

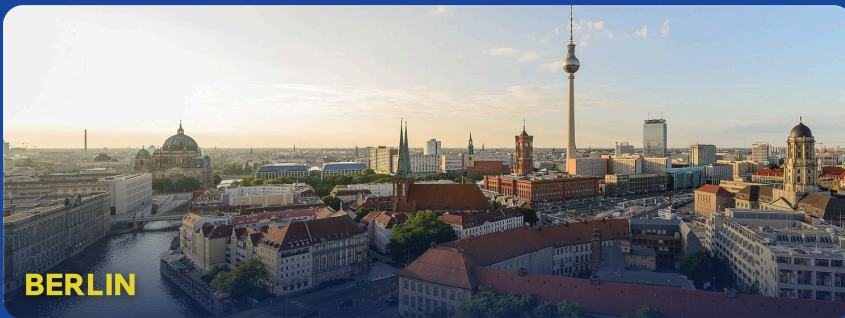


PRIVATE & PATHWAY UNIVERSITIES GERMANY

PRIVATE / GAC ROUTE · 2026/27 INTAKE

ABOUT GERMANY

- This guide covers Germany's **private, tuition-charging** universities (the public tuition-free route is a separate guide).
- A fast-growing sector across **Berlin, Munich and Hamburg** with strong industry links.
- Known for **English-taught** management, tech and design degrees with flexible intakes.
- **English** is the language of instruction across these programmes.
- The **Euro (€)** is the official currency.
- Some of the most popular student cities:



INDIA TO GERMANY

CURRENCY

Euro (€) · 1 EUR ≈ ₹100 (indicative)

Delhi	≈ 8h 00m	Germany
Mumbai	≈ 9h 00m	Germany
Bengaluru	≈ 10h 30m	Germany
Chennai	≈ 10h 30m	Germany
Hyderabad	≈ 9h 30m	Germany

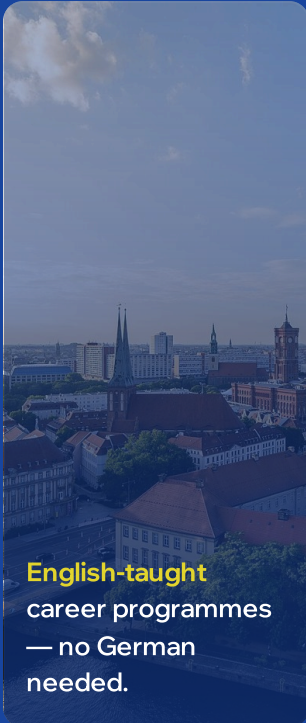


FACTS

- Capital: **Berlin**
- Flight distance: ~6,000 km
- Time zone: **CET (UTC+1)**
- Tuition: €7,000–20,000 / yr
- Blocked account: ~€11,904 / yr
- Main intakes: **Sep/Oct · Mar/Apr**

Private universities charge tuition. Figures indicative — verify per campus and intake.

WHY STUDY IN GERMANY?



TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

- This brochure covers Germany's private, tuition-charging institutions.
- They fall into three broad groups:



PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Career-focused, English-taught degrees.



BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT SCHOOLS

MBA and international business.



DESIGN & CREATIVE SCHOOLS

Media, design and communication.



Brandenburg
Private campuses in , and .

TOP UNIVERSITIES

- Germany hosts several **globally recognised** universities.
- Admission is **merit-based** and competitive.

GISMA University of Applied Sciences**BERLIN / POTSDAM**

English-taught business and technology.

Berlin School of Business & Innovation**BERLIN**

Management and creative industries.

Arden University, Berlin**BERLIN**

Flexible UK-style blended degrees.

University of Europe for Applied Sciences**BERLIN / HAMBURG**

Business, design and tech.

SRH University**BERLIN / HEIDELBERG**

Applied sciences, health and tech.

EU Business School, Munich**MUNICH**

International business and management.

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

POPULAR FIELDS OF STUDY

- German private universities focus on **industry-ready, English-taught** programmes.



BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

MBA, international business and marketing.



COMPUTER SCIENCE & IT

Software, cyber-security and cloud.



DATA SCIENCE & AI

Analytics and machine learning.



DESIGN & MEDIA

UX, graphic design and film.



ENGINEERING & TECH

Applied and industrial engineering.



FINANCE & MARKETING

Finance, fintech and digital marketing.

TUITION & COSTS

- Unlike public universities, **private universities charge tuition** — but offer English-taught, flexible programmes.

Bachelor's (private)
per year

€7,000–12,000

Master's (private)
per year

€10,000–20,000

MBA
full programme

€15,000–30,000

Foundation / pathway
per year

€5,000–9,000

Blocked account (proof)

~€11,904 / yr



Many private universities offer **early-bird and merit scholarships** of 10–30%.

COST OF LIVING

- Students budget around **€992 a month** — the blocked-account benchmark.

Accommodation student housing / shared	€400–800
Food & groceries	€200–300
Transport Deutschlandticket	€58
Health insurance mandatory	~€120
Phone, internet & leisure	€120–180
Estimated monthly total	~€950–1,300

Figures indicative for 2026 — costs vary between the capital and smaller cities.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

- Private universities and national bodies both offer scholarships to strong applicants.

DAAD Scholarships

GOVT

Awards for international students.

University Merit Awards

INSTITUTIONAL

Early-bird and academic scholarships.

Deutschlandstipendium

GOVT / PRIVATE

€300/month merit-based support.

Women in Tech / Diversity

INSTITUTIONAL

Targeted private-university awards.

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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR'S

- **13 years** of education or an approved foundation year.
- **IELTS 6.0–6.5** or equivalent.
- **APS certificate** (required for Indian applicants).
- Apply directly to each private university.

MASTER'S

- A recognised **bachelor's degree** in a relevant field.
- **IELTS 6.5**; GMAT for some MBAs.
- **APS certificate**, SOP, CV and references.
- Relevant work experience for some programmes.

INTAKES

- **Winter (Sep / Oct)** — main intake — widest choice of courses
- **Summer (Mar / Apr)** — strong second intake at private universities
- **Rolling** — some private universities admit year-round

STUDENT VISA & FUNDS

1

ADMISSION & OFFER

Accept your offer from the private university.

2

BLOCKED ACCOUNT

Deposit ~€11,904 in a blocked account.

3

APS CERTIFICATE

Obtain your APS certificate (India).

4

APPLY FOR VISA

Apply for the National (D) student visa.

5

DOCUMENTS & BIOMETRICS

Submit documents and biometrics at VFS.

6

RESIDENCE PERMIT

Register and get your permit after arrival.

WORK & POST-STUDY

- Students may work **140 full or 280 half days** a year, then **18 months** to seek work after graduating.

Part-Time Work

140 / 280 DAYS

Work 140 full or 280 half days a year.

Post-Study Job Seeker

18 MONTHS

Stay to find work after graduating.

EU Blue Card

SKILLED ROUTE

For graduates with a qualifying job offer.

In-Demand Sectors

GROWTH AREAS

IT, engineering, management and design.

HOW TO APPLY

1

SHORTLIST

Choose private universities and English-taught programmes.

2

PREPARE DOCUMENTS

APS certificate, IELTS, transcripts and SOP.

3

APPLY

Apply directly to each private university.

4

OFFER & BLOCKED ACCOUNT

Accept your offer and open a blocked account.

5

VISA

Apply for the National (D) student visa.

6

DEPARTURE

Arrange housing and register after arrival.



Your Germany study journey — one step at a time.