



LANGUAGE COURSE VISA AS PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY STUDIES

If you intend to attend a long-term language course (for longer than 90 days) as a condition of admission for university studies in Germany, you are required to obtain a residence permit in the form of a visa. A language course visa as preparation for university studies can later be converted into a residence permit for study purposes after official admission by university. **You cannot convert a “tourist visa” into a “student visa”.**

All applicants must produce a valid passport. Persons without a resident status in Hong Kong cannot apply.

Please submit the documents listed below in according order in original and two copies each (copies distributed into two sets). Originals will be returned after examination. Copies will not be made by Consulate General staff:

- Fully completed and signed [visa application form](#)
- [Declaration of genuineness of submitted documents](#)
- Passport, which is valid for at least six months, which was issued in the last ten years and with at least two free pages (copy of photo page and pages with visas, stamps, etc. required)
- **Three** recent passport photographs according to biometric specifications
- Signed motivation letter providing information on the planned university studies (field of study, region, university, career goals)
- Confirmation letter from the language school with details (cost, level, length, etc.)
- Conditional admission letter or conditional offer letter from an university
- Evidence of previous academic performance
- Proof of German language certificates
- Entitlement to university admission (usually a high school diploma or graduation examination certificate) Your certificate must be [recognized in Germany](#)
- Curriculum vitae
- Proof of financial means of minimum 861 EUR monthly through one of the following:
 - A blocked account (“Sperrkonto”) at a German bank showing a sufficient amount to cover the duration of your intended stay (monthly withdrawal limit of EUR 861). You have to open the blocked account directly with the bank ([more information](#)); or
 - Proof of scholarship; or
 - Financial obligation (“Verpflichtungserklärung”) from the local aliens authorities in Germany signed by a person supporting you financially, explicitly mentioning the purpose of “Studium”.
- Proof of travel health insurance covering the whole period of your stay with a minimum coverage of 30.000 EUR

Visa application fees:

75 EUR, in cash in HKD. The exact amount in HKD depends on the exchange rate.

Processing takes **2 to 3 months** upon submission of complete documents. The Consulate General forwards the application to the competent aliens authorities in Germany and does not have any influence on the processing time. It is recommended to purchase a **flight ticket only once the visa has been granted**. Please refrain from requesting visa status update within the two months period after submission. The applicant will be notified promptly upon completion of the processing.

Please note: Each visa application is reviewed individually. Therefore, the requested documents might vary. The submission of the above mentioned documents does not guarantee the issue of a visa (in time). The Consulate General reserves the right to ask for additional documents at any time. Submission of an incomplete set of documentation may lead to a refusal of your visa application.