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**STUDY IN GERMANY
WITH ALPADIA**





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AGENDA

Alpadia – Who we are

Why study in Germany?

Higher Education in Germany

- **University Options**
- **Required Language Levels**

The Alpadia University Pathway Program

- **6 Steps to Success**

The Alpadia Schools in Berlin and Freiburg

- **Locations**
- **Accommodation Options**





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WHO WE ARE

- *Since 1996, HQ in Switzerland*
- *Part of the Kaplan family since 2019*
- *Specialist in teaching German and French with schools in Switzerland, Germany, and France*
- *Language Camps for Youngsters in UK, USA, CAN, GER, CH and FR*
- *Since 2019, Pathway Programme to German Public Universities*
- *More than 7,500 students per year*

- *Since 1938*
- *Part of Graham Holdings Company*
- *More than 40,000 students in 2019*

25
years

6
country
destinations

1k+
educational
partners

80+
years

9
country
destinations



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WHY STUDY IN GERMANY?

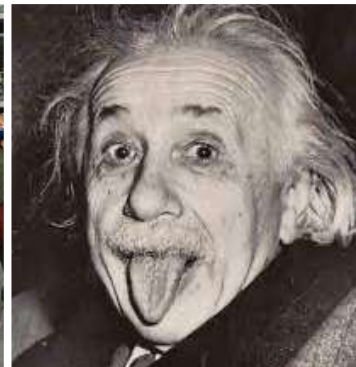
Ranked **number three** on the list of **best countries 2021** (USNews survey), esp. for education, entrepreneurship, agility, forward thinking and quality of life



Number one economy in Europe and number four worldwide (behind US, China and Japan) with **excellent employment opportunities** for graduates and skilled individuals.

Education is publicly funded and **freely accessible for everyone.**

Part-time work up to 20 hrs/week is permitted while studying and students are eligible for an 18-months post-study visa to find regular employment upon graduation.



German has the **highest number of native speakers in the European Union** (Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Luxembourg and Liechtenstein have German as the official language) and is the second-most commonly used scientific language in the world



HIGHER EDUCATION IN GERMANY

- German universities enjoy an excellent global reputation and their graduates are highly sought-after in the job market.
- Over 400 institutions offer a range of almost 17,000 undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs.

Focus on Science: Universities

- Mainly teach theoretical knowledge and emphasise research
- Usually offer a wide range of different subjects
- Specialised unis call themselves technical universities or colleges of education.

📊 106 Universities
📊 1.78 Mio students

Focus on Practice: Universities of Applied Sciences

- Focus more on professional application than on theory
- Range of subjects comprises specific fields such as technology, economics, social work or media.
- In the practical phases, students complete work placements or projects, often in businesses.

📊 216 HAWs/FHs
📊 1.05 Mio students

Colleges of Art and Music

- Train young artists such as musicians, architects, fine artists and designers.
- Admission requirements include a specific talent which applicants must demonstrate in an entrance examination.

📊 52 Colleges
📊 36,500 students



- ★ Bachelors (3 years)
- ★ Masters (1-2 years)
- ★ PhD (typically 3-6 years)

(Exceptions are medicine, law and pharmacy)



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HIGHER EDUCATION IN GERMANY

PUBLIC VS **PRIVATE**



Publicly funded - "Free"

Entrance requirements
High, usually defined by GPA
("Numerus Clausus")

Intakes
Winter semester (October)
Summer semester (February)

Application
Through federal application and allocation
system "uni-assist" - **Student chooses study
major, not institution**

Advantages
+ Higher degree of internationalization
+ Reputation and ranking
+ Better chances for an
academic scholarship
+ No tuition fees

Public
(ca. 60%)

Private
(ca. 30%, mostly
HAW/FH)

Funded by tuition fees
(note: fees are typically much
lower than in UK/USA/AUS/CAN)

Entrance requirements
Set by institutions, usually more lenient

Intakes
Variable at each institution

Application
Direct at institution
– **Student chooses study major and
institution**

Advantages:
+ More practice- and industry-oriented
+ Innovative degrees in new study fields
+ Visa for English language programs
+ Easier access / more flexibility
+ Smaller classes





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LANGUAGE LEVELS

Study Applicant Visa

No prior German

knowledge required:

- Japan
- Korea
- Hong Kong
- China

Study Applicant Visa

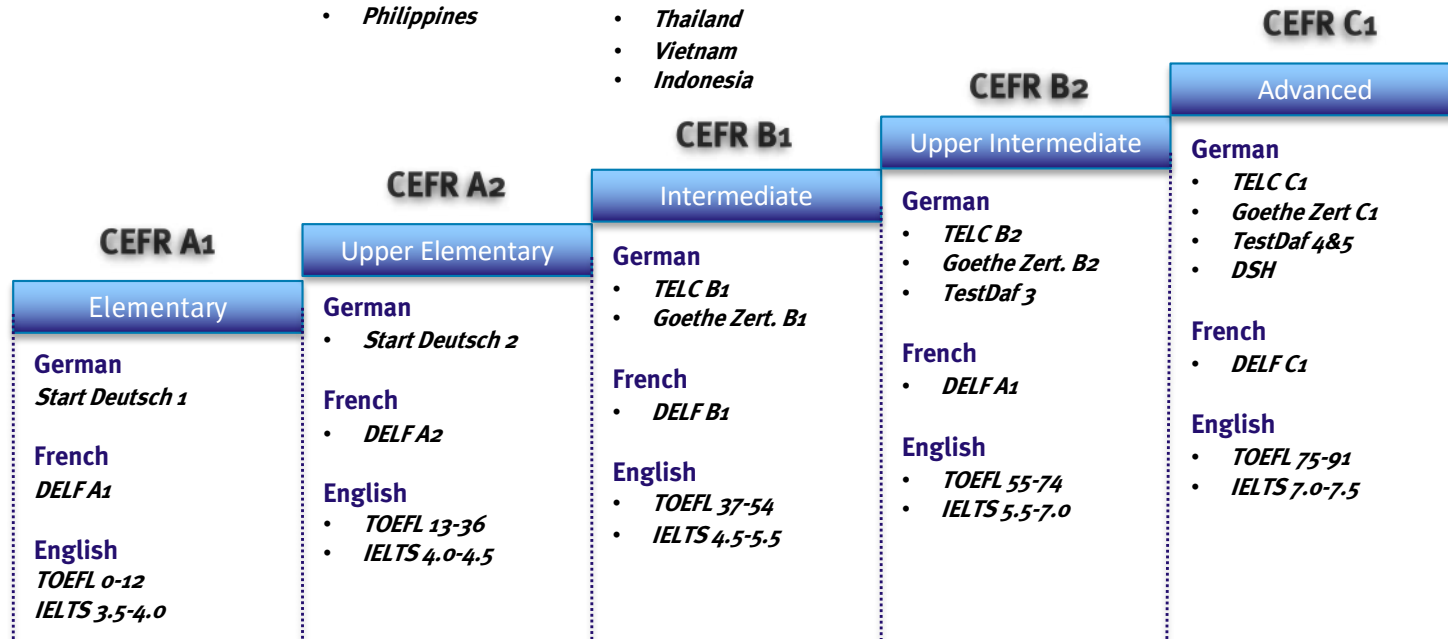
- India
- Philippines

Study Applicant Visa

- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Vietnam
- Indonesia

→ Studienkolleg

→ University

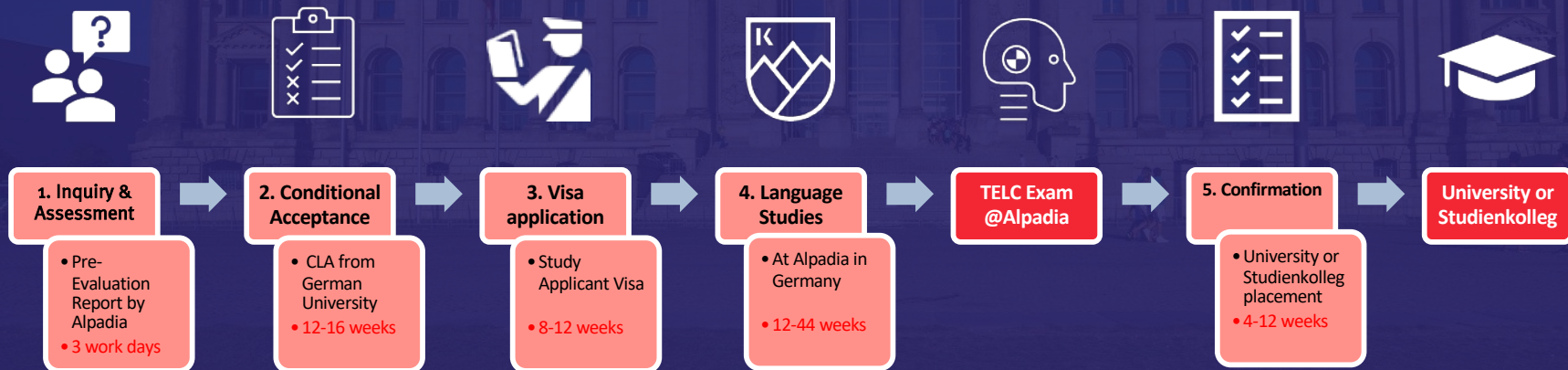




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ACADEMIC PATHWAY PROGRAM IN BERLIN & FREIBURG

THE JOURNEY FROM APPLICATION AND LANGUAGE COURSE INTO HIGHER EDUCATION
IN 36 TO 84 WEEKS





Step 1: Inquiry and Assessment

Applicant to submit:

Pre-Assessment Form

incl. desired study major(s) and start date

Passport copy

Academic Transcripts

Undergraduate: High school diploma
+ other relevant qualifications

Postgraduate: BA degree certificate
+ other relevant qualifications

Proof of prior German knowledge

(if available)

Alpadia Pre-Evaluation Report* (Pre-Check)

- Establish
 - Eligibility for desired study program
 - Availability of desired study program
 - Alternatives
- Proposal of timeline and action plan

2-3 work days

* Free

High School Requirements

BA / Undergraduate and MA / Postgraduate entry requirements vary by subject and academic background



The image displays 15 quick-check cards, each representing a different country or region. Each card provides specific high school requirements for German University Access, including details on subjects, grades, and other qualifications. The cards are arranged in two rows: the first row contains Japan, Taiwan, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, India, and Global; the second row contains Korea, Hong Kong, Macau, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines, and United Kingdom. Each card features the Alpadia logo and contact information at the bottom.

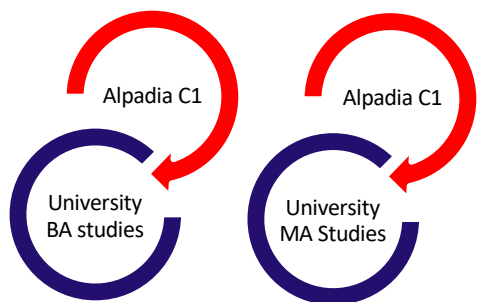
Entrance requirement
quick-check cards
now available from
Alpadia



Step 2: CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE

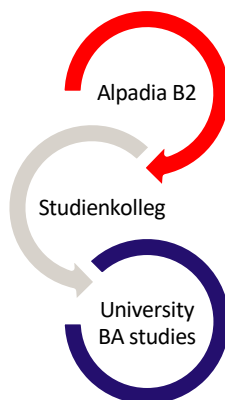
Direct entry

Undergraduate and Postgraduate
CLA in desired study major from a
German university



Indirect entry

Undergraduate only
Invitation to entrance exam (“Aufnahme-
prüfung”) at a public Studienkolleg



Alpadia University Application Package*

- SEF: Student Eligibility Form (Pre-Check)
 - University Application to obtain one Conditional Letter of Acceptance (CLA) from a Public University OR invitation to the entry test at a Public Studienkolleg
 - A study plan / curriculum for the visa application
- Turnaround time: 12-16 weeks, fast-track 3 weeks
- * mandatory, fee EUR 550.00

Note:

The CLA is the “in-principle” confirmation of eligibility for the chosen study major by one university.
The student has the freedom to **apply at different universities for the final placement** (step 5) after successful completion of the language course at Alpadia in Germany.

Step 3: The Study Applicant Visa

Required Documents

Conditional Letter of Acceptance from German University

Proof of funds: Blocked bank account with EUR 10,500

**High School Transcripts (for UG)
+ Degree Certificates (for PG)**

German Language Certificate

Alpadia B2 or C1 language course confirmation letter

CV and Motivation letter

Health Insurance

Valid Passport

Alpadia Visa Assistance Service Package*

- Identification of documents to present to the German Embassy
- Assistance in setting up the blocked bank account (EUR 10,236 / Year ⇔ EUR 853 / Month) and getting health insurance in Germany
- Booking the visa appointment w/ the German Embassy
- Review and revise the visa application form & documents

8-12 weeks

* Optional, fee EUR 300



Step 4: German Language Program @Alpadia



UNIVERSITY 20 & TELC PREP

- 20 HRS/WEEK: IMPROVE GENERAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND HAVE FREE TIME, TOO



UNIVERSITY 25 & TELC PREP

- 25HRS/WEEK: IMPROVE GENERAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS WITH AN EXTRA EMPHASIS ON SPEAKING



UNIVERSITY 30 & TELC PREP

- 30 HRS/WEEK: HIGHLY INTENSIVE FOR MOTIVATED STUDENTS WISHING TO HONE THEIR ORAL AND WRITTEN SKILLS

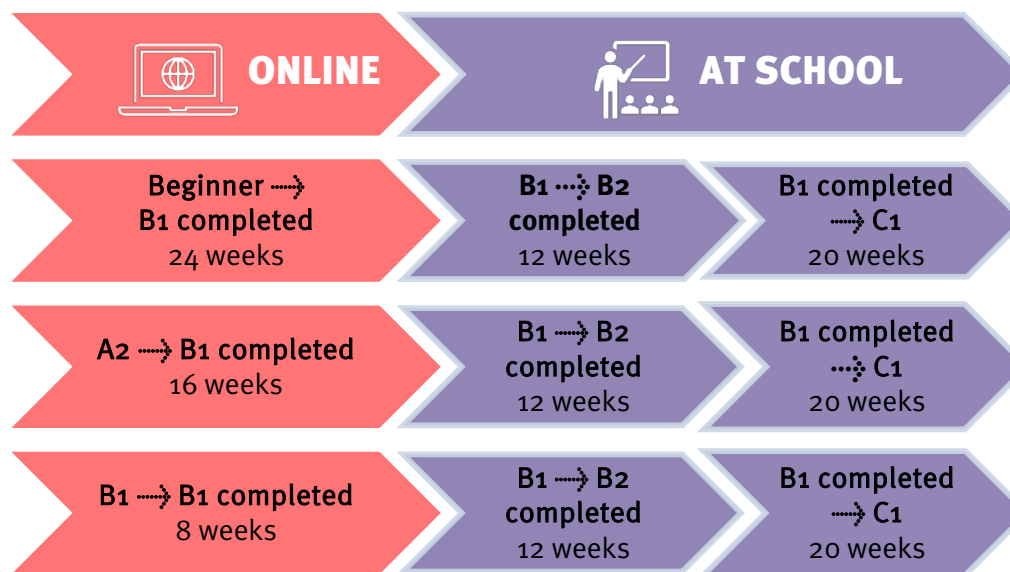
CEFR starting Level	UPP (time to C1)
A1 Beginner	40 weeks +4 weeks TELC prep
A2 Elementary	32 weeks +4 weeks TELC prep
B1 Pre-Intermediate	24 weeks +4 weeks TELC prep
B2 Upper Intermediate	16 weeks +4 weeks TELC prep
C1 Advanced	8 weeks +4 weeks TELC prep



Step 4: German Language Program @Alpadia

Blended Program

1. Study for CEFR B1 online
2. Take the B1 exam at your local Goethe Institute
3. Complete your C1 level studies at school in Germany





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Step 4: German Language Program @Alpadia





Step 5: UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT

Starting Dates University

- **Winter Semester : October**
Application deadline: mid-July
- **Summer Semester : February**
Application deadline: early January

Starting Date Studienkolleg: September

Application deadline: July

Note:

Intake and timeline are identified in the application package (step 2) and the student will be accordingly supervised and coached by our UPP counselor at school.

Alpadia University Placement Package *

- Evaluation of admission possibilities @ various Stk/UG/PG for desired program
- Shortlisting programs based on applicant's set of criteria, application deadline, admission requirements, location, etc.
- Establishing a roadmap and its timeline for the application process
- Document preparation including CV and motivational letter
- Notarization of required original copies when applicable
- Maximizing the number of admissions
- Assistance in finding & registering for public health insurance
- Preparing the documents to switch visa status to student visa at local migration office

6-8 weeks
*optional, EUR 550

AFTER ALPADIA: STUDIENKOLLEG

Optional ALPADIA PREPARATION MODULES for STUDIENKOLLEG				
Introductory Module	4 weeks	Mathematics Preparation	890 €	April / June / October
Top-up Module	4 weeks	Entrance Test Preparation	890 €	May / July / November

AFTER ALPADIA: FREE-OF-CHARGE FOUNDATION PROGRAM AT ONE OF 25 PUBLIC STUDIENKOLLEGS

1. ENTRANCE EXAM STK: **“AUFNAHMEPRUFUNG”**

2. ACADEMIC FOUNDATION PREPARATION YEAR (10 MONTHS; 2 SEMESTERS)

- ◇ S-KURS: LANGUAGE DEGREES
- ◇ G-KURS: HUMANITY, GERMAN STUDIES DEGREES
- ◇ T-KURS: MATHEMATICAL, SCIENCE, TECHNICAL DEGREES
- ◇ M-KURS: MEDICAL, BIOLOGICAL, PHARMACEUTICAL DEGREES
- ◇ W-KURS: BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, SOCIAL SCIENCES DEGREES

3. EXIT EXAM STK: **“FESTSTELLUNGSPRUFUNG”** (Confirmation of eligibility for chosen UG degree)





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SCHOOL LOCATIONS



Berlin

Freiburg



LOCATION: BERLIN

- *German capital and 5th biggest city in Europe (Pop. 3.65 Mio)*
- *Lowest living costs of all western European capitals*
- *Rich selection of museums, art galleries & theatres*
- *Multicultural city with great gastronomical diversity*
- *Nearest airport: Berlin (BER)*
- *Bustling school with friendly atmosphere*
- *Central location in the upscale residential neighbourhood of
Schöneberg with great cafés, restaurants, shops & bars*
- *Excellent connection via public transport*
- *25 bright & spacious classrooms with modern facilities*
- *Dedicated Student Support Service*
- *Many extracurricular activities offered by Alpadia*

2-minute Alpadia Berlin video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a6Npg7EgM4w>

LOCATION: FREIBURG

- *Historic university town with over 30'000 students and 220'000 inhabitants*
- *Multicultural city close to Switzerland & France*
- *“Capital of the Black Forest” and sunniest region of Germany*
- *Eco-friendly and green town with numerous bike lanes*
- *Nearest airports: Basel (1hr), Zurich (2.20 hrs)*
- *Medium-sized school with family-like atmosphere*
- *Central location, close to public transport*
- *15 bright & attractive classrooms*
- *Cozy & sunny terrace with garden*
- *Dedicated Student Support Service*

2-minute Alpadia Freiburg video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4LKuTsVpBaM>

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Homestay 16+

- *B&B or Half Board (breakfasts and dinners included)*
- *Up to an hour from school by public transport*
- *Homestay hosts include young, senior and single parent families and couples with or without children*
- *Hosts have varying ethnic backgrounds and different interests and lifestyles*

Self-Catering Homestay WG 18+ (Berlin only)

- *Meals not included – self catering*

Student residence 18+

- *Meals not included – self catering*
- *Easily accessible to school – Walking or by public transport*
- *Be part of an international community*

Student Apartment 18+

- *Meals not included – self catering*



ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS



HOST FAMILY

185 EUR
Per week

- ✓ Choose from half-board or breakfast only
- ✓ Single and double rooms
- ✓ Shared kitchen and bathroom
- ✓ Central location



STUDENT RESIDENCE

245 EUR
Per week

- ✓ Fully-furnished single bedrooms
- ✓ Private bathroom
- ✓ Kitchenette with fridge, stove & microwave
- ✓ Within walking distance of major tourist attractions



STUDENT APARTMENT

245 EUR
Per week

- ✓ Single or double rooms available
- ✓ Shared kitchen and communal bathroom with washing machine.
- ✓ Fantastic location close to public transport
- ✓ Choice of apartments with close proximity to the school or city centre



SELF-CATERING HOMESTAY (WG)

160 EUR
Per week

- ✓ Accommodation with local hosts who speak German
- ✓ Single and twin rooms
- ✓ Shared bathroom and kitchen
- ✓ Various location options around the city



HOTEL AND BED & BREAKFAST

From the most basic to the most luxurious options, we can help you find a room at a local hotel and B&B to suit your needs and budget.





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Danke

Thank you

Terima kasih

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多謝

Salamat

Merci

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