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# Studienkolleg –

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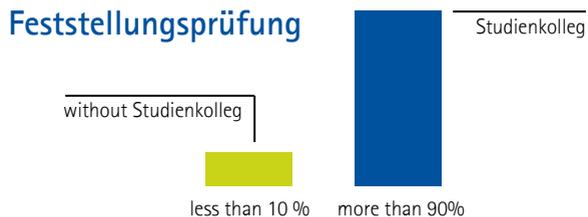
Niedersächsisches  
**Studienkolleg**

## Studienkolleg – The stepping stone to succeed at university

Experience shows that Studienkolleg-Alumni are well prepared for their university degree courses. On average students partaking in the Studienkolleg preparatory courses are twice as successful and they are faster when completing their respective university subjects. The concept at the Studienkolleg is not to only teach German language lessons, but students take part in 3 to 5 subjects with high relevance to their chosen degree course, taught in German.

## Feststellungsprüfung (*i. e. university entrance exam*) without Studienkolleg preparatory courses?

Applicants who cannot directly access a German university can, of course, sit the Feststellungsprüfung without having attended Studienkolleg preparatory courses. However, the pass rate is lower than 10 percent since most applicants tend to underestimate the challenge of taking a complex written and oral test in a foreign language in the respective 5 subjects. But more than 90 percent of the Studienkolleg participants pass the Feststellungsprüfung exam, and most of them with good results.



## General Questions of Admission

Germany authorities divide foreign school leaving certificates in categories: with and without direct admission to a German university. School leaving certificates from the most countries outside of EU are not fully recognised as an exam exactly fitting for German higher education. For details see [www.anabin.de](http://www.anabin.de).

If a higher education entrance qualification is only regarded as partly equivalent to a German one, applicants will be admitted to a degree course after passing an entrance examination, the so called "Feststellungsprüfung".

## Admission procedures

Please contact a university or university of applied sciences in the federal state of Lower Saxony for application. The university of your choice will check your documents whether they are fully or partly equivalent. For further information see [www.stk.uni-hannover.de](http://www.stk.uni-hannover.de). There is not direct application for the Studienkolleg of Lower Saxony.

## Studienkolleg entrance test

Applicants will be tested for their German language proficiency, and for Mathematics. This is a ranking test. The best ones will be accepted for the respective preparatory course. The level in the language test is referred to CEF B1, Mathematics to the level of year 10 at German secondary schools.



## Preparation courses

Every course type has its own specific curriculum. They all focus on the standards and demands required of the respective university degree courses. Studienkolleg offers three major sets of courses. The first set of preparatory courses is designed for medicine, pharmacy, biology, agriculture; it is called M-Kurs. The second type prepares for business administration, economics, law and other subjects; it is called W-Kurs. A third set offers preparation for subjects such as mechanical engineering, construction/design engineering, mechatronics, informatics, sciences; it is called T-Kurs. According to these specific curricula Studienkolleg alumni can't choose other university degree courses without proof of knowledge in the respective and required subjects.

## Tuition fees

Only 500 Euro p.a.

(and a fee of about 400 Euro p.a. for public traffic, cafeteria, sports and some more)



## Studying in Germany: expensive or not?

Tuition fees are very low. So studying in Germany is not expensive. However, living costs in Germany are high. Foreign students have to give proof of relevant financial means thus to cover expenses that allows them to live in Germany for one year in advance (ca. 7,900 Euro).



## Accommodation

Students in Germany usually do not live at university campus. The university may offer advice and help to find private accommodation or show ways how to obtain a room at students' accommodation, but it is in the students' hands to organise their accommodation. Many students prefer to live in shared flats. There usually is a good deal of accommodation available in Hannover. The rent at a students' accommodation sometimes tends to be cheaper than private accommodation.

## Scholarship?

A German scholarship for the Studienkolleg is not available. There are very few scholarships available for the best participants in the Partnerschafts-Programm.

## The fast track to your chosen university degree course



Please allow **15 months** between the secondary school exam and start of university degree course.



Allow **3-4 months** for application procedures and visa



It is advisable to **continue learning Maths and German after school** in Your country of origin, and to join preparation courses (country of origin)



**Studienkolleg Entrance Test:**  
1st week in September and February



**Feststellungsprüfung:**  
9 month later  
New application for a degree course at the chosen university



**Juli, August, September:**  
time for internships if requested, summer schools, further specific preparation courses for German and foreign beginners offered by our university



**September or October:** Start of the degree course

## Living and Studying in Hannover

Hannover, with its 500,000 population, is the capital of the federal state of Lower Saxony. It is a charming city with a lot of green and waters as well as well known industrial and famous fair complexes. Living in Hannover is possible for at a reasonable price. Hannover is home to 5 universities – all of them do offer plenty of leisure activities, and so does Studienkolleg.

## Learning at the Niedersächsisches Studienkolleg

The Studienkolleg is part of the Leibniz University Hannover. Best preparation for degree courses is our profession and passion. Modern media and equipment in sciences is well a part of the education. Students new to Studienkolleg will be part of a tutoring program conducted by course teachers/ teaching staff and Studienkolleg's senior students. We are all looking forward to being your stepping stone to a successful future at a German university.





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## contact details

On our website you can find more information about the Studienkolleg and universities in Lower Saxony.

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