

Visa Guidelines - GERMANY

The information below provides general guidelines regarding the visa application process and required documents. This information can change frequently and students should always refer to the German consulate's website for the most up to date application procedures, required documents, and visa fees.

Residents of Michigan will consult the German Consulate in Chicago for application instructions. Non-MI residents must apply for their student visa under the consulate that has jurisdiction over your place of permanent residence.

Please look over the visa information carefully and do not delay, as visa procedures can be complicated and subject to change.

Germany	
Nearest Consulate or Embassy	Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany 676 North Michigan Avenue - Suite 3200 Chicago, IL 60611-2804
Contact Information	Phone: +1-312-202-0480
Website(s)	German Consulate in Chicago https://www.germany.info/us-en/embassy-consulates/generalkonsulat3 Student Visa Information https://www.germany.info/us-en/service/05-VisaEinreise/study-visa/916776 Student Visa Requirements https://www.germany.info/blob/928300/8b51873539f29d222f6f6982f28c6d2c/study-data.pdf Visa Appointment Scheduling https://www.germany.info/us-en/appointment/899906
Required visa application materials <i>subject to change without notice</i>	<p>Students have two options to consider when preparing to study in Germany for more than 90 days.</p> <p>Option 1 – Apply for a residence permit AFTER you arrive in Germany BUT know that if your flight is round trip and is more than 90 days, the airline may require you to show proof of visa or they may require you to change your return flight to fit within the 90 day window. There are often ticket change fees involved, plus there will likely be an extra cost if the price of the flight has gone up. One way around this is to purchase a one-way ticket to Germany and purchase your return one-way ticket separately.</p> <p>Option 2 – Apply for a residence permit through the German consulate in Chicago. Please note that if you decide to apply for the residence permit while in the United States, you will need to open a “blocked” bank account with a German bank as instructed on the consulate's website. This will add to the total amount of time needed to process your visa application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Residence Permit application (2 completed forms) <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration of Accuracy of Information (original + 2 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Valid passport + 2 copies <input type="checkbox"/> (2) passport-size photos <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of health insurance + 2 copies <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of financial means + 2 copies (no less than 720 Euros per month in Germany) <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptance letter from University in Germany + 2 copies <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed letter of motivation explaining why you wish to study in Germany <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Driver's License or State ID proving residence <input type="checkbox"/> Residence permit fee

Processing Time	Up to 25 days.
Estimated Cost	75 Euros payable in US dollars (\$87 based on exchange rate 6/18/18)
Additional Information	Students will be required to schedule a visa appointment at the consulate in Chicago.
Specific Programs that this visa information applies to:	Any programs lasting longer than 90 days in Germany.