

Checklist: Before you come to Erfurt

1. Valid passport / personal identity card	
2. Visa if required	
3. German health insurance	
4. Printout of your notification of admission from the University of Applied Sciences Erfurt (you can also access it online using your login data)	
5. Proof of financing	
6. Important medication, vaccination certificates	
7. Sufficient amount of cash in euros (see sample calculation below in point 7)	
8. Credit card or EC card	
9. Plug adapter if necessary	

Notes:

1. Valid passport / personal identity card

Find out from your embassy which identity document is required and make sure it is valid for the entire duration of your stay.

2. Visa (if applicable)

- Applications for student visas need to go through a German consulate or embassy in your home country
- Students from the EU, Switzerland, the USA and [certain other countries](#) do not require a visa
- When applying for a visa, you usually have to submit the following documents:
 - **notification of admission** from the University of Applied Sciences Erfurt
 - a copy of your **university entrance qualifications**
 - **proof of financing** for the duration of your studies in Erfurt
 - proof of **German language skills if your degree program is taught in German**
 - in some cases, medical certificate / vaccination certificate

Please ensure that you **apply for your visa as early as possible**, as it can often take three months or longer to be issued! **ATTENTION: Do NOT apply for a tourist visa!** Tourist visas **cannot** be converted into student visas and are only valid for three months.

3. [German health insurance](#)

All students are obliged to prove that they have health insurance when they enrol. Check well in advance whether your domestic health insurance is recognized in Germany. If not, please note that there are statutory and private health insurance providers in Germany. Make sure you compare prices and services before you sign up. If you choose to be covered by **statutory health insurance**, you will be insured at the lowest possible contribution rate.

Your age is also a factor when it comes to contribution rates:

- Students up to the age of 30 can take out statutory health insurance for the student rate.
- Students over the age of 30: It may be better to take out private health insurance. Make sure to compare various offers from private and statutory insurance companies.

The largest statutory health insurance companies in Germany that have services in foreign languages for international students are:

- [AOK](#)
- [Barmer](#)
- [DAK](#)
- [Techniker Krankenkasse](#)

These are only examples - you are obviously free to choose your own health insurance provider.

Do you really need German health insurance?

Germany recognizes health insurance from some non-EU countries with which a bilateral agreement exists. In these cases, you do not need to take out an extra health insurance policy in Germany. You may remain covered by your insurance company and only have to submit proof from your domestic health insurance company to a German statutory health insurance provider.

In any case (even if a bilateral agreement exists), find out from your health insurance which benefits are covered in Germany and for how long.

Bilateral agreements:

- **the European Health Insurance Card EHC covers countries in the EU, the European Economic Area (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein) & Switzerland**
- **Tunisia**
- **Turkey**
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- **Serbia**
- **Montenegro**
- **North Macedonia**
- **Kosovo**

If your country of origin is not listed, this means that your insurance is usually not recognized and you will have to take out health insurance in Germany.

5. Proof of financing

- Proof of financing = proof that you have sufficient funds to cover your living costs for the duration of your studies in Germany
- The minimum monthly amount should match the [current BAföG rate \(state student grant\)](#). The minimum amount deposited in your account is also the maximum amount that can be withdrawn/transferred out each month.
- Examples for proof of financing:
 - **evidence of the income of your parents** if they are paying for your living expenses
 - **scholarship**
 - **a bank guarantee**
 - **declaration of commitment** by a person with permanent residence in Germany to pay your expenses
 - etc.
- If you are unable to provide the above-mentioned proof of financing, you need to set up a so-called [blocked account](#), which then serves as such proof. It is called a "blocked account" because you can only withdraw or transfer out a certain amount of money each month once you have arrived in Germany.

7. Sufficient amount of cash (euros) – sample calculation:

- a) Room in student hall of residence
 - deposit for the hall of residence: €300
 - 1st month's rent: max. €300
 - bedding for student halls: max. €40

- b) Rent and deposit for other types of accommodation
 - deposit for rented apartments: max. 3 months' rent
 - **Check with your landlord or landlady!**

- c) Semester fee for Winter Semester 2022/2023: **€255.60**
→ ([current fees](#))
- d) Registration at the local residents' registration office: €8

- e) Issue of a residence permit (if applicable): €100

Total ~ €1,000