Information for International Applicants

Visa / Residence Permit

International applicants require a visa or a residence permit for the purpose of studying in Germany.

You must apply for a student visa at the relevant German Foreign Office (embassy / consulate) in your home country before entering Germany to study in Bremen. A tourist visa is not sufficient for a study stay in Germany.

- You can find out which documents you need to submit when applying for a student visa for prospective students on the website of the Federal Foreign Office at https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/service/visa-und-aufenthalt or the German diplomatic mission in your home country.

If you are coming to Germany to study from a country in the European Union (EU) or the European Economic Area (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), your passport or identity card is sufficient for the entry. Once you have arrived in Bremen, you must register your address in Bremen with the Residents' Registration Office https://www.service.bremen.de/ or Bremen Service Universität http://www.uni-bremen.de/bsu within three months.

Proof of German Language Skills as a Prerequisite for Studying

International applicants must demonstrate that they have a good command of German language skills. They must submit a language certificate with their application.

Further information can be found in the FAQs on language proficiency https://www.hfk-bremen.de/en/application#language-skills-6210

Verification of certificates

- School leaving certificates and degrees certificates must be submitted with your application. These documents must be in German or English. If your documents are in another language, please ensure that an official translation is provided in good time.

An APS is not required, but you are welcome to submit it if you already have it.

We will only check certificates once we have received your application.