High school exchange in Germany (Berlin)

SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

International students are placed in a paid host family and a public school, across Germany. Students must be ready to live in small villages and in the countryside and should not expect to be placed in urban areas, except if they opt for Berlin. The carefully-chosen host family opens its home to a student not as a guest, but as a new family member. This program allows students to experience the everyday life of German families and teenagers.

SCHOOL SYSTEM

Secondary education in Germany includes four types of schools: the "Gymnasium" prepares students for university studies; the "Realschule" offers a more scientific emphasis for intermediate students; the "Hauptschule" prepares pupils for vocational education, and the "Gesamtschule" or comprehensive school combines the three approaches. Most students attend the local "Gymnasium" or "Realschule". With classes ranging from year 5 to year 13, the "Gymnasium" is the most advanced school type in Germany; most international students attend year 10 or 11.

There are about 12 subjects: two or three foreign languages (one to be taken for 9 years, another for at least 3 years), physics, biology, chemistry and usually civics/social studies, mathematics, music, art, history, German, geography, physical education and religious education/ethics.

Classes usually begin between early August and mid September and finish between the end of June and the end of July, depending on the region. Graduation is not possible.

Location: Baden-Wurttemberg / Bavaria / Berlin / Hesse / Lower Saxony / North-Rhine Westphalia / Saxony / Thuringia

Boarding: Full board

Accommodation: Host Family

Length: Term (12 weeks) / Semester (20 weeks) / Academic Year (44 weeks) / Fall Semester (26 weeks) / Spring Semester (20 weeks) / Academic Year (47 weeks)

Type: Public

Germany, the German language and German universities have become more and more popular among international students.

Application deadline: March 15th for an arrival in August. Late applications may be accepted, depending on availability and visa processing times.

Requirements: Students must be interviewed in their home country before being accepted on the program. A good academic profile and an intermediate level of German (2 years of German studies, B1 level) are required.

Germany

Age: 14 to 18

High School Programs

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High school exchange in Germany (English, Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese native speakers only)

SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

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Within the general program, students cannot make any regional choice as placements are not made in specific public schools.

SCHOOL SYSTEM

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There are about 12 subjects: two or three foreign languages (one to be taken for 9 years, another for at least 3 years), physics, biology, chemistry and usually civics/social studies, mathematics, music, art, history, German, geography, physical education and religious education/ethics.

Classes usually begin between early August and mid September and finish between the end of June and the end of July, depending on the region.

Graduation is not possible.

We offer international students a short term homestay and school integration program (from 2 up to 8 weeks).

Location: All over the country
Boarding: Full board
Accommodation: Host family
Length: Academic Year
Type: Public

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The German school schedule allows students to practice various sports and activities in the afternoons.

Application deadline: March 15th for an arrival in August. Late applications may be accepted, depending on availability and visa processing times.

Requirements: Students must be interviewed in their home country before being accepted on the program. A good academic profile and an intermediate level of German (2 years of German studies) are required.
# High school exchange in Germany (Berlin)

* Price in US Dollars
** Minimum duration of the stay. Weeks cannot be subtracted for shorter stays than 12, 19 or 44 weeks.

**Included**
- International Student Health/Emergency Repatriation Insurance
- Host school placement
- Host family accommodation with full board (excluding school lunches if any)
- Airport pick-up and transfer from the closest airport or train station
- Support, assistance and 24-hour emergency phone number during the whole program
- E-learning language program
- Administration fees

**Not Included**
- International airfare
- Pick-up and transfer from airport for late arrivals (before 10am, after 7.30pm, additional 75 EUR)
- Travel insurance (flight delay, etc.)
- Visa, passport and medical exam fees
- Local transport
- Additional fee if UM-service booked
- School supplies, school books and excursions
- Extra activities organized by the school and others
- Extra weeks (extended stay over 12, 20 and 44 weeks) or additional nights
- Extra language courses
- Personal expenses and pocket money

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# High school exchange in Germany (English, Spanish, French, Italian, Portugues native speakers only)

**Included**
- International Student Health/Emergency Repatriation Insurance
- Host school placement
- Host family accommodation with full board
- 3 day orientation
- Airport pick-up and transfer from the closest airport or train station, on arrival and departure
- Support, assistance and 24-hour emergency phone number during the whole program
- E-learning language program
- Administration fees

**Not Included**
- International airfare
- Travel insurance (flight delay, etc.)
- Visa, passport and medical exam fees
- School material, school books and excursions
- Local transport from and to school
- Extra activities organized by the school and others
- Extra language courses
- Emergency deposit of 250 EUR
- Personal expenses and pocket money
- Airport pick up and transfer from a different airport that the one indicated in the placement
- Mandatory German Medical Insurance (500 EUR for a year)
Academic Longterm Programs  
(Open Door International)

PROGRAM DETAILS

It is the goal of ODI’s long-term programs that the exchange students feel at home in Germany. Our host families open their home not for a guest student, but for a new, temporary member of the family. Students attend the local public school, in most cases together with the children of their host family.

The program exceeds by far the improvement of linguistic skills. Once a student is fluent in the German language, they will start discovering the German culture and form friendships that may last a lifetime. The participants will begin to see Germany as their second home and might return to Germany to continue their education or professional career.

This program combines the adventure of living in a foreign country with a safe and affectionate family life.

PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

Students who join the intercultural exchange of ODI in Germany live with a thoroughly selected German host family and share their everyday life. Attending the local high school is an essential part of this experience. In most cases, the student will go to school with the children of the host family, making new friends at school as well as in the family circle.

The program focuses mostly on practicing the language in everyday situations and learning about German culture from within. These programs are ideal for students with some knowledge of the German language who want to practice and improve their skills through a cultural experience.

Location: All Over Germany

Boarding: Full board

Accommodation: Host Family

Length: Year (Academic Year Program - AYP), Semester (Academic Semester Program - ASP), Trimester (Academic Trimester Program - ATP)

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Price conditions listed below

Nacel Open Door / www.nacelopendoor.org / 800-622-3553 / sfranck@nacelopendoor.org
All of our programs include:

- Support during the application procedure and processing of student applications
- Homestay with full board accommodation in a German host family
- High school attendance during the stay (except German school holidays)
- Supervision throughout the program by an ODI local representative
- Insurance package (liability, health and accident insurance)
- 24 hours emergency number
- For AYP/ASP/ATP participants starting end of August as well as ASP participants starting beginning of February (minimum number of 10 participants): orientation seminar after arrival in Germany
  - All national transportation expenses for each student from Cologne/Bonn airport or Cologne Main Station to the orientation seminar in Cologne (pick-up by ODI)
  - All national transportation expenses for each student from the seminar to his/her long-term host family
- For all AYP participants starting end of August: mid-term seminar in Berlin in January
  - The tickets to Berlin and back to the host families are included in our program price.
- For AYP participants starting end of August and all ASP participants starting beginning of February: farewell seminar and party at the end of June
  - All national transportation expenses for each student from his/her long-term host family to the seminar
  - All national transportation expenses for each student from the seminar to Cologne/Bonn airport or Cologne Main Station (students are accompanied and supported by ODI staff or volunteers)
Not included in our programs:

- All international transportation to and from Germany
- Expenses for visa and its extension in Germany, if applicable (Costs vary between 50 Euro and 100 Euro)
- Public transport to and from school
- Lunch in school canteen, school books, stationary and school trips
- Costs of any independent travel during the stay in Germany
- Costs of all personal items e.g. such as clothing, cosmetics and long-distance telephone calls
- Extra German lessons if language problems do handicap the integration and success in school
- All national transportation costs for each student who requires a move to a new German destination because of problematic behavior
- Student grade reports, transcripts of grades and diplomas (if available) shall be the responsibility of the student to secure prior to departure from the ODI program. ODI does not guarantee any kind of educational assessment. An evaluation or official report from the student’s host school is solely at the discretion of the host school itself.