
General information

Everyone has the opportunity to study in Germany, even if you obtained your school leaving certificate abroad. In this case your certificate will have to be checked to make sure that it's recognised in Germany. Plus, depending on the course and the language of instruction you have to speak and write German very well (usually C1, but at least B2).

You should get information about the exact requirements directly from the university that you would like to study at. Please also take note of the deadlines to apply for a course of study.

Information at a glance:

- The universities will check whether you meet the requirements.
- You can also often take the German exam at the university itself.
- TestDaF, DSH or telc are accepted as [proof of language level](#) , for example.
- Residence status plays no role for university studies.

How do you get a university entrance qualification?

If you are able to study in your home country but not in Germany with your school-leaving qualification, you might be able to enter university via a preparatory college (Studienkolleg). There, foreign university applicants are given targeted preparation for future studies at a German research university or university of applied sciences.

Advice and support in Krefeld

Two bodies in Krefeld advise people with an international family background on the topic of higher education:

- [International Office at the Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences](#): Here you can receive advice on all issues relating to contacts abroad, regardless of whether you'd like to do an student internship, study abroad or come to the Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences as a foreign student.
- [Refuture e.V.](#): The organisation was founded by committed young people who themselves had moved to Germany and started their studies here. The services they offer include advice on university admissions and careers orientation.

Anyone who is the first person in their family to go to university can get help from the organisation [ArbeiterKind.de](#) in Krefeld. The volunteers at the Krefeld group help with university-related issues and share their own experiences. They will invite you to a face-to-face meeting once a month. You can contact the organisation at: @ krefeld@arbeiterkind.de.

Further links:

[Anabin](#): Information on having foreign qualifications recognised in Germany

[DAAD](#) (German Academic Exchange Service): Studying in Germany and abroad

[Hochschulkompass \(Higher Education Compass\)](#): Up-to-date overview of public universities in Germany, as well as courses on offer, PhD openings and international partnerships

[Study in Germany](#): Information for asylum applicants

[Federal Employment Agency \(Bundesagentur für Arbeit\)](#): Finding a course and orientation

[Conference of State Education Ministers](#): Assessment of qualifications