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Germany ranks in the top 3 most popular study locations for international students. No wonder: a degree in Germany offers the highest academic standards – the optimum basis for a successful career in a national or international context. The Studienbrücke education programme run by the Goethe-Institut in cooperation with the DAAD and German partner universities provides targeted preparation for direct entry to degree courses and for a university place in Germany.

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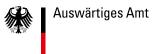






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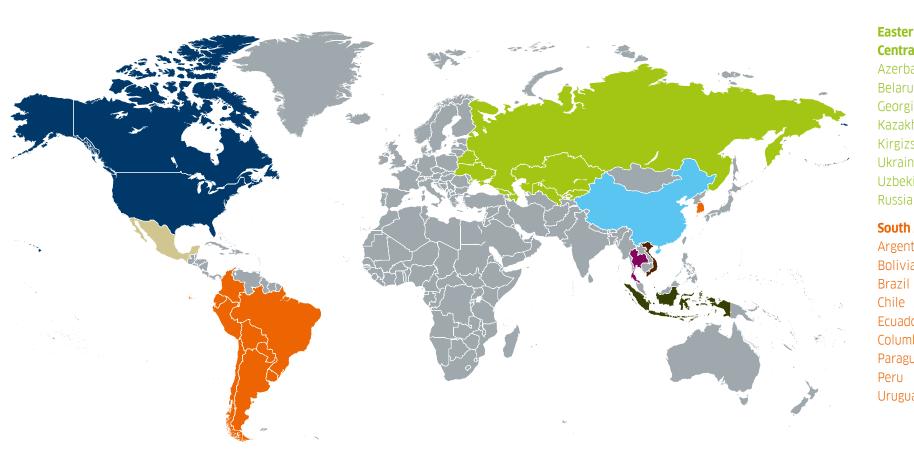
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THE STUDIENBRÜCKE PROGRAMME

Studienbrücke is a preparatory programme for higher education provided by the Goethe-Institut in cooperation with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and German partner universities in North-Rhine Westphalia, Brandenburg and Thuringia. The programme offers language, subject-specific and methodological preparation for direct entry to a bachelor's degree course at a German partner university in a STEM subject (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) or Economics, and is aimed at sixth-form student and school leavers with exceptional grades.

After successfully completing the Studienbrücke course - which includes German courses up to level B2/C1, subject-specific STEM modules (Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, IT, Engineering) or Economics modules, exam preparation and passing the TestDaF and TestAS papers, intercultural training and course guidance - prospective students can apply to one of the partner universities in Germany.

STUDIENBRÜCKE IS OFFERED IN THE FOLLOWING **COUNTRIES AND REGIONS:**



Eastern Europe/ **Central Asia**

Azerbaijan Georgia Kazakhstan Kirgizstan Ukraine Uzbekistan

South America

Argentina Bolivia Brazil Chile Ecuador Columbia Paraguay Peru Uruguay

USA

Canada Mexico

China

Vietnam

Thailand Indonesa

South Korea

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

THE STUDIENBRÜCKE PARTNER UNIVERSITIES ARE:

- // University Alliance Ruhr (Ruhr University Bochum, TU Dortmund University, University of Duisburg-Essen)
- // RWTH Aachen
- // European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)
- // Bauhaus University Weimar
- // University of Siegen
- // University of Bonn

The partner universities offer new students a full support programme when they start and throughout their studies. Each year a set number of student places is available to graduates of the Studienbrücke programme.

All the partner universities offer mentors for new students, a programme for foreign students provided by the International Offices/Akademische Auslandsämter, student organisations, tutors, preparatory courses for individual subjects and other university-specific services to ensure the perfect start to their degrees.

All courses offered lead to a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) qualification.

SEMESTER DATES (ACADEMIC CALENDAR)

Winter semester: start of October to end of March Summer semester: start of April to end of September



General information about the partner universities

UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE RUHR (UA RUHR)

Since 2007, the Ruhr University Bochum, TU Dortmund University and the University of Duisburg-Essen have been working in close strategic cooperation in the University Alliance Ruhr (UA Ruhr). UA Ruhr is one of Germany's largest and highest-achieving academic centres with more than 120,000 students and almost 1,300 professors.





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RUHR UNIVERSITY BOCHUM

"HUMANE - COSMOPOLITAN - CAPABLE"

BRIEF PROFILE

The Ruhr University Bochum (RUB) opened in 1965 and is home to around 5,600 staff and 43,000 students spread across its 21 faculties. All the main academic disciplines are united on a compact campus. Excellent teaching and research at RUB have earned the university an international reputation. More than 180 courses in humanities and social sciences, natural sciences, engineering and medicine provide a variety of potential combinations.

RUB attracts people from over 130 countries: around 6,300 international students, approx. 450 international postgraduates and several hundred international researchers. In addition there are around 600 exchange students coming to Bochum each year or spending time abroad.

Established: 1965

Students: 42.599 (winter semester 2021/2022)

Staff: 6,158 (2021)

of which professors: 415



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Studienbrücke Ruhr-Universität Bochum 13

Subjects offered for Studienbrücke	// Applied Computer Science¹ (specific entry requirements)
	// Civil Engineering
	// Biochemistry¹ (specific entry requirements)
	// Biology¹ (specific entry requirements)
	// Chemistry¹
	// Electrical Engineering and Information Technology ²
	// Geography¹ (specific entry requirements)
	// Geosciences¹
	// NEW: Computer Science ¹ (specific entry requirements)
	// IT Security / Information Technology ² (specific entry requirements)
	// Mechanical Engineering ²
	// NEW: Material Sciences ^{1 or 2}
	// Mathematics¹
	// Physics¹
	// Sales Engineering and Product Management ²
	// Environmental Engineering and Resource Management ² (specific entry requirements)
Requirements for TestAS and TestDaF	TestDaF: 16 (if it is only possible to achieve Level 3 in one exam section, you can compensate for this with a Level 5 in another section TestAS: core test and subject module standard score min. 100 each (in German)
Start of preparation programme	Start of September the same year

Recommended arrival	Start of September the same year (depending on allocation of student accommodation)
Support during	// Personal mentor throughout the course
orientation phase	// Support on arrival and during the first study phase
	// Orientation days for international students
	// Help finding accommodation
	// Help with administrative tasks (opening a bank account, immigration authority etc.)
	// Workshops + excursions during the course
	// Welcome events
	// Buddy programme
	// Tutors for individual subjects
Preparatory/ foundation	Range of subject-specific preparatory courses
Useful links	Rubcheck – online self-test: www.rubcheck.rub.de RUBISS – RUB International Student Services: https://international.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/de/aus-dem-ausland-die-rub
International Office/ Akademisches Aus- landsamt	https://international.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/de
Specific info:	Good English is required for applied Computer Science and Computer Science.

*Note: Numbers after the subject denote the required TestAS module (1 = mathematics, Computer Science and natural sciences, 2 = engineering sciences)

14 Studienbrücke **TU Dortmund University** 15

TU DORTMUND UNIVERSITY

"INNOVATIVE - COMMUNICATIVE - UNIQUE"

BRIEF PROFILE

Since it was founded 52 years ago, TU Dortmund University has developed a special profile, encompassing 17 faculties ranging from science and engineering to social sciences and cultural studies. The university currently has around 32,443 students and 6,800 staff members, including 300 professors.

The curriculum is comprised of around 80 programs of study, both traditional and innovative, some even unique to this university. A broad teacher training program is also offered for all school types. These scientific disciplines share a common university spirit in which interdisciplinarity, communication and cooperation are not only taught, but lived and experienced. This interaction creates an environment conducive to technological innovation and fosters advances in methods and knowledge.

Established: 1968

Students: 32,443 (winter semester 2021/2022)

Staff: 6,856 (01.12.2021) **of which professors:** 331 (01.12.2021)









16 Studienbrücke **TU Dortmund University** 17

Subjects offered for	// Applied Computer Science ¹ Bioengineering ²
Studienbrücke*	// Chemistry¹
	// Chemical Engineering ²
	// Chemical Biology¹
	// Data Science¹
	// Electrical Engineering & Information Technology ² Computer science ¹
	// Information and Communication Technology ² Logistics ²
	// Mechanical Engineering ² Mathematics ¹
	// Medical Physics¹ Physics¹
	// Statistics¹
	// Technical Mathematics¹
	// Business Mathematics ¹
	// NEW: Business Administration and Economics ³ (specific entry requirements)
TestAS and TestDaF	TestDaF: 16 (if it is only possible to achieve Level 3 in one exam section, you can compensate for this with a Level 5 in another section TestAS: core test and subject module standard score min. 100 each (in German)
Start of preparation programme	Start of September the same year

Recommended arrival	Start of September the same year (depending on allocation of student accommodation)
Support during orientation phase	// Personal mentor throughout the course // Orientation days for international students // Help finding accommodation (no agency) // Workshops + excursions during the course // Welcome events // Buddy programme // Tutors for individual subjects
Preparatory/ foundation	Preparatory courses: www.tu-dortmund.de/vorkurse Introductory events: www.tu-dortmund.de/einfuehrungsveranstaltungen
Useful links	Accommodation: www.tu-dortmund.de/wohnen Subject guidance: www.tu-dortmund.de/studienfachberatung General student information and guidance: www.tu-dortmund.de/beratung
International Office	www.international.tu-dortmund.de
Specific info:	Special registration requirements for Bachelor courses in Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Medical Physics and Physics. The Business Administration and Economics course has entry restrictions (numerus clausus). www.tu-dortmund.de/einschreibvoraussetzungen

^{*}If an NC (Numerus Clausus) course is full and therefore subject to entry restrictions, it is not covered by the Studienbrücke programme!

^{*}Note: Numbers after the subject denote the required TestAS module

^{(1 =} mathematics, computer science and natural sciences, 2 = engineering sciences,

^{3 =} business administration and economics)

18 Studienbrücke **University of Duisburg-Essen** 19

UNIVERSITY OF DUISBURG-ESSEN

"THINK IN TERMS OF POSSIBILITIES RATHER THAN LIMITATIONS"

BRIEF PROFILE

With over 41,000 students, the University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE), is among the ten largest universities in Germany. Its broad spectrum of subjects ranges from humanities, social sciences and education to economics, engineering, natural sciences and medicine. Since its foundation in 2003, the UDE has developed into a globally recognised research university.

This is documented by the top international positions it has now achieved. UDE ranks as the world's third best university founded since the Year 2000. It is 19th in the Times Higher Education Young University Rankings, which lists the top 150 international universities under 50 years old.

Established: 2003

 Students:
 41,740 (winter semester 2019/2020)

 Staff:
 5,470 (winter semester 2020/2021)

of which professors: 501









Subjects offered for Studienbrücke*	// Applied Computer Science - Engineering or Media Informatics ^{1 or 2}
	// Applied Computer Science - Systems Engineering¹ Civil Engineering²
	// Chemistry¹
	// Electrical Engineering and Information Technology ²
	// Energy Science¹ (good English required) Mechanical Engineering²
	// Mathematics¹
	// Nano Engineering ²
	// Physics¹
	// Technical Mathematics¹
	// Water Science: Chemistry, Analytics, Microbiology ¹
	// Business Mathematics¹
TestAS and TestDaF	TestDaF: 4 x level (TDN) 4
	TestAS: core test and subject module standard score
	min. 100 each (in German)
Start of preparation programme	Start of September the same year
Recommended	Start of September the same year
arrival	(depending on allocation of student)

Support during orientation phase	// Orientation days for international students // Help finding accommodation // Workshops + excursions during the course // Welcome events // Buddy programme // Tutors for individual subjects
Preparatory/ foundation	Mintroduce: www.uni-due.de/mint Courses offered by faculties: www.uni-due.de/erstse-mester/orientierungsphasen/fachschaftstermine.shtml SCIES - Support Center for (International) Engineering Students: www.uni-due.de/scies/index_de.shtml
Useful links	Leisure and social: www.uni-due.de/erstsemester/freizeit.shtml Accommodation: www.uni-due.de/erstsemester/wohnen.shtml Orientation week for the first semester: www.uni-due.de/erstsemester/orientierungsphasen Tutor Service Center international: www.tsc-due.org
International Office/ Akademisches Auslandsamt	www.uni-due.de/international/
Specific info:	The university has its own shuttlebus for the 20 km route between the two university cities. There is also an express cycle route, Radschnellweg Ruhr linking the two campuses (the last section is unfinished).

22 Studienbrücke **RWTH Aachen** 23

RWTH AACHEN

"THINKING THE FUTURE"

BRIEF PROFILE

With its 260 institutes in nine faculties, RWTH Aachen is one of Europe's leading science and research centres. Degree courses at RWTH Aachen are mostly practically oriented. As a result, graduates are highly sought after in industry, both as new recruits and in management.

There are around 10,000 international students from 131 countries at RWTH, and the university maintains contact with its numerous alumni – lending an international flair to the science centre of Aachen.

Learning and research are also reflected in the town's image. The diverse cultures of the students blend with the rich traditions of Aachen, resulting in a vibrant, young feel – especially in the Pontviertel student district. Not far from the Eifel and Ardennes, not to mention Maastricht and Brussels, the town stands in the shadow of Charlemagne's Palatinate Chapel and is strongly inspired by the variety of language and culture influencing the town and ensuring a very special charm.

Established: 1870

Students: 47,173 students (winter semester 2020/21)

Staff: 9,655 (2018)

of which professors: 564









Studienbrücke **RWTH Aachen** 25

Subjects offered for Studienbrücke*	// Computational Engineering Science ^{1 or 2} // NEW: Computer Engineering ^{1 or 2} // NEW: Electrical Engineering & Information // NEW: Computer Science ¹ Mechanical Engineering ² // Industrial and Mechanical Engineering ²
TestAS and TestDaF	TestDaF: 4 x level (TDN) 4 TestAS: core test and subject module standard score min. 100 each (in German)
Start of preparation programme	likely August of the same year
Recommended arrival	likely by mid-August the same year
Support during orientation phase	Within the scope of the "Fast Track Bachelor Admission" programme (FTBA)
	// Close personal support by the FTBA team before arrival and throughout the course at RWTH Aachen
	// Help with application and registration
	// Organisational support on arrival in Aachen
	// Two specialist language courses for STEM subjects to improve German skills in the relevant subject
	// Personal support from student tutors through a subject-specific weekly tutorial in the 1st semester
	// Programme-specific workshops for better organisation of studies

	// Programme-specific network events (welcome event, Christmas party, excursions, etc.)// Arrangement of a room in student hall of residence at RWTH for the first semester
Preparatory/ foundation	 // Courses to prepare for studies // Welcome Week // University sports opportunitiess // Language courses at the RWTH language centre // BeBuddy programme // Support services offered by the International Office at RWTH Aachen // Careers advice from the Career Centre // Leisure activities organised by the many student initiatives
Useful links	Fast Track Bachelor Admission (FTBA): www.rwth-aachen.de/fasttrack
International Office/ Akademisches Auslandsamt	www.rwth-aachen.de/international
Specific info:	The selection criteria include a face-to-face candidate interview conducted by the project coordinator of the FTBA programme. Mandatory costs for the support programme (FTBA): one-off charge of 3,500 euros

BAUHAUS UNIVERSITY WEIMAR

"EXCELLENT AND PRACTICALLY ORIENTED"

BRIEF PROFILE

The Bauhaus University Weimar is located centrally in Germany, in the state of Thuringia. The cities of Berlin and Frankfurt/Main are just a three-hour car journey away. Named after the State Bauhaus in Weimar, which was founded in 1919, the university still reflects future orientation and an international character today. Around 4,000 students enjoy outstanding academic conditions in the historical old town campus, as well as a very good support structure and an ethos that is creative and cooperative.

With its four faculties the Bauhaus University Weimar is a profile university that specialises in design and technology, with engineering and computer science occupying an influential role. Teaching is of a high academic level and characterised by its interdisciplinary focus. An approach to current research topics that is rooted in theory yet applied practically fosters personal development and assures optimum career potential.

The university has an international outlook with exceptional standards in teaching and research, and consequently the current proportion of international students stands at 25%. The flat hierarchy ensures diverse networking opportunities and a professional support service for students from all over the world.

Established: 1996 (1860)

Students: 4,164 (winter semester 2021/2022)

Staff: 926 (2021/2022)

of which professors: 83







Bauhaus-Universität Weimar

Subjects offered for Studienbrücke*	<pre>// Civil Engineering¹or 2 // Computer Science for Digital Media and Security and Data Science"¹or 2 // Management [Construction, Property and Infra- structure]¹or 2 // Environmental Engineering¹or 2</pre>
TestAS and TestDaF	TestDaF: 4 x level (TDN) 4 TestAS: core test and subject module standard score
Start of preparation programme	Start of September the same year
Recommended arrival	End of September
Support during orientation phase	Support before arrival: // Intensive support from Studienbrücke tutors in advance and also during the course // Online information events covering visa, living, costs and getting there On campus in Weimar: // Start of October: Study intro days // Support from "Service International" (accommodation, visa) // NEW: STEM language course in German for Studien-Brücke participants // Networking with other Studienbrücke students as well as tutors

Preparatory/ foundation	(Online) preparation courses in maths, mechanical engineering, chemistry, programming (engl.)
Useful links	www.uni-weimar.de/studienbruecke
International Office/ Akademisches Auslandsamt	www.uni-weimar.de/de/universitaet/international/
Specific info:	No charge for support programmes or any pre- paratory courses. The STEM language course German is a new course especially for Studienbrücke participants starting in the winter semester 2022/23. The credits earned there can be used towards the degree.

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Bauhaus University Weimar

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY VIADRINA FRANKFURT (ODER)

"INTERNATIONAL - INTERCULTURAL - INNOVATIVE"

BRIEF PROFILE

With around 5,200 students, the European University Viadrina is a fairly small yet highly international university situated on the German-Polish border only around an hour from Berlin. Its universal orientation is reflected not only in the courses of study themselves but also by the fact that 25% of students have origins in more than 100 countries, and there is also a high proportion of international researchers. Consequently the atmosphere on the Viadrina campus is both familiar and international at the same time.

With its three faculties – business administration and economics, social and cultural sciences, and law – Viadrina is excellently positioned in research and teaching. National rankings put Viadrina among the top universities in Economics. The high level of student satisfaction is partly a result of the outstanding support structure provided at Viadrina. The cost of living is very cheap compared with other German universities. Students are particularly involved in the university in an influential capacity and the academic activities on campus. So the "Viadrina family" is more than just words – it's a way of living.

Established: 1991 (1506)

Students: 5,209 (winter semester 2021/2022)

Staff: 661 (2021)

of which professors: 73









// Economics ³
TestDaF: 4 x level (TDN) 4 TestAS: core test and subject module standard score min. 100 each (in German)
approx. end of July the same year. Optionally either in online format or in Frankfurt (Oder)
End of September
// Support on arrival and during the first year of study // Help with visa application and finding accommodation (guaranteed place in halls if desired) // Help with administrative issues (e.g. immigration authority) // Personal mentor during study // Introductory week with welcome event // Course induction phase // Support programmes throughout the semester // Tutor programme // Family programme "Fremde werden Freunde"
// Subject-specific preparation (economics and maths)// Methodical and intercultural preparation

Useful links	General info about studying at Viadrina (uni, campus, living etc.) www.study.europa-uni.de www.europa-uni.de/studienbruecke Family programme "Fremde werden Freunde": www.europa-uni.de/de/campus/hilfen/paten/index.html
International Office/ Akademisches Auslandsamt	www.europa-uni.de/internationales
Specific info:	Before starting a degree at Viadrina, students have to attend the Studienbrücke preparation course in their home country, as well as the free degree foundation course from the end of July, after which they must pass the university entrance exam (HZP). This entrance exam is mandatory and free of charge. Passing the subject-specific online module in economics is an entry requirement for Viadrina applications.
	There is an opportunity to apply for scholarships at Viadrina for funded places from winter semester 2022/23.
	All information on the study preparation programme 2022 and available scholarships is published in spring 2022 on the website www.europa-uni.de/studienbruecke

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UNIVERSITY OF SIEGEN

"SHAPING A HUMANE FUTURE"

BRIEF PROFILE

The University of Siegen is a medium-sized interdisciplinary research university in the border triangle of North-Rhine Westphalia, Hesse and Rhineland Palatinate. It is firmly rooted in the South Westphalia region, and boasts extensive national and international networks. The university research and teaching ethos aspires to a human-oriented future that is characterised by social responsibility.

This is expressed in the guiding principle of the University of Siegen: Shaping a humane future. The University of Siegen considers it essential to take regional responsibility for education, training and social issues, whilst applying the expected high international standards in teaching, study, research and knowledge transfer and committing to the constant promotion of these principles.

Established: 1972

Students: 17,659 (winter semester 2021/2022)

Staff: 2,278 (2021)

of which professors: 257









Subjects offered for Studienbrücke*	<pre>// Civil Engineering² (degree apprenticeship* option)</pre>
	// Business Administration (BWL) ³
	// Chemistry¹
	<pre>// NEW: Digital Medical Technology / Digital Bio- medical and Health Sciences [Medical Informatics]¹</pre>
	// Electrical Engineering ^{1 or 2} (degree apprenticeship* option)
	// Automotive Engineering ²
	// Computer Science ^{1 or 2} (degree apprenticeship* option)
	// Mechanical Engineering ² (degree apprenticeship* option)
	// Mathematics¹
	// Physics¹
	// Political Economics (VWL) ³
	// Industrial Engineering ²
	// Business Information Systems ^{1 or 3}
TestAS and TestDaF	TestDaF: 4 x level (TDN) 4 TestAS: core test and subject module standard score min. 100 each (in German)
Start of preparation programme	Start/mid September the same year
Recommended arrival	Start of September the same year (depending on allocation of student)

Support during orientation phase	 // Personal mentor before and during study // Preparation days "Campus Step by Step" // Online meeting before arrival // First semester intros for subjects // Studienbrücke buddy // Programme for international students as an introduction to the local job market // While studying: diverse workshops, trips and activities // Guidance and support for administrative issues (e.g. residence permit, accommodation etc.) // Place in halls (if accepted within deadline)
Preparatory/ foundation	// Mathematics for natural science courses // Mathematics for economics courses
Useful links	Central student support: www.uni-siegen.de/zsb University city of Siegen: www.siegen.de Region South-Westphalia: www.suedwestfalen.com
International Office/ Akademisches Auslandsamt	STARTING department (Student Admission, Registration and Training in German language): http://www.uni-siegen.de/international Department of International Student Affairs (ISA): www.uni-siegen.de/isa

 $[\]hbox{``Information about degree apprenticeships: } {\it eva.grottschreiber@zv.uni-siegen.de}$

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UNIVERSITY OF BONN

"TRADITIONALLY MODERN - THE UNIVERSITY OF BONN"

BRIEF PROFILE

The University of Bonn is a classic university with 7 faculties: Catholic and Protestant Theology, Law and Business, Mathematics & Sciences, Philosophy, Medicine and Agriculture.

There are currently more than 34,400 students – including 4,400 international students from 147 countries – enrolled on one of our 220 courses.

A centre of research excellence has become established thanks to the strategic recruitment of outstanding scientists. For this reason, the University of Bonn ranks amongst Germany's leading universities.

Our mission is to offer a high standard of education and support to students and young researchers, whilst creating an environment that encourages free academic discussion and exchange of scientific ideas.

Established: 1818

Students: 34,481 (winter semester 2020/21)

Staff: 6,840 **of which professors:** 561







40 Studienbrücke **University of Bonn** 41

Subjects offered for Studienbrücke*	// Chemistry¹ // Geodesy and Geoinformation² // Geosciences¹ // Meteorology and Geophysics¹ // Physic¹oder ²
TestAS and TestDaF	TestDaF: 4 x level (TDN) 4 TestAS: core test and subject module standard score min. 100 each (in German)
Start of preparation programme	Start of September the same year
Recommended arrival	End of August the same year
Support during orientation phase	 // Personal mentor throughout studies // Orientation events at the start of the semester // Workshops and seminars on time management and study planning in the first semester // Place in student halls of residence // Workshops and excursions during studies // Buddy programme // Tutors for individual subject areas // International Club support programme with themed evenings by country, games and cooking
Preparatory/ foundation	<pre>// Prep courses in physics, maths and chemistry // Online "Fit for Math" tool (from July) // Subject-specific orientation units // Programme-specific welcome eventg</pre>

Useful links	Studying in Bonn: www.uni-bonn.de/de/studium/ Online Self-Assessments (OSA): www.selbsttest.uni-bonn.de/testmaker/index.php Central student support: www.uni-bonn.de/de/studi- um/beratung-und-service/zentrale-studienberatung Unileben: www.uni-bonn.de/de/universitaet/unileben/ Accommodation: www.studierendenwerk-bonn.de/ wohnen Study-Buddy programme: www.uni-bonn.de/de/inter- national/campus-international/study-buddy-programm
International Office/ Akademisches Auslandsamt	www.uni-bonn.de/de/universitaet/organisation/univer- sitaetsverwaltung/dezernat-6-internationales/dezer- nat-internationales
Specific info:	Astrophysics can be selected as a subsidiary with physics

^{*}Note: Numbers after the subject denote the required TestAS module (1 = mathematics, computer science and natural sciences, 2 = engineering sciences)

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT STUDYING IN GERMANY

WHAT DOES IT COST TO STUDY?

At the moment there are no tuition fees in the federal states in which the Studien-brücke partner universities are located (North-Rhine-Westphalia, Brandenburg and Thuringia). There is just a contribution of 180 to 340 euros per semester. When you enrol and pay the semester contribution, you are given a ticket you can use on local public transport throughout the state in which you are studying.

ESTIMATED MONTHLY COST OF LIVING FOR STUDENTS:

	Average
Rent and utilities	323.00 €
Food and eating	154.00 €
Clothes	48.00 €
Travel (car/public transport)	116.00 €
Health insurance	96.00 €
Telephone/internet/radio and TV, postage	31.00 €
Work/study resources	24.00 €
Leisure, culture, sport	65.00 €
Total	867.00 €

Source: www.study-in-germany.de/de/studium-planen/vorbereitungen/finanzierung/

PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

General information about studying in Germany

International students have to provide evidence that they have sufficient financial resources to fund their own studying in Germany. For this reason, "proof of financial resources" covering a sum of 10,332 euros per year is often required at the point of visa application.

USEFUL LINKS

INFORMATION ON STUDYING IN GERMANY:

www.study-in.de

www.daad.de/de/studieren-und-forschen-in-deutschland

www.studicheck.nrw

www.studiport.de

Information about scholarships for studying in Germany:

www.funding-guide.de

www.studieren.de/stipendien.O.html

Studienbrücke

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS AT THE PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

APPLICATION TIMELINE FOR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

Students can apply to partner universities within the Studienbrücke programme after successfully completing the preparation course in May and June of that year via an online application portal. From this point, Studienbrücke applicants should make an appointment with the German consulate/embassy to kick off the visa application process for residency in Germany for study and research purposes.

APPLICATION FOR TWO UNIVERSITIES AND TWO SUBJECTS

With Studienbrücke, all applicants apply to two universities and for two subjects in parallel. One subject is marked as first priority and the other as second choice.

WHEN DO THE PARTNER UNIVERSITIES INFORM APPLICANTS WHETHER THEY HAVE A PLACE?

Applicants will be contacted by the end of June to tell them whether they have a place. This allows plenty of time to apply somewhere else if they don't get in.

WHAT'S WHAT

BUDDY PROGRAMM

Buddy Programmes are mentoring programmes offered by the universities to make it easier for newly enrolled international students to start studying and living at a German university. Experienced German or international students help them with questions about organising their studies and student life.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE/AKADEMISCHES AUSLANDSAMT

The International Office (IO) or Akademisches Auslandsamt (AAA) coordinates international relations with the university and serves as a point of contact for all issues relating to the international character of learning, research and administration. Their responsibilities include guidance and support for foreign students and researchers, as well as informing students about placements abroad and international cooperation.

NUMERUS CLAUSUS (NC)

Some subjects have a Numerus Clausus (NC). This means that entry to these courses is restricted. Applicants will usually only be accepted for these courses, which are usually very popular, if they achieve a specified average grade – mostly set very high. Most partner universities on the Studienbrücke scheme no longer offer NC courses.

ORIENTATION DAYS/WELCOME WEEK

The International Office organises orientation days or a Welcome Week at the beginning of the semester for new international students to make it easier for them to start studying and ensure that they feel welcome at the university. The international students can get to know the university and its faculties, as well as the city and other students. They also receive support in issues relating to their course, life in the new town, and they can explore the wide range of activities on offer at the university (sports, clubs, leisure etc.).



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