Study in Bavaria

Cost:
There are in most cases no university fees at state universities and universities of applied sciences. You only pay the so called “Semesterbeitrag” (100-300 Euro) per semester, which also includes a ticket for public transport in your city or region. You will need health insurance in order to study here. The standard insurance for students is around 120 Euros per per month. Regular international students (that means study visa and residency permit according to §16b) need to provide means of finance, most of the time in form of a blocked account with an amount of 11,208 Euros. If you came/are coming to Germany as a refugee of the war in Ukraine (residency permit according to §24), this proof of financial means is not necessary. Please not that from March of 2024 Ukrainians once again need a visa in order to come to Germany for their studies!

More information:
Studieren in Deutschland - DAAD Ukraine (daad-ukraine.org)
Visa und Aufenthaltstitel - DAAD Ukraine (daad-ukraine.org)
Praktische Tipps: Study in Bavaria (study-in-bavaria.de)

Accommodation:
As the universities in Bavaria do not provide their own apartments or dormitories for students, you’ll have to find a place to live on your own. You can either rent your own apartment, or you can share one in a so called WG. Alternatively, you can apply for dormitory housing – there are private dormitories (nicer, but also more expensive) and state-funded dormitories run by the “Studentenwerk” (cheaper, sometimes a little dated). Finding a place to live can and most likely will take a lot of time, especially in the bigger cities, so plan accordingly!

Requirements:
In order to apply at any university or university of applied sciences in Bavaria you need to have the so called HZB, university entrance qualifications or Hochschulzugangsberechtigung in German. After 11 years of Ukraine your Свідоцтво про здобуття повної загальної середньої освіти unfortunately does not fulfill German HZB requirements. You need to either successfully study one year at a Ukrainian university (and be able to prove this with documents for matriculation and grades) or attend a Studienkolleg in Bavaria, a special preparatory college. Attention, for the Studienkolleg you need German language skills of at least level B1+ and you have to pass the entrance exam!

You also have to prove your German language skills for university in Bavaria with an officially recognized certificate level B2 or higher. Which tests and certificates are recognized at your university can be found on their website. There are a few English-taught degree program, but not many and not in all fields of study.

In order to study Medicine or Dentistry a C1-level certificate is needed. Medicine is a Germany-wide regulated degree program with NC (Numerus Clausus), that means only a regulated, small number of applicants who have the needed grades will be allowed to study. Every year there are numerous applications and it’s hard for German applicants as well to get accepted at a university. Special application requirements like the NC exist for other degree programs as well.
For a Master’s degree you need to provide a finished Bachelor’s degree and other documents. There are more possibilities here to study an English-taught program or with lower German skills. Please inform yourself about the concrete requirements of the Master’s program at your university.

You can get individual help and consultations regarding application and other topics at the International Office of your Bavarian university or at the Coordination Office for Ukraine.

More information:

Hochschulzugangsberechtigung - DAAD Ukraine (daad-ukraine.org)
Zugangsvoraussetzungen: Study in Bavaria (study-in-bavaria.de)
Hochschulzugangsberechtigung | Study in Germany (study-in-germany.de)

Application:

The application process differs from university to university, so get you information from your university directly! You can find detailed information and a list of all the needed documents on the universities’ websites. It is always very important to keep in mind the formal framework and to provide all documents. Should you run into problems with any of the asked documents, get in contact with the International Office immediately. All documents have to be provided in officially certified copies or translations – plan your time accordingly! Always double check the application deadline, as general orientation you can use the 15th of July for the winter semester and the 15th of January for the summer semester.

Documents you will most definitely need:

- officially certified copy of your full general secondary education “Свідоцтво”
- an overview of your subjects and grades in school (officially certified and translated)
- if available: officially certified copy of your External Independent Test
- proof of matriculation/enrollment at your home university (if needed for HZB)
- an overview of your subjects and grades at university (if needed for HZB)
- if available: officially certified copies of all higher education degrees
- picture for passports / student cards
- copy of your passport (showing both name and picture)
- officially certified copies of language certificates
- tabular resume / CV

You can get individual help from the International Office at your Bavarian university.

More information:

Bewerbung für ein Studium: Study in Bavaria (study-in-bavaria.de)
General information on studying at a Bavarian university on these websites:

Studieren in Deutschland - DAAD Ukraine (daad-ukraine.org)

Startseite: Study in Bavaria (study-in-bavaria.de)

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