

How do I choose a University?

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1. What Do I Want to Study?

Self-Assessment Tests

Self-assessment tests can help you learn more about your own interests.

- Which course of study suits you best?
- What do you want to study?
- What am I interested in?
- Am I qualified for this field of study?
- Are my language skills sufficient?
- Do I meet the requirements?

Attention !

DAAD Applicants:

- You have to choose three very similar study programs in Germany!
- The study programs have to be similar to your prior degree
- Proceed to 2.

1. What Do I Want to Study?

Interdisciplinary Self-Assessment Tests

- <http://www.was-studiere-ich.de/> *
- <http://www.hochschulkompass.de/studium-interessentest.html>
(registration required)
- <http://www.studienwahl-nrw.de/> (registration required)

- **RWTH Aachen**
http://www.rwth-aachen.de/cms/root/Studium/Vor_dem_Studium/Studienentscheidung/~eft/SelfAssessments/?lidx=1

1. What Do I Want to Study?

Subject related Self-Assessment Tests

■ Freie Universität Berlin:

Natural Sciences, Pedagogy, Law and Business Studies, Social Sciences

<http://www.osa.fu-berlin.de/> (in German only)

■ Universität Freiburg:

Language Studies, Environmental Sciences, Engineering, Culture and Social Sciences, Law, Theology, IT, Psychology, Sports Science

<http://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/studieninteressierte/osa> (in German only)

■ Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main:

Natural Sciences, Culture and Social Sciences, German Studies, Arthistory, Law, Teacher Training, and Psychology

http://www.osa.uni-frankfurt.de/39440162/startpunkt_osa?legacy_request=1 (in German only)

1. What Do I Want to Study?

Self-Assessment Test AS

- **Do I have the right skills to study in Germany?**



Test für Ausländische Studierende
Test for Academic Studies

www.testas.de

- **Where can I take the test?**
DAAD IC Duschambe, Tel: +992 37 227 65 56

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Language Skills

- First test to evaluate your language proficiency (GER)
http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/CADRE1_EN.asp
- Test your English – Cambridge English <http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/test-your-english/>
- Free IELTS – practice test
<http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/prepare-test/free-practice-tests>

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Language Skills (German)

- onDaF (placement test) (in German only):
<https://www.ondaf.de>
- TestDaF (in German only):
www.testdaf.de
- Goethe-Zertifikate (in German)
http://www.slz-duschanbe.org/?page_id=202&lang=de
(Examination centre Dushanbe)

2. Which Type of University is Right for Me?

University:

- Scientifically-oriented
- Provides methodical and theoretical knowledge
- Broad range of subjects
- Possibility to enter a doctoral programme

University of applied sciences:

- Practice-oriented
- Provides scientifically-based education, tailored to the demands of professional life
- Generally includes internships and practical modules

Colleges of art, film, and music:

- Artistic or design-oriented subjects
- Usually with special admission requirements, e.g. entrance examination

Further information is available at:

<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/angebote/en/6002-finding-the-right-university/#3>

3. Which Universities Offer My Preferred Course of Study? *Search Engines*

These search engines offer general information about the courses of study, deadlines, admission procedures and contacts

- www.study-in.de/en
- www.daad.de/international-programme

4. Profile of the University/Study Program

General Questions:

- What is unique about this university?
- How is the study programme structured at this university? How is the study regulation of this study program?
- Whats the size of the university?

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Study and Examination Regulations

Helpful questions:

- What do I expect? What topics do I want to study? What types of modules and examinations are there? Do I like the regulations?
- Which prerequisites do I have to complete?

It is helpful to take a look at the study regulations after a first selection of universities is made. The study regulations describe the content of the studies. These are important because every study programme has a different structure, although they might have the same name.

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Example of a study and examination regulation

Module: Advanced Statistical Physics			
Qualification aims: Students understand the fundamental concepts and methods of statistical physics, in particular quantum statistics, and the theoretical principles of thermodynamics and can describe and apply these both in words and mathematically.			
Contents: Equilibrium ensembles, thermodynamic potentials, laws of thermodynamics, thermodynamic processes, ideal quantum gases, phase transformations, interacting systems, non-equilibrium statistical physics			
Teaching and learning units	Compulsory attendance (Semester hours per week = SH)	Forms of active participation	Study hours (hours)
Lectures	4	–	Lecture attendance 60 Lecture preparation and follow-up 60 Exercises, attendance 30
		Successful completion	Completion of practice exercises 90

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Course Catalogue

The course catalogue shows the courses offered in the current or upcoming semester. These can give you a better idea about the study programme.

- What courses are offered?
- What content do they cover?
- How many courses are offered?

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Course Catalogue

Departments ▾

Central Institutes ▾

Central Service Units ▾

Other Institutions ▾

Semester ▾

204040 **LECTURE**

Advanced Atomic and Molecular Physics

Emad Flear Aziz

Comments

Welcome to your study of AMol Physics! This lecture will give you an introduction to a wide range of topics in the mentioned field and can be seen as the starting point for a successful master or ...

[read more](#) ▾

Suggested reading

Literature: H. Haken, H. C. Wolf - Molecular Physics and Quantum Chemistry, P. Atkins, J.de Paula - Physical Chemistry, W. Demtröder - Molecular Physics, P. Atkins, R. Friedman - Molecular Quantum ...

[read more](#) ▾

16 Class schedule

REGULAR APPOINTMENTS

Mon, 09:00 - 13:00

16 Class schedule

Enter a search term

Search now ▾

Location: Di 1.3.14 Hörsaal A (Arnimallee 14), Do 1.3.14 Hörsaal A (Arnimallee 14), Fr 1.3.14 Hörsaal A (Arnimallee 14), Mi 1.3.14 Hörsaal A (Arnimallee 14), Mo 1.3.14 Hörsaal A (Arnimallee 14)

Schedule: Termine siehe LV-Details

Class starts on: 2015-03-09

Course language: English

Contact hours: 4

Limited attendance: No

Attendance required: No

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<http://www.fu-berlin.de/vv/de/modul?id=42592&sm=119983>

4. Profile of the University/Study Program

Rankings...

- ... give a first impression of the university/study program.
- ... should be just one of the tools to help you make your decision since every ranking has different parameters.

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Rankings

CHE-Ranking

<http://ranking.zeit.de/che2014/en/> (no charge, registration required)

- covers more than 30 subjects, most comprehensive and detailed ranking for German universities.
- sorts the results according to academic studies and teaching, research, facilities, career orientation and international orientation

Multirank

<http://www.umultirank.org/#!/home?trackType=home>

- Compares Universities on an international level
- Comparison
 - Universities general outlook
 - in the subjects physics, engineering and economics

5. What Do Students and Alumni Say about the University?

- contact alumni
- Are there alumni groups on social networks?
- **Student Barometer:** Offers feedback from students and doctoral candidates

<http://www.gate-germany.de/angebote/expertenwissen/international-student-barometer.html> (reports are in English, just click on the link)

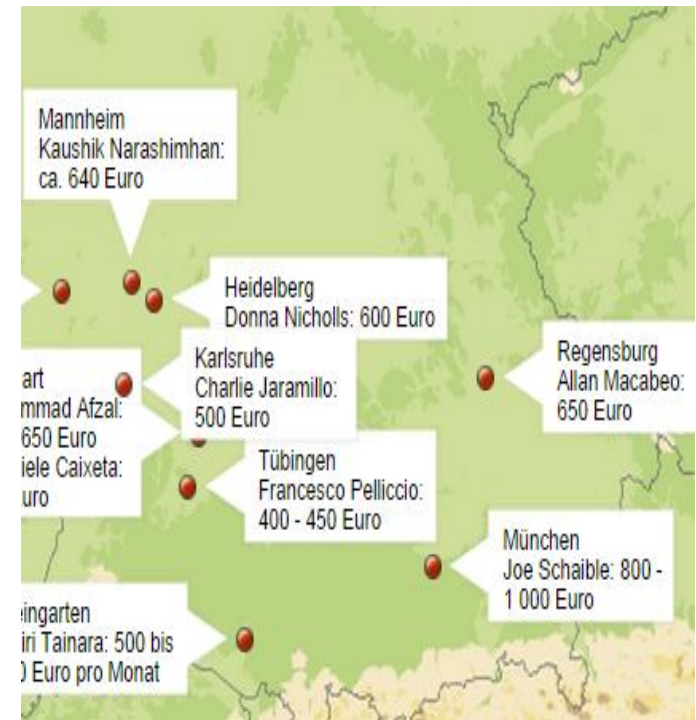
6. Which City Is Right for Me?

- How much does it cost to live in Germany?

<https://www.study-in.de/en/life/job-money/cost-of-living/--11994>

- In which city can I afford to live?

<https://www.study-in.de/en/life/job-money/cost-of-living/--17752>



[https://www.study-in.de/de/leben/job-geld/lebenshaltungskosten--11994](https://www.study-in.de/de/leben/job-geld/lebenshaltungskosten/--11994)

6. Which City Is Right for Me?

Finances

- Which expenses should I expect?

<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/voraussetzungen/en/9198-expenses-finance/>

- How expensive is the life of a student in Germany?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9h6W6jxq_0

**Best wishes
for your application**

Good Luck!