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## **EDUCATION IN GERMANY FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS**

Germany ranks third among the countries that attract foreign students. More than 12 percent of entrants come to study in Germany from abroad. German science degrees are highly respected by employers around the world. Studying at a German university will make you a demanding specialist in your home country and in European countries.

Germans generally believe that education should not be treated as a commercial product, and that free access to higher education ensures economic growth and welfare for the greater population. In the recent past, there was legislation allowing public universities to charge very modest tuition fees of 1,000 euros annually. But after years of public protests, the tuition fees were abolished again in 2014 [2].

Choosing Germany for study. If studying abroad is a priority and you decide which country to choose, then be sure to pay attention to Germany. This country has a number of advantages that make it especially comfortable, profitable for higher education, excellent professional skills. Studying in Germany includes:

High level of education. In Germany, universities offer effective teaching methods that are considered one of the best. Becoming a graduate of a local university, you will discover the prospects of employment in any country in Europe and beyond.

Orientation to practice, not theory. Universities of applied sciences, compiling their plans of study, saturate them with practical lessons for a better understanding of the subject. Often, curricula include practical and theoretical lessons.

Potential disclosure. In Germany, you can easily develop your intellectual abilities and personal skills, use your potential outside of the priority profession.

World prestige. Germany has long deserved and retains the status of a country that responds to everything that is responsible for everything it is doing. The German approach to organizing the process of teaching and developing effective educational programs has led to the fact that specialists with a German diploma already have recognition in the eyes of employers in the European labor market and beyond.

New knowledge about the country. Germany is truly an unusual country. Being free from training for a minute or two, devote them to the study of the outskirts. Visit the ancient castles of Germany, parks, pubs. Just take a walk around the streets to get into the special atmosphere of a new country. Learning another culture and mentality will not be over.

Three basic steps how to get to the University of Germany. Learning in Germany is not so difficult to start, as it seems at first. The whole process can be divided into stages.

*Initial conditions*. If you are attracted by the prospect of studying in Germany, there will not be enough evidence of complete secondary education. The fact is that in German schools, students are 13th grade and go to a higher educational institution with knowledge equivalent to the second course of the Ukrainian university.

That is, to become a freshman in Germany, you must complete at least one year of study in Ukrainian higher education. Exceptionally, students who have received gold or silver medals for excellent marks in school, they have the right to begin their first year of study at a German university. Otherwise, after graduating from school you can enter one of the colleges that work at universities.

Knowledge of a language is a main condition for studying in Germany. For higher education, the level of language proficiency must be not less than C1. Knowledge can be confirmed in two ways: a certificate (DAF, Goethe Zertifikat) or doing the DSH exam upon arrival in the country.

To become a college student in Germany, level B1 is enough. To start language training, the lowest level A2 of language knowledge is sufficient. Now there is also the possibility to study in Germany in English. This gives you the opportunity to study 2 foreign languages in parallel.

Preparation. The request is a visa. You must apply to the German Consulate for a student visa. In addition to giving notice of admission to a university, you must also prove that you can pay tuition and accommodation in Germany. At the moment, this means that you have to prove that you have 8,640 euros a year. In addition, you will need medical insurance.

The next step is to find a home. Many students in Germany live in student dormitories. Places in student dormitories are highly demanded and if you want to book one of them - contact the student's social services office (Studentenwerk) at your university before arriving. It's essential to scan all German universities that offer courses related to your professional field.

Once you find those German universities, you can focus on a smaller list of universities that seem ideal for you. You can either decide to focus on just one university or apply to several that you like best to increase your chances of securing admission. Finding a university and study program is very important because it determines everything [1].

Arrival to the country. Here you arrived to start a professional training in another country. Before you go to the first lectures, you need to solve a few small issues, such as opening a bank account. But, first of all, register your place of residence.

In Germany, every time you move, you must register at the "Einwohnermeldeamt". You can also register a new place of residence in the "Civil Bureau" (Bürgeramt).

In addition, you need a bank account to pay quickly for your purchases, make a rental and cover your expenses during the training process.

Cost of living in Germany. Although for many students studying in Germany is free, the cost of living is inevitable. The cost of living in Germany

varies according to the area. For example, Munich is considered to be the most expensive city in Germany, with an average spend of around  $\in$  10,800 a year. For comparison, the average annual cost of living in Germany is about  $\in$  9,600. Rent will be the largest monthly spending, although it can be saved if you rent an apartment with someone (average rental is 298 euros) or live in a student hostel (240 euros per month).

You will also need medical insurance as a condition for enrolling in a German university. Additional payment may be required for the purchase of "Semesterticket", which covers the cost of public transport in half a year.

The list of educational institutions that host students from all countries, the details of the accession process, the peculiarities of German universities and colleges - all of this you can find on the site KudaPostupat.ua.

Learning in Germany will start your brilliant career with an international specialist. Discover new perspectives for you, look at the geographical boundaries and opportunities will not leave you indifferent.

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