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STUDYING IN GERMANY

Techie hub

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AFTER World War II, Germany was split into two countries which were informally known as East and West Germany. They were later reunified in 1994. The country's capital is Berlin and the official currency is the Euro. Christianity is the largest religion in Germany.

Education

Academic education in Germany emphasises on basic knowledge, theoretical background and practical application. The first graduate degree obtained is called bachelor's degree. One can continue with a masters program.

Both the bachelor's and Master's degree programmes are generally divided into modules. Modules are academic units comprising of lectures, seminars and practical sessions. A module can take a maximum of two semesters to complete and consists of six-ten hours of academic work per week.

Popular courses

Some popular undergraduate courses are Bachelor in International Business, BSc in Management, Bachelor of Business Administration, BSc in Automation Technology, BSc Electronics and BA in Information Engineering. Post graduate courses like MBA, Masters in Computer Engineering, Masters in International Management and MSc Aerospace Engineering are given preference.

The Ruprecht Karl University of Heidelberg is one of the most reputed universities in the world. Other popular institutes are: The Technical University of Munich, the University of Stuttgart, University of Dresden, Cologne Business School, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management and Dusseldorf Institute of Applied Sciences. They attract quite a few students from all over the world.

Admission requirements

To apply for a Bachelor's degree, a school leaving certificate, (e.g. high school diploma, A-levels baccalaureate) is required. They are recognised as a higher education entrance qualification. Additionally some universities may ask for SAT scores as well.

Applicants for a Master's degree and PhD programmes will require a university degree as well. While applying for Master's degree programs, one should bear in mind that in some colleges it may be mandatory to take the GRE/GMAT exam prior to admission.

Courses and programs taught in English are sometimes referred to as international programs. Applicants wishing to pursue an international degree program do not necessarily have to take a German proficiency test. An English language certificate like TOEFL or IELTS is often required. Each university/college decides on the minimum score required to secure admission.

A prospective international student also needs to provide a proof of financial resources. At present, foreign students must prove that they have at least 8000 per year at their disposal. This document will need to be submitted with the visa application or when one applies for a residence permit. Other documents that may be asked are resume, letters of recommendation, letter of motivation and a copy of the passport. Requirements are college/course specific and may vary accordingly.

Germany has two intakes in a year — one during winter that begins in October and one during summer that starts in April. Generally, the deadline for the winter admissions is July 15 and for the summer admissions is January 15. These may vary from college to college. Although one need not know German for academic reasons, it is



QUALITY EDUCATION: There are courses for both graduates and undergraduates

important to know the language for life outside college.

Financial assistance

German public institutions of higher education normally waive tuition fees for many bachelor's and Master's degree programs. However some institutes may charge approximately 500 per semester for tuition, between 150&250 as semester fee and about 50 per semester for registration. Certain Master's degree programs charge higher fees which can be more than 10,000 per semester approximately. It's best to check with each institute about their fee structure before applying.

Financial aid, grants and scholarships can be competitive and may be granted on the basis of study of subject/research, academ-

ic achievement and economic background. Funding can be in the form of financial scholarships which generally cover the applicant's entire living expenses. Many institutions also offer non-monetary scholarships where recipients are invited to workshops, lectures and scientific conferences. However, grants for undergraduate students are limited. The aids and fundings are mostly awarded to Master's and doctoral students.

Able support

International student services offices and helpdesks in college assist students with accommodation, insurance, administrative procedures etc. There are programs to promote academic, organisational, social and cultural integration.

news brief



Recognition to women power

THE International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) and Natarajan Education Society (NES), jointly hosted the ninth episode of the Women's Prowess 2014 on its campus. The theme was titled 'Reach for the Stars' and brought together distinguished achievers from various sectors who have strengthened our society and the nation. With two panel discussions and an interactive workshop, the event inspired and motivated hundreds of young women to be the best they can. The panelists shared personal experiences that helped them achieve professional and personal success. They advised everyone to adopt an excellence-based approach.

MoU for medical aid

A FORMAL MOU was signed between Bharat Vikas Group (BVG) and Symbiosis International University (SIHS), whereby the latter has been entrusted with the medical training of all medical professionals in State Government schemes across the districts of Maharashtra. To date, SIHS has trained 3,000 doctors as emergency medical professionals. Maharashtra Emergency Medical Services (MEMS) is a project by the State government which will provide emergency ambulances to those in medical trouble on dialling 108. Accordingly, 937 ambulances with basic and advanced life saving equipment will be rolled out to treat these patients during the golden hour.

An event for special kids

SUNDERJI'S Institutions celebrated its annual day recently with a musical concert for the first time. The interesting thing about it was that it was presented by kindergarten and nursery kids with special needs. The concert was written and directed by Marukh Bharucha and Khurshid Irani. It was a wonderful show that had these special children with learning disabilities, autism and other special needs performing on stage. A total of 200 children from across all institutions, accompanied by teachers and trainees put up an interesting show that was enjoyed by everyone present.

Applications invited

TO fulfill the ambitions of young talented Indian students, Kingston University, London has recently announced scholarships specifically for Indian students under the GREAT scholarship campaign in collaboration with British Council. There are ten scholarships, each worth £3,000 available specifically for Indian students who have university offers for any one of the following post-graduate courses for sessions starting September 2014. Courses like Marketing and Brand Management MA, Managing in the Creative Economy MSc, International Business Management MSc, Film Making MA, etc. are part of it. Deadline for submission of applications is May 31, 2014.

study abroad



Courses in medicine abroad

What is the process for pursuing a course in medicine in the USA? Also, specify the specialisations that are available?

Tina Rai, Mumbai

Before applying to any medical school, international students should make sure they have completed a four-year bachelor's degree, with the requisite subjects needed by the medical schools being applied to. These requisites

vary from school to school. Specialisations that one can opt for in medicine are: Allergology, Anesthesiology, Cardiology, Dermatology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Orthopedics, Pathology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Radiology, Surgery, Research, Public Health.

What is the duration of a bachelors degree in medicine in the U.S? What is the expenses?

Renuka Salvi, Pune

The duration of a medical course is for four years in USA. As an international student, a bachelors degree will cost US \$30,000-\$50,000 per year for four years. To practice in USA, you need to complete United States Medical Licensing Examination (U SMLE) 1 and USMLE 2 exam from India. USMLE 3 can be completed in USA to obtain the license.