Proof of credits of the last two years (in German or in English)
- Language certificates (with German or English translation, if applicable)
- Other documents you think might be of relevance to your application with German or English translation, if applicable (e.g. certificates

of employment, proof of placements).

[list]In addition students with certificates from the first year of higher education are also eligible to apply.

## Application deadline

1. December each year.

Applications are open from 15. September each year.

## Please note

- In the application form, applicants are asked to specify three courses they wish to take. They should fill in all spaces and indicate different course locations. The DAAD does its best to consider these preferences when it makes a final decision about allocating places. **Important:** There is only a limited number of available places, thus the DAAD reserves the right to allocate an alternative course.
- After receipt of your application, it is no longer possible to change your course preferences or to change course.
- Only applications that have been submitted on time and are complete can be considered.
- Ownership of the application documents including all appendices, samples, etc. shall pass to the DAAD without claim to payment. Documents are not returned to applicants. Data relating to applicants is saved by the DAAD in accordance with the Federal Data Protection Act and with the EU Data Protection Regulation insofar as this data is needed to process the application.
- **Please note:** In case participation in the language course on site is not possible due to the current pandemic situation (e.g. the language course gets cancelled, high occurrence of infection, official requirements), the DAAD has the right to withdraw the scholarship and to award it as an online language course. An entitlement for participation in an online language course does not occur in this case.

## Contact and Consulting

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### More detailed information

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- You will find more information about language certificates on the DAAD website under: [www.daad.de/deutschland/nachdeutschland/voraussetzungen/en/6221-deutsche-sprache](http://www.daad.de/deutschland/nachdeutschland/voraussetzungen/en/6221-deutsche-sprache) [<http://www.daad.de/deutschland/nachdeutschland/voraussetzungen/en/6221-deutsche-sprache>].
- Answers on questions about the programme University Summer Courses you will find [here](https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/faq-hsk_hwk.pdf) [[https://static.daad.de/media/daad\\_de/pdfs\\_nicht\\_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/faq-hsk\\_hwk.pdf](https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/faq-hsk_hwk.pdf)]

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