Apply for Your German Visa

Document Checklist to Get a Visa (Berlin)

A
Valid Passport
- Must be valid for at least 3 months BEYOND the end of your stay in Germany;
- Must contain at least 2 blank visa pages;
- Must have been issued within the past 10 years;
- Must be surrendered at your visa interview.

B
Two original recent passport-size photos
- Can be taken by StudentLink Staff at 383 Lafayette Street (2 photos for $10) or at places such as Walgreens
- Do not attempt to take/print your own “passport-style photo.” It never works.
- Keep a neutral expression in the photo and do not smile.

C
One fully completed visa application form AND two copies
- Fill out the application form.
- Please follow the sample application guide to help you complete the form.
- Be sure to include the signed declaration at the end of the application form.

D
Two copies of passport signature and bio pages
- Copies must be legible and in color.

E
Proof of legal status AND two copies
- If you are not applying from your country of citizenship:
  - Original and copy of visa or residence permit for country in which you are applying: e.g., original F-1 visa and I-20 and two copies for non-US citizens applying in the U.S. or original U.S. permanent resident card and two copies
  - I-20 must have travel endorsement that is valid BEYOND the date of your return to the U.S.

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Not applying for a visa?
- Resident Permit Document Checklist

Complete the NYU Berlin Immigration Form
Upload a Copy of Your Passport
Obtain Financial Documents
Obtain Supporting Documents from OGS
Gather Documents and Submit Your Visa Application
Receive Your Visa
Upload a Copy of Your Visa

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OGS support letter packet AND two copies

- You will receive an alert from OGS when your packet is ready. We MUST have a copy of your passport before we can obtain these documents. This packet includes:
  - Official confirmation of study from NYU Berlin
  - GeoBlue proof of health insurance in Germany and the Schengen zone

Proof of financial means AND two copies

- The financial requirement can be met in two ways. All proof must be in English.
  - Last THREE months’ bank statements of a checking account in your name, showing a minimum availability of the equivalent of 853 EUR per month of your stay in Germany as accessible funds.
  - Last THREE months’ bank statements of a parent’s checking account, showing the same availability. In that case, you MUST provide a signed declaration of financial support alongside a color copy of the account holder’s passport.

Visa fee

- Check the consulate’s website for the exact amount as it changes according to the USD-EUR exchange rate
- They do NOT accept checks or credit cards!

You must organize these documents in sets BEFORE you go to the German Consulate General. Each set must have the items C to G in the EXACT order listed above.

The German Consulate General reserves the right to request additional documents.