



German Language Course Visa as a preparation for university studies (§ 16b AufenthG)

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.

General Information

- The application can be submitted at the earliest 6 months before the planned entry.
- The standard processing time can take up to 4 months, in individual cases even longer.
- Documents that are not issued in German or English must be submitted together with a translation.
- The Consulate General reserves the right to request further documentation.

Checklist

**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)
- Proof of residency in Hong Kong
 - Hong Kong stay permit and a Hong Kong Identity Card or
 - Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card (only applicable for non Hong Kong passport holders)
- Three passport photos according to [biometric specifications](#) (not older than 3 months)
- Confirmation letter from the language school with details (cost, level, length, etc.)
- Conditional admission/acceptance letter by a German university including a confirmation that a language course is a requirement
- Entitlement to university admission
(usually a high school diploma or graduation examination certificate)
- Evidence of previous academic performance (e.g. transcript record)
- Proof of German language knowledge
- Curriculum vitae

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial proof with a minimum of 934 EUR per month (11,208 EUR/year) by one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A blocked account (“Sperrkonto”) at a German bank showing a minimum amount according to the duration of your intended stay (withdrawal limit of 934 EUR per month). You have to open the blocked account directly with the bank or- Proof of scholarship or- Financial obligation (“Verpflichtungserklärung”) issued by the local aliens authorities in Germany signed by a person supporting you financially |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of accommodation / rental agreement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of travel health insurance stating <ul style="list-style-type: none">- name of the applicant- coverage of at least 30.000 EUR for medical expenses and repatriation- valid for the entire Schengen area- valid for at least three months the date of departure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visa application fee
75 EUR, in cash in HKD. The exact amount in HKD depends on the exchange rate. |