



**Information on how to apply for
a study visa for Germany**

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If you intend to study in Germany, you have to apply for a student visa before entering Germany. Exceptions are applicable to students, who intend to study in Germany only for one semester as part of the Erasmus programme: Foreign students holding a Lithuanian residence permit while studying in Lithuania, who intend to study in Germany under a student exchange programme for not more than 360 days, do not require a German visa or residence permit if they have a certificate about the entry and residence for study purposes according to EU regulation 2016/801/EU, issued by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF). This certificate is issued upon request of the German university by the BAMF. Please contact your university for further information.

In principle, a decision about your visa application will be made in cooperation with the aliens' authority at your intended place of residence in Germany. Therefore, processing time usually takes about four weeks. The embassy highly recommends submitting your visa application as early as possible to avoid a delay of your entry into Germany. A visa application can be submitted up to three months prior to the intended date of entry. Processing time for Erasmus students is usually about a week.

An **appointment** can only be booked [online](#). The **visa fee** is 75€ and can be paid in cash or by credit card. Visa applications will not be charged for stays financed by a public scholarship (Erasmus, DAAD etc.).

The following documents are requested:

- one filled in and signed application form including information according to Art. 55 German Law on Aliens (online form can be found [here](#) ; pdf form can be found [here](#))
- 1 biometric passport picture, not older than six months, white background, size: 45x35mm

The following documents have to be submitted in original with one simple copy each:

- letter of admission of the German university
- proof of knowledge of German and/or English according to the admission letter
- motivation letter including detailed personal arguments why you intend to study in Germany



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- Curriculum vitae
- If you already have a bachelor or master degree: previous diplomas including proof of recognition in Germany (see www.anabin.kmk.org)
- Proof of sufficient financial means by blocked account *or* letter of financial obligation (issued by a German aliens' authority) *or* scholarship letter with an amount of 992€/ month for the entire stay (exchange semester) or for the first year of your stay (in total 11,904€/ year)
- Exchange students: certificate of your Lithuanian university confirming the start and duration of your studies in Lithuania
- valid passport with copy of the data page (signed, with at least three empty pages)
- Lithuanian residence permit (front and back page)
- health insurance (see information below)

General information:

- All foreign language documents (except passport, health insurance, residence permit) have to be accompanied by a translation into German.
- Scholarship programmes: If the amount of your scholarship is less than 934€/ months, you have to submit an additional proof of financial means by blocked account *or* letter of financial obligation issued by a German aliens' authority (amount = 934€ - scholarship amount x number of months of your stay).
- Health insurance: The mandatory health insurance in Germany covers you only once you have actually started to study in Germany. Therefore, together with your visa application you have to provide an additional travel health insurance for the validity of your visa. It is not sufficient to submit your Lithuanian health insurance card as this insurance does not cover all necessary services during a long-term stay.
- If you have to prove knowledge of German, you have to submit a language certificate issued by the Goethe Institut, ÖSD, telc language schools, TestDaF or ALTE.
- Make sure to submit all requested documents. Incomplete applications may be refused upon submitting or after processing your application. The embassy may request additional documents upon submitting or while processing your application.