

Language course visa – Sprachkursvisum zum Studienzwecke

You can enter Germany with a “visa for participating in a German language course in order to prepare for university studies” if you intend to learn German in preparation for university.

You have 2 years to learn the language. Then, you must pass the DSH (German language examination for university applicants) or an equivalent test.

The purpose of language acquisition – application to a university – must be entered in your passport. Otherwise, a conversion of this visa into a study visa after passing the language course is not possible.

Ordinarily, the German agency abroad – embassy, consulate – demands proof that a German course to prepare for university studies with at least 20 hours’ of lessons per week (intensive course) will be attended and that an applicant has sufficient financial resources for course fees and maintenance costs (approx. 500 Euros per month).

Furthermore, you need health insurance for the period of your residence. You are only allowed to insure yourself privately - ordinarily with a so-called foreign health insurance (a kind of travel health insurance for Germany). A private comprehensive insurance cannot be taken out.

It is not possible to apply for a language course visa in some countries. In such a case, you should apply for a “visa for orientation concerning studies at a German university”.