

Checklist for Study in Bavaria

Studying in Bavaria, a region in southern Germany, offers a dynamic and enriching academic experience. Home to renowned universities, vibrant cultural scenes, and a blend of historical and modern landscapes, Bavaria provides a unique environment for educational pursuits. From picturesque cities to a strong academic tradition, students can expect a well-rounded and culturally diverse learning environment. Here is a checklist to help you prepare for your studies in Bavaria:

1 Selection of course and university:

Select the specific course you want to study. Then list the universities that offer the course or a similar course.



2 Admission criteria:

Each university and course has its own eligibility criteria. Check the criteria on their website and shortlist the courses for which you are eligible.



3 Application process

The application process and requirements may vary from university to university. Check the details before you apply.



4 Learning German:

German is not compulsory for all courses; you have to decide according to the university and its requirements. However, learning German is highly recommended. You will need a B2 level of German to find employment after your studies.



5 Admission and Visa:

Apply to and be accepted by a Bavarian university or institution. Once you have received your admission letter from the university, you can start the visa process.



6 APS (Akademische Prüfstelle):

While you are applying to the university, you should also apply for the APS certificate, which you will need for your visa application.



7 Visa requirements:

Check the specific visa requirements for India and obtain the necessary student visa.



8 Finances:

Calculate your budget, including tuition fees, accommodation, living expenses, and travel costs. Search for scholarships, grants, or part-time job opportunities to fund your studies.



9 Accommodation:

Find suitable accommodation, such as university halls of residence or private apartments. Start your search early, as housing can be competitive, especially in larger cities.



10 Health insurance:

To complete your enrolment at the university you will need the statutory health insurance (GKV). There are several providers covering a wide range of medical services. To find the most suitable insurance you can search for "GKV Krankenkassenliste". Private health insurance which you can get from India will only be sufficient for your travel to Bavaria but not for your stay in Bavaria.



11 Other insurance:

Personal liability insurance and household insurance are recommended in case you unintentionally cause damage to your accommodation. Both are not compulsory but are highly recommended as the cost of any repairs or damage you cause to others is very expensive in Germany.



12 Language proficiency:

Depending on your programme, you may be required to demonstrate your knowledge of either German or English. Take language courses or tests if necessary.



13 Academic preparation:

Collect all required academic documents, including transcripts, diplomas, and certificates. Verify if any additional exams or qualifications are needed for your programme.



14 Travel arrangements:

Book your flight to Bavaria and plan your arrival. Familiarize yourself with transportation options from the airport to your destination.



15 Banking and finances:

Open a German bank account for ease of financial transactions. Notify your bank about your International travel plans.



16 Blocked account:

A blocked account, or "Sperrkonto," is a special bank account which is required for international students in Germany. It ensures access to a specific amount of funds each month. To open one, you'll need to deposit a minimum amount (check for current requirements), provide necessary documents, and choose a reputable bank. The account is primarily used to prove financial responsibility when applying for a visa or residence permit in Germany.



17 Student Residence Permit:

Register an appointment and apply for a residence permit in time at the local Foreigners' Office (Ausländerbehörde) after arriving in Bavaria.



18 Orientation:

Attend orientation sessions provided by your university. Get acquainted with the campus, student services, your fellow students and local resources.



19 Healthcare:

Register with a local doctor (Hausarzt) and understand how the German healthcare system works.



20 Transportation:

Familiarize yourself with the public transportation system in Bavaria, including trams, buses, and trains.



21 Cultural Adaptation:

Learn about Bavarian customs and culture to help you integrate better. Be open to trying new foods and experiencing local traditions.



22 Safety:

Familiarize yourself with local emergency numbers and healthcare facilities. Keep your belongings secure and be aware of your surroundings.



23 Networking:

Join student clubs and organizations to meet fellow students and make friends. Attend social events and gatherings on campus.



24 Legal Requirements:

Ensure you follow all legal requirements, such as registering your address (Anmeldung) and paying required fees (such as the TV license fee).



25 Explore Bavaria:

Take your time to explore the beautiful landscapes and historic sites in Bavaria during your free time.



Remember that the specific requirements and procedures may vary depending on your university, programme, and nationality. It's essential to contact your university's international office for guidance and stay informed about any updates or changes in regulations. Planning and preparation is the key to a successful and enjoyable study experience in Bavaria.

