

Visa for Language Courses

This is a visa for applicants who wish to participate in a language course over three and under twelve months in Germany which is not intended as a preparatory course for university studies. Please note that the purpose of your stay cannot be altered (e.g. for studies) once the visa application has been made and your departure from Germany upon the expiry of your visa is mandatory.

The fee for a study visa is the equivalent of 75 Euro. The fee must be paid in cash, in Uganda Shillings upon application.

Applications must be submitted in person and may not be submitted by courier, regular post, fax or e-mail. The appointment has to be made through our online appointment system.

Please note that only complete applications will be accepted. In order to ensure that your application is processed without delay, **please submit the following documents in original and two copies as indicated below**. Unfortunately, copies cannot be provided by the German Embassy.

Original documents:

- Two duly completed application forms "Application for a National Visa" (please ensure that you sign the form)
- A valid passport with at least two blank pages and valid for at least another six months after your return to your home country (please ensure that your passport is signed) with two copies of the passport including bio-data page and the page with the passport file number
- Two recent passport photographs according to biometric specifications
- Two Declarations of True and Complete Information in accordance with Section 54(2)8 & 53 Residence Act, signed and dated (to be obtained from the website)

Original and two copies:

- Confirmation of enrolment at a language school (min. 18 hours of language course per week)
- Proof of acquired school diplomas, university degrees or other educational qualifications
- Motivation letter explaining the relevance of the language course for your future
- Proof of accommodation with indication of the address (Rental agreement/Student hostel, etc.)
- Proof of German language knowledge (e.g. certificate of German language courses you have participated in)
- Certificate of good conduct from Interpol, not older than three months
- Proof of health insurance valid from date of arrival and for the duration of stay in Germany (German statutory/national or private health insurance)

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- **Proof of sufficient financial means** – please provide one of the following:
 - Formal letter of obligation according to section 66, 68 of the Aliens Act, from a resident of Germany for the duration of the applicant's stay in Germany
 - Proof of sufficient own financial means to support your stay in Germany (e.g.: bank statement, certification of the employer, ...) or proof of a blocked bank account* in Germany

*When applying for visa, you can provide evidence that you are able to meet your living costs by opening a blocked bank account. You have free choice of provider. Information on providers that offer this service worldwide is available on the Federal Foreign Office website https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/einreiseundaufenthalt/02-lernen-und-arbeiten/02_Lernen_und_Arbeiten

Important Notes

Please note that each visa application is reviewed individually. Therefore, the requested documents may vary. The German Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents. The submission of the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee the issuance of a visa. Applicants may, at any time, be asked for a personal interview. Submission of incomplete documentation or refusal to attend the mandatory visa interview will result in a refusal of your visa application. Once a visa has been issued, the purpose of the trip may not be altered.

It takes approximately two to three months to process your visa application. **We strongly recommend that you do not purchase an airline ticket unless the visa has been granted.** We kindly ask that no status requests on the visa application be made during the first two months. We will notify the applicant on any change of status or progress of the application as soon as possible and whenever the need arises.

Upon receiving the visa: Please check visa data for possible mistakes as soon as you receive your passport. Pay particular attention to the visa's validity (start and end dates). Also check the correct spelling of your name as well as the number of entries you were granted. The visa section must be informed of possible mistakes immediately and cannot be held responsible for any problems that occur as a result of incorrect data or a missing signature in the travel document.

This fact sheet is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete.