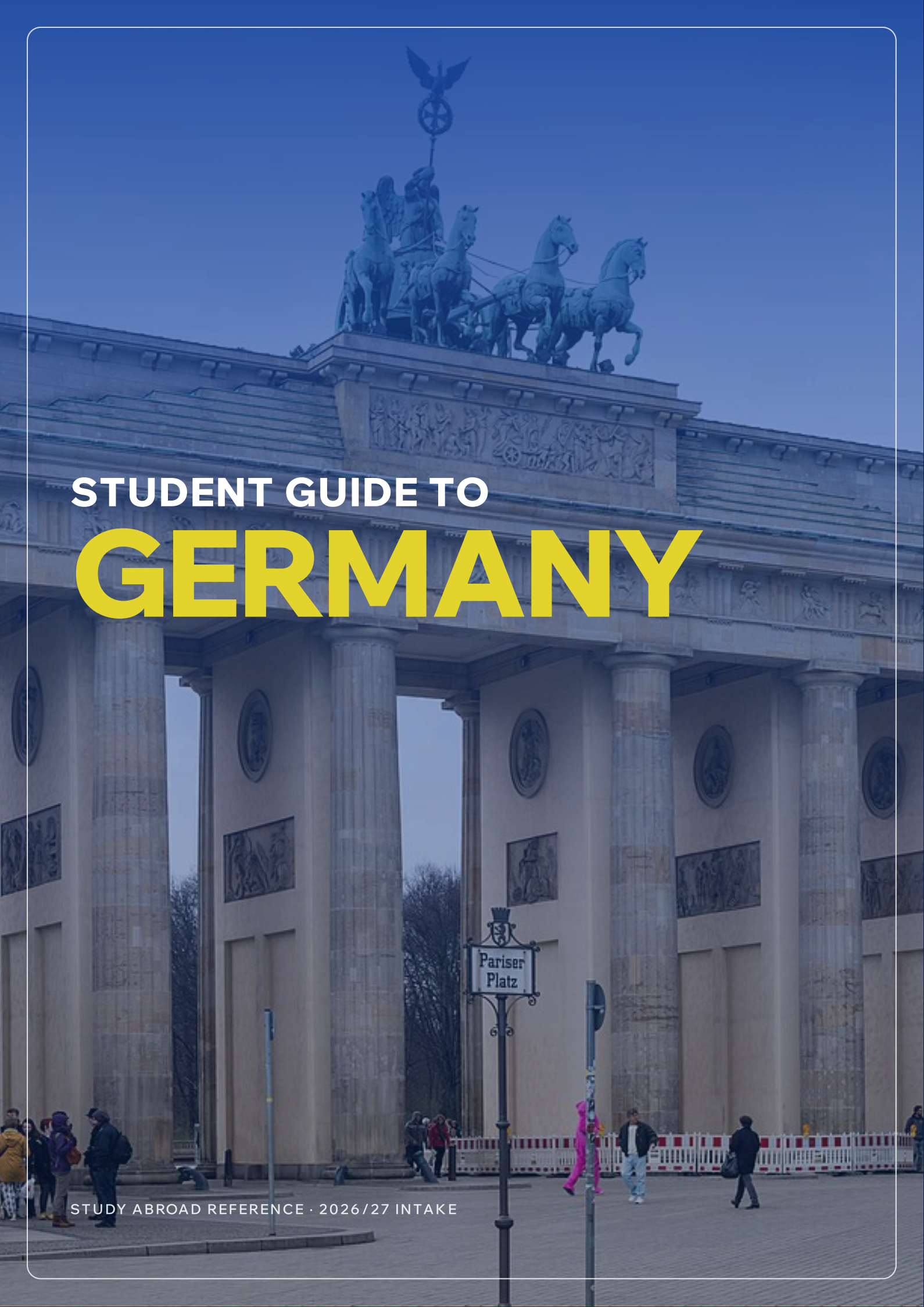


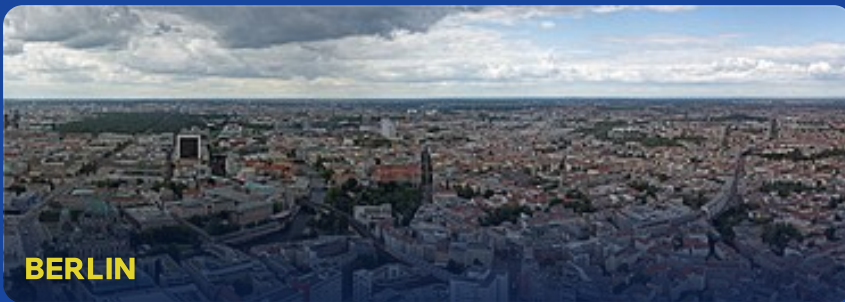


STUDENT GUIDE TO GERMANY

STUDY ABROAD REFERENCE · 2026/27 INTAKE

ABOUT GERMANY

- Germany has **16 federal states**, with **Berlin** as the capital and largest city.
- Home to roughly **84 million people** — the **largest economy in Europe** and among the largest in the world.
- A **leading exporter** of machinery, vehicles and chemicals, powered by a highly skilled workforce.
- **German** is the official language; **English-taught** master's programmes are widely available.
- The **Euro (€)** is the official currency.
- Some of the most popular student cities:



INDIA TO GERMANY

CURRENCY

Euro (€) · 1 EUR ≈ ₹100 (indicative)

Delhi	≈ 8h 30m	Germany
Mumbai	≈ 8h 35m	Germany
Bengaluru	≈ 9h 45m	Germany
Chennai	≈ 10h 25m	Germany
Hyderabad	≈ 9h 40m	Germany

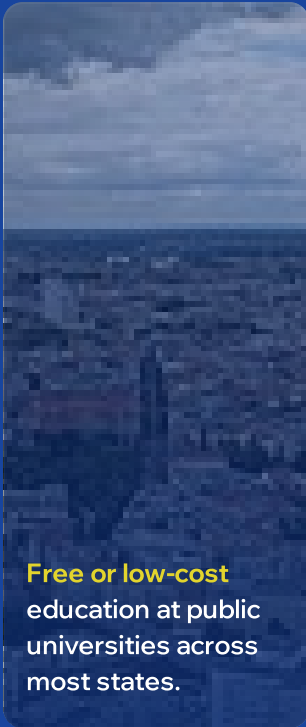


FACTS

- Capital: **Berlin**
- Flight distance: ~6,700 km
- Time zone: **CET (UTC+1)**
- Public tuition: **€0 in most states***
- Blocked account (2026): **€11,904**
- Main intakes: **Oct · Apr**

*Baden-Württemberg charges non-EU students €1,500/semester. Figures indicative — verify per intake.

WHY STUDY IN GERMANY?



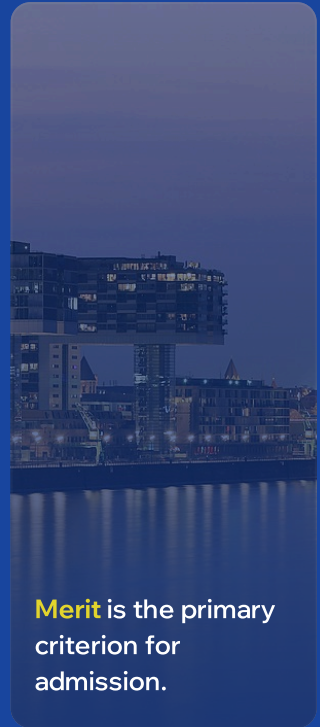
Free or low-cost education at public universities across most states.



World-class quality of education and globally ranked institutions.



Most universities are **state-owned** and **government funded**.



Merit is the primary criterion for admission.



German education pairs **practical, industry-linked knowledge** with a **strong theoretical foundation**.

TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

- There are around **400+ officially recognised** higher-education institutions across Germany.
- **German universities** fall into three broad groups:



TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES

Research-intensive, strong in engineering & sciences (TU9 group).



UNIVERSITIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Practice-oriented, industry-linked (Hochschulen / FH).



COLLEGES OF ART, FILM & MUSIC

Specialist creative and performing-arts institutions.



Public campuses combine **research strength** with **strong industry links**.

TOP UNIVERSITIES

- Germany is home to **globally ranked public universities**, most of which are **tuition-free** for international students.
- Admission is **merit-based** — a strong academic record matters more than budget.

Technical University of Munich

MUNICH · TUM

Engineering, computer science, natural sciences and management.

Ludwig Maximilian University

MUNICH · LMU

Sciences, medicine, economics and humanities.

Heidelberg University

HEIDELBERG

Medicine, life sciences and research-led programmes.

RWTH Aachen University

AACHEN

Engineering, technology and applied research.

Technical University of Berlin

BERLIN · TU BERLIN

Engineering, urban planning and technology.

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

KARLSRUHE · KIT

Engineering, IT and physical sciences.

Indicative selection — confirm each programme's entry requirements and intake before applying.

POPULAR FIELDS OF STUDY

- Germany's strengths align with **high-demand global careers** — many taught fully in English at postgraduate level.



ENGINEERING & AUTOMOTIVE

Mechanical, electrical, automotive and industrial engineering.



COMPUTER SCIENCE & AI

Data science, machine learning, software and cyber-security.



BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

Management, finance, supply chain and international business.



RENEWABLE ENERGY

Sustainability, energy systems and environmental engineering.



MEDICINE & LIFE SCIENCES

Biotechnology, pharmacy and biomedical research.



MATHEMATICS & SCIENCES

Physics, mathematics, chemistry and quantitative fields.

TUITION & COSTS

- Public universities charge **no tuition fees** in most federal states — you pay only a small semester contribution.

Public university tuition
most states

€0

Semester contribution
admin + transport ticket

€150–350

Baden-Württemberg tuition
non-EU students only

€1,500 / sem

Private universities
where applicable

€5,000–20,000 / yr

Proof of funds for visa
blocked account, 2026

€11,904



The semester contribution usually **includes a public-transport ticket** for your city or region.

COST OF LIVING

- A student typically needs around **€930–1,100 per month**, varying by city — Munich is costlier than smaller towns.

Accommodation shared flat or student dorm	€350–600
Food & groceries	€200–250
Health insurance mandatory	€120–130
Mobile & internet	€30–40
Study materials & leisure	€100–150
Estimated monthly total	~€934

Figures indicative for 2026 — the visa blocked-account release rate is €992/month. Actual costs vary by city.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

- Because most public tuition is free, scholarships mainly help cover **living costs**.

DAAD Scholarships

GOVERNMENT · MERIT

Germany's largest funding body — grants across many master's and research programmes.

Deutschlandstipendium

€300 / MONTH

Co-funded by the state and private sponsors, awarded on merit and need.

Erasmus+

EU MOBILITY

Mobility and exchange grants for eligible European study periods.

Foundation Scholarships

BÖLL · ADENAUER · EBERT

Political and civic foundations funding committed international students.

Eligibility, deadlines and amounts change each cycle — confirm on the official scholarship pages before applying.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR'S

- **13 years** of education — via one completed year of Indian UG, IB board, JEE Advanced, or a Studienkolleg.
- Class 12 score of **70%+** (APS rule, from Winter 2026/27).
- **IELTS 6.0–6.5** / TOEFL; German B1–B2 for German-taught courses.
- **APS certificate** (mandatory) & **TestAS** for many programmes.

MASTER'S

- A recognised **bachelor's degree** in a relevant field.
- **IELTS 6.5** / TOEFL; GRE/GMAT for some programmes.
- German proficiency for German-taught master's.
- **APS certificate** required.

INTAKES

- **Winter (October)** — main intake · apply roughly May–July
- **Summer (April)** — fewer courses · apply roughly November–January
- Many universities process applications via **uni-assist**.

STUDENT VISA & BLOCKED ACCOUNT

1

APS CERTIFICATE

Get your academic documents verified by APS India (mandatory for Indian applicants).

2

ADMISSION LETTER

Secure an official letter of admission from your German university.

3

BLOCKED ACCOUNT

Open a blocked account (Sperrkonto) with €11,904 for the visa year.

4

HEALTH INSURANCE

Arrange valid health insurance covering your stay.

5

APPLY VIA VFS

Book an appointment and submit your national (long-stay) student visa application.

6

ARRIVE & REGISTER

Complete address registration (Anmeldung) and convert to a residence permit.

WORK & POST-STUDY

- During study, international students may work **140 full or 280 half days** per year (about 20 hours a week).

18-Month Job-Seeker Permit

AFTER GRADUATION

Graduates can stay up to 18 months to find a job related to their qualification.

EU Blue Card

2026 THRESHOLDS

From €45,934/yr (shortage roles) or €50,700/yr (standard) — a fast route to residence.

Path to Settlement

LONG-TERM

Blue Card holders can qualify for permanent residence in as little as 21–33 months.

In-Demand Sectors

SKILLED SHORTAGE

Engineering, IT, healthcare and natural sciences see strong graduate demand.

HOW TO APPLY

1

SHORTLIST

Choose universities and programmes that fit your profile, budget and intake.

2

APS & TESTS

Complete your APS verification and language tests (IELTS / TOEFL / German).

3

PREPARE DOCUMENTS

Transcripts, statement of purpose, letters of recommendation and CV.

4

APPLY

Submit through uni-assist or the university's own application portal.

5

ADMISSION & FUNDS

Accept your offer and open your blocked account.

6

VISA & DEPARTURE

Apply for your student visa, then prepare for your move to Germany.



Your German study journey — one step at a time.