Studienkolleg and assessment examination

This information sheet is important for all applicants whose secondary education qualification does not entitle them to direct entrance to university study in Germany.

1. Studienkolleg München (preparatory college in Munich)

Applicants with international secondary education qualifications which do not entitle them to direct entrance to a degree programme at a German university must take the 'Prüfung zur Feststellung der Hochschulreife' (assessment examination) at a Studienkolleg (preparatory college) to determine whether they are qualified to study at a German university. You can prepare for this examination by attending a one-year preparatory course, such as at Studienkolleg München. You must submit your application to sit the assessment examination and to attend the Studienkolleg to FAU. If you are considered potentially eligible for your chosen degree programme on the basis of your secondary education qualification, FAU will enrol you at the Studienkolleg. At the Studienkolleg, classes take the form of focus courses. You will be assigned to a course that corresponds to the subject you wish to study. If, after completing the course successfully, you are granted admission to FAU, you may only be admitted to study the subject you attended the Studienkolleg for. Studienkolleg München offers courses for the following subjects (see no. 6):

- medicine and related subjects (M course)
- humanities (G course)
- business studies and social sciences (W course)
- natural sciences and engineering (T course)

Studienkolleg München does not offer a separate course for applicants who wish to study degree programmes in modern languages. Applicants who wish to study modern languages are assigned to the G course.

2. Assignment to the Studienkolleg

Applications for assignment to the Studienkolleg must be submitted by 15 July (for the winter semester) or 15 January (for the summer semester). To be admitted to the Studienkolleg you must pass an admissions examination, which takes the form of a German test. This examination is usually held in September or February. Applicants for the T-course must also pass a mathematics test, while applicants for the W-course must pass a basic English test. You may only resit the examinations twice. In order to be admitted to the Studienkolleg you must provide proof of German language proficiency of at least level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The final decision on whether you are admitted to the Studienkolleg is based on the result of the admissions examination. The 60-minute examination is divided into sections on grammar, reading comprehension and text production. If you would like FAU to assign you to Studienkolleg München, please answer ‘yes’ (‘ja’) to question 10.1 on your application form.

The course at the Studienkolleg lasts two semesters.
- summer semester: February to July
- winter semester: September to January

It is not possible to change to a different Studienkolleg and it is not possible to change to a different course within the Studienkolleg.

While studying at the Studienkolleg you will have student status and will be enrolled at one of the two universities in Munich.

3. Assessment examination

The assessment examination, the final examination at the end of the Studienkolleg course, is held twice a year:

- in June for applicants who wish to start their degree programme in the winter semester
- in December for applicants who wish to start their degree programme in the summer semester.

Applicants who are especially well qualified in terms of German language proficiency and previous qualifications in the subject they wish to study may sit the assessment examination as an external candidate, i.e. without attending the Studienkolleg. As the examination requires high-level knowledge and the grade achieved in the assessment examination is the deciding criterion for admission to all degree programmes with admission restrictions, you should only apply to sit the assessment examination after having studied the content thoroughly. Information on the content can be requested from Studienkolleg München.

If you wish to sit the assessment examination as an external candidate you must submit the required documents to FAU three months before the date of the examination (i.e. by 15 March or 15 September). In this case you must answer ‘yes’ (‘ja’) to question 10.2 on your application form.

You may only resit the assessment examination once. Each semester at the Studienkolleg may also only be repeated once. After you have passed the assessment examination, you must submit a new application for admission to your chosen degree programme at FAU within the appropriate deadline.
A pass in the assessment examination is considered proof of German language proficiency equivalent to DSH level 2 and is sufficient for admission to a degree programme.

4. Notes on finding accommodation
As accommodation in Munich is difficult to find and expensive, Studienkolleg München aims to provide assistance with finding accommodation. However, you may only be offered accommodation once it has been confirmed that you have passed the admissions examination for the Studienkolleg. For this reason, please do not contact the Studienkolleg about finding accommodation before you have sat the admissions examination. After you have passed the admissions examination you may apply for one of the 40 places available to the Studienkolleg in student accommodation.

If you have already completed 1–2 years of university study (the amount of time depends on the country in which you studied), you should usually be able to apply directly for a degree programme at FAU. However, you will only be eligible to study the same subject that you studied previously or a closely related subject (subject-specific eligibility for university admission).

6. Focus courses at Studienkolleg München

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<td>T course</td>
<td>for degree programmes in engineering, mathematics and natural sciences, e.g.: architecture, civil engineering, bioinformatics (also M course), brewing and beverage technology, chemistry (also M course), chemical engineering, electrical engineering or electrical engineering and information technology, geography, geology, computer science, landscape architecture and landscape planning, food chemistry, mechanical engineering, mathematics, mineralogy, physics, nutrition technology and biotechnology, surveying, materials science, information systems (also W course), industrial engineering and management (also W course)</td>
<td>approx. 10 hours of German, approx. 8 hours of mathematics, 12 hours of physics and chemistry, 2 hours of computer science or constructive geometry or electrical engineering (depending on chosen degree programme)</td>
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<td>M course</td>
<td>for degree programmes in medicine and biology, e.g.: agriculture science, biochemistry, bioinformatics (also T course), biology, chemistry (also T course), nutrition science, forestry, geoeconomy, medicine, molecular biotechnology, pharmacy, psychology (also G course), sports, veterinary medicine, dentistry</td>
<td>approx. 10 hours of German, approx. 16 hours of chemistry, biology and physics, 4 hours of mathematics, 4 hours of Latin and Greek terminology</td>
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<td>W course</td>
<td>for degree programmes in business studies and social sciences, e.g.: business administration, European economics, economics and mathematics, law (also G course), social sciences, sociology, sports economics, economics, economic geography, information systems (also T course), industrial engineering and management (also T course), business education, business studies</td>
<td>approx. 10 hours of German, approx. 10 hours of business and economics, 2 hours of social studies, 4–6 hours of English</td>
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<td>G course</td>
<td>for humanities, arts, languages and social sciences (if not assigned to the W course), as well as psychology (also M course) and law (also W course)</td>
<td>approx. 12 hours of German, 6 hours of literature, 4 hours of history, 4 hours of social studies, 6 hours of Latin or English</td>
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5. Addresses

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<td>Studienkolleg München</td>
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<td>Admissions Office at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg</td>
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<td>Student Advice and Career Service (IBZ)</td>
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Non-German university entrance qualifications are evaluated on the basis of the suggestions by the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs, available at: http://anabin.kmk.org/anabin-datenbank.html

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