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The start of Studies

How do you get a good start to your studies?

The way to your place at the University

You have decided to study at a public university in Germany. With your high school diploma, you have a general higher education entrance qualification, but this does not mean that you can simply enroll in any degree programme at any university. Since it is easy to lose track of the application processes, you will find here the different scenarios as well as a detailed "guide" for the application process. Basically, however, all universities explain the application process in depth on their websites and draw attention to the relevant circumstances.

Access restrictions:

Depending on what subject you want to study and where you want to do it, there might be different restrictions.

- **Unrestricted access:** Your degree programme is entirely unrestricted. This means that with your high school diploma you can directly claim your right to a place at university. Your future university will provide information on the exact enrolment process on its website. In most cases, you will have to submit various documents and pay the semester fee.
- **Admission restrictions due to an NC:** The chosen degree programme is subjected to a local NC (Numerus Clausus). This means that this degree subject is basically freely accessible, but that there is a shortage of places at this university. However, the rules according to which future students are selected differ greatly from one federal state to the next. All applicants are sorted according to their high-school average and the highest-ranked are admitted. The NC is defined by the worst average that was still allocated a place at university. Consequently, the NC is redefined at every application round.



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- **Restriction of access through an aptitude test:** The chosen degree programme requires certain skills or aptitudes that are used as an entry restriction. In these degree programmes, admission to the degree programme is only granted after successfully passing an aptitude test. This applies in particular to all degree programmes in the arts and musical fields. The application for a study place is made directly at the university.
- **Admission restriction through central allocation of study places:** Some degree programmes (currently human, dental and veterinary medicine as well as pharmacy) are subject to selection by the Foundation for University Admission. Current information on this can be found at www.hochschulstart.de. You can also fill out the application form online and print it out. Please note the following deadlines: 31 May or 15 July (for applications for the winter semester) and 15 January (for applications for the summer semester). For all other subjects, applications must be sent directly to the respective university.
- **The dialogue-oriented service procedure:** The DoSV is a procedure for allocating study places throughout Germany. The aim is to allocate as many study places as possible for the subject in question throughout Germany. The coordination is similar to the central allocation of study places by the Foundation for University Admission and the corresponding online portal www.hochschulstart.de. With the DoSV, however, part of the application process takes place at the university. You can find detailed information on the website. It is important to note that many universities only use the DoSV for some degree programmes. So find out early enough whether your degree programme is affected by this.



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Allocation of study places: According to the dialogue-oriented service procedure

The allocation of study places varies from university to university and also depends on the subjects studied. Many universities use the dialogue-oriented service procedure for some degree programmes and university criteria for others. The universities present the application process in great detail on their website and offer the best and most specific point of contact here.

Notification of admission and enrolment:

After a successful confirmation of a place at university, you will receive a letter of admission from the university. It is important to note here that this notification of admission is not yet matriculation, but can only be seen as a "study place reservation". In order to accept this, you must enrol. You apply for enrolment at your respective university. In addition to your high school diploma and personal documents, you must also transfer the tuition fees. After sending these documents to your university, you will receive your matriculation within a few days and then you will be a student.



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