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General Admissions Requirements

Requirements for admission are established by each university, and the admission process should be taken directly with the university. In general, admission is based upon three factors: 1) proving high school equivalency, 2) language proficiency and 3) finances.

1. Proving high school equivalency:

Because the Germany education system consists of 12 to 13 years (one more than in Mexico), the first step to gaining admission to a German university is to have your high school studies revalidated. This can be done in two ways:

a. Take a one year pre-university preparation course in a German school called a Studienkolleg, at the end of which you take the exam the high school leaving exam, the Feststellungsprüfung. Find out more about the Studienkolleg at: <http://www.studienkollegs.de/en/>

b. Study for one year in a Mexican university, and then transfer to a Germany university in the same program of study. This first year of study will generally not count toward your university studies in Germany.

Undergraduate programs in Germany take three to four years, and so it is possible that, even in taking this additional year to demonstrate high school equivalency, you will graduate in the same time frame as you would if you studied in Mexico. Note that in some private universities that teach in English, the SAT admission exam (www.collegeboard.org) may be required in place of the above.

2. Language proficiency:

Universities teach in either German or English. To enter a German-medium program, you will need to take the Test DaF (<http://www.testdaf.de/index.php>) or, directly at the German university, the DSH test. English proficiency can be established by taking the TOEFL iBT or the IELTS.

3. Financial support:

You must demonstrate that you or your family has sufficient funds to support you during the length of your study. Currently, the German Embassy requires that you have a minimum of approximately 8,000 Euros per year.

General Application Timeline

Check with your universities of choice. Generally, admission deadlines start as early as November.

For more information about university in Germany, visit the DAAD website: www.daad.org.mx

