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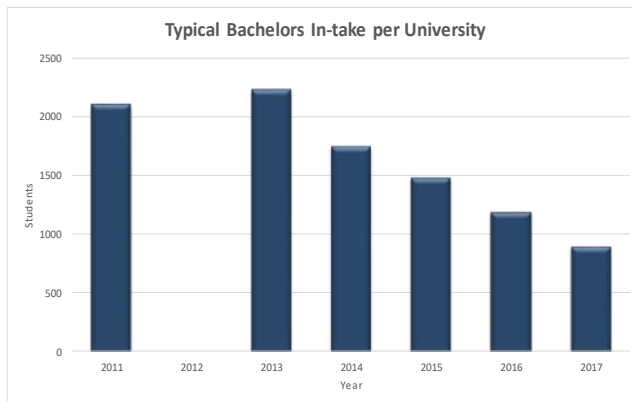
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Dear Friends of DAAD Thailand,
Please don't be scared by a few diagrams. I would just like to share and discuss some observations on higher education in Thailand today.

Shrinking Student Numbers

You may have heard in the news that enrolment numbers at universities in Thailand are going down.

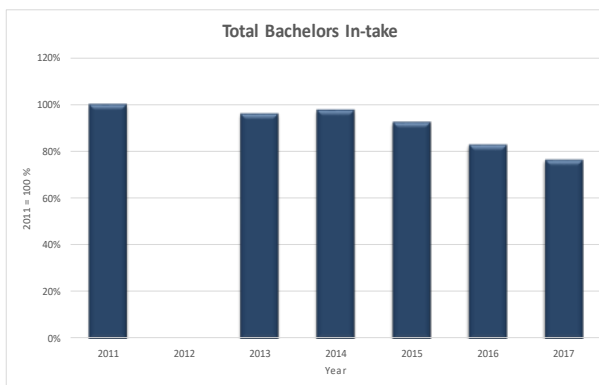
Unfortunately it is not easy to find reliable numbers that can be compared over the years. At DAAD, we analysed enrolment numbers for all universities from 2011 to 2017 from the OHEC Thailand.



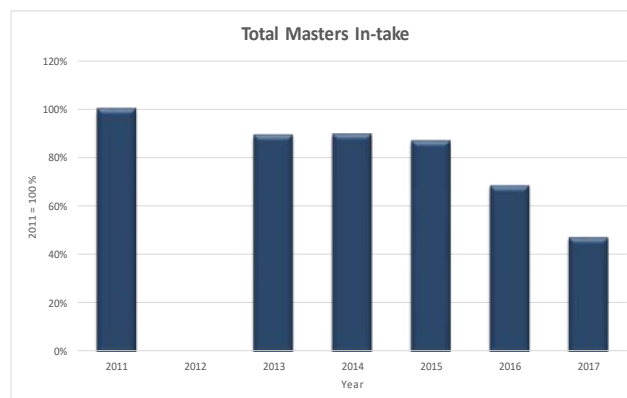
Much more worrying is the fact that many new universities have been founded and accredited during the same period. In consequence the typical in-take per university went down from 2106 students to only 893, which is a terribly low number for many university to work efficiently.

60 % less Masters Students

My second worry is regarding post-graduate enrolment: Young men and women in Thailand are less and less taking on a postgraduate degree. Only 65 universities enrolled Masters students and reported numbers to OHEC between 2011 and 2017, at these universities the



The number of students enrolling at the universities decreased by nearly a quarter between 2011 and 2017, which can be explained by a comparable drop in births between 1993 and 1999. This can be seen as a satisfactory explanation, but it is also a missed chance, as many young Thais didn't go to university *although* places were available.

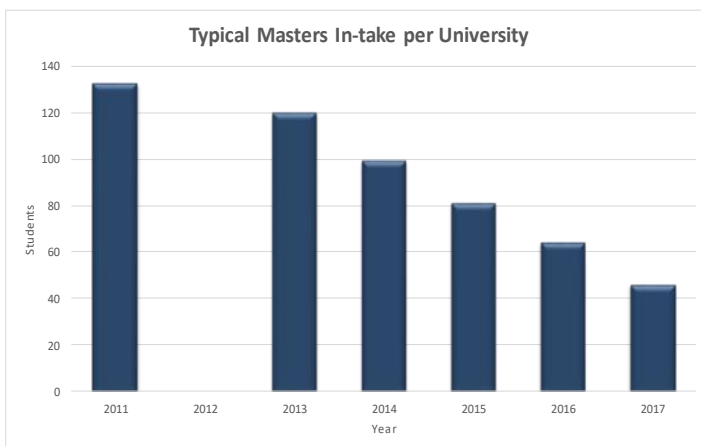


total number of fresh Masters students fell by nearly 60%. The three years from 2014 to 2017 alone account for a loss of half the postgraduate enrolment!

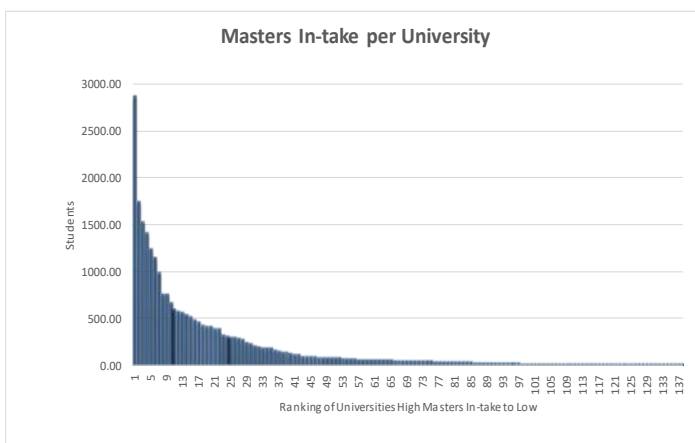
Less than 50 Postgrads per University?

As we have already seen with the Bachelors students, this effect is made worse, as more and more universities compete for students. In 2017 the median university enrolled only 46 postgraduate students per year, down from 133 in 2011. Just to make this very clear: This is the total enrolment across all faculties and programmes!

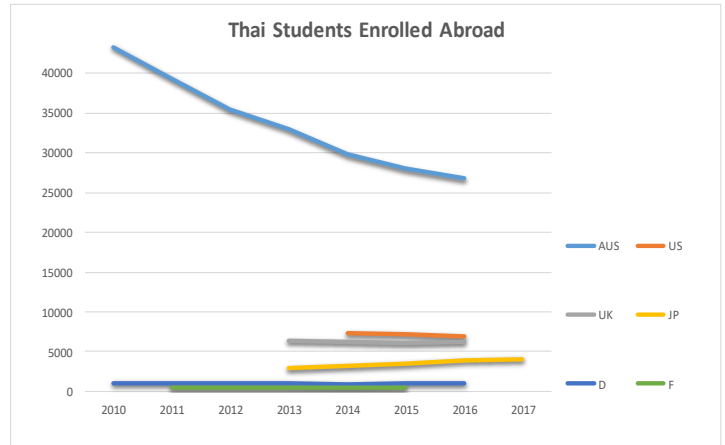
In fact the distribution of Masters students is very unequal across the 138 universities reporting Masters enrolment. Ten universities enrol 48 % of the Masters. 100 universities enrol 14 Masters per year or less.



Brain Drain?



I have spoken to a few friends, colleagues and even experts about these observations and their best guess at this point was Thai students going abroad. Unfortunately this is not the case. Thailand has a stable share of about



one percent of students going abroad. In fact, the student numbers in the main destinations for Thai students are dropping as well. Australia is losing Thai students by the thousands. US and UK seem to be less popular nowadays. France and Germany are more or less stable, while Japan is the only country to clearly win over some Thai students. In conclusion, there is probably no brain drain happening.

Limitations of the data

The OHEC data is differing in quality by year. For 2012 the number of students is not differentiated by degrees, so I left out 2012. Many universities did not report every year, so in need to get a clear trend, we only considered universities who reported regularly in 2011 and 2013 to 2017. The trend for Masters is therefore only based on 65 out of 138 universities.

Recent data for Thai students studying abroad is not easily available and UNESCO figures come with a delay of at least four years, so we considered just a few relevant countries with easily accessible data.

Conclusion

To me, these findings look very worrying with regards to the development of Thailand 4.0 and its position in SEA as a higher education and research hub. There are open questions here. What do young people do instead of going to university and why are universities less attractive these days?

I do hope that together we can make higher education and research more attractive and have the dream of Thailand 4.0 come true.

Closing Dates 2018

DAAD Information Centre Bangkok will be closed during the following Thai and German public holidays:

March 1

April 6, 12-17

May 1, 29

July 27, 30

August 13

October 3, 15, 23

December 5, 10

and from December 25, 2018 - January 1, 2019

Monthly presentation on „Study and Research in Germany“

DAAD Information Centre Bangkok holds monthly a presentation in Thai language on “Study and Research in Germany” on the 3rd or 4th **Thursday from 6 —7.30 p.m. at Goethe-Saal** of the Thai-German Cultural Foundation.

Dates are as follows*:

May 24

June 21

July 19 and

August 30

No need to register. For more information, please visit our website:

www.daad.or.th

*The dates can be changed, please follow our Facebook page (DAAD Thailand) for most updated information.

Welcome new faces to IC Bangkok!

Information Centre Bangkok gladly welcomes two new faces, who have joined our team since the 1st of March 2018. Now the team is complete. Let's meet them!



Guten Tag!

My name is Issaraporn Kittiwisit (Meen), and I just recently joined the DAAD Thailand as Study Counselor and Administrator starting from March 2018. I graduated from Thammasat University with a bachelor's degree in German.

From 2015 to 2017, I was one of the DAAD scholarship holders in the Programme *Vocational Education and Personnel Capacity Building* at the Technical University Dresden. Studying in Germany is not too hard. It just takes time to adapt ourselves to a new learning culture, but all we need is self-discipline. The exposure to many different type of people will help us develop our interpersonal skills and, most importantly, broaden our thinking and be able to see things from different point of views.

Apart from my academic experiences in Germany, I put by best efforts in every chance that offered to me, such as new languages, sports and culture. I was encouraged to be curious and ask questions which gave me a sense of freedom and independence. With great anticipation, I eagerly await my opportunity with DAAD Information Center to provide an extensive information and motivation for people who want to study in Germany.

Sawasdee Krab!

My name is Vu (Vu) and I am the second new face at the DAAD Bangkok. My parents are originally from Vietnam, but I was born and raised in Germany. After finishing my A/levels (Abitur) in Germany, I volunteered as an English teacher for one year in Khon Kaen, Thailand. When I returned to Germany, I studied at the University of Heidelberg and completed my Bachelor in Anthropology and Sociology. To gain work experience abroad I applied to the German scholarship program “kulturweit”, sponsored by the German UNESCO committee. Through kulturweit I will be working for the DAAD for one year, from March 2018 to February 2019.

In my spare time I like to travel, meet new people, dance, read, cook (not so delicious food) and eat of course. I speak German and English fluently and have basic knowledge of Thai and Vietnamese. During my stay in Thailand I would like to improve my Thai language

skills, learn photography, go scuba diving, eat all the different Thai fruits and dishes, go to a Thai music festival, live for a week in a temple, go to a Full Moon party, learn how to cook Thai dishes, and many more things.

If you have any questions about German culture or university life, feel free to ask me.



Funding Programmes For DAAD Alumni in SEA and Thailand

Our alumni programmes provide ongoing support to former DAAD scholarship holders and offer them various funding opportunities within the global DAAD alumni network.

[Scientific Literature Programme](#)

[Small Equipment Programme](#)

[Material Resources Programme](#)

[Re-Invitation Programme](#)

[Alumni Events](#)

We would be very happy if you stay in touch with us.

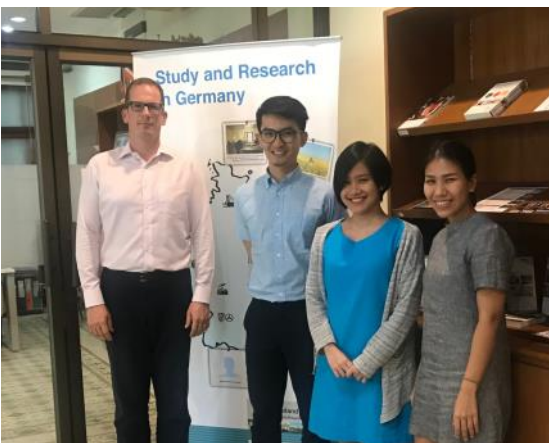
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„DAAD Alumni Thailand“



Scholarships for the best

Congratulations to all DAAD Scholarship holders 2018!

From over hundreds of applications in the SEA region (except for Vietnam and Indonesia), DAAD Scholarships for 2018 were awarded to 20 students, lecturers and researchers from Thailand. The recipients will study and research in Germany from a couple weeks to three years: in particular, we funded one short research stay of an university lecturer (1-3 months) and gave long-term research grants to three doctoral candidates to pursue their PhDs in Germany (1-3 years). Moreover, we also support students who want to undertake their Master Degree in Germany. Every year we offer three different types of Graduate Scholarships: Firstly for Development-Related Postgraduate Courses (EPOS), secondly in the field of Public Policy and Good Governance (Helmut-Schmidt-Programme) and thirdly for students in the fields of Fine Arts, Design, Music or Architecture. This year three candidates from Thailand were accepted for the Helmut Schmidt Program, one for EPOS and two for Architecture and Music. Additionally, the DAAD financed the participation of 9 Thai University students in a 3-week-German Summer Course at German Universities (HSK). Last but not least, this year the “Graduate School Scholarship Programme” is awarded to a Thai doctoral candidate to pursue a PhD at a selected university in Germany. This GSSP offers a structured PhD programme and is open for application every 1-2 years.



Meeting with our scholarship holders 2018. DAAD staff advised our scholarship holders on formalities, documents preparation and gave them some tips on living as a student in Germany.

Easy steps to prepare yourself for study in Germany

These ten video clips will explain step by step what you need to know and what needs to be done before studying in Germany.

Studying in Germany is not as complicated as it sounds.

Let's get started!

[Step 1: Find programme and university](#)

[Step 2: Meet the requirements](#)

[Step 3: Finance your studies](#)

[Step 4: Apply for your programme](#)

[Step 5: Enter and stay in Germany](#)

[Step 6: Find accommodation](#)

[Step 7: Get help](#)

[Step 8: Enrol at your university](#)

[Step 9: Take care of formalities](#)

[Step 10: Organise your studies](#)

For more video clips on „Studying in Germany“, please visit

www.youtube.com/user/DAADBonn

Scholarships for the best

Coming Soon!

DAAD Scholarship Programmes for Master Degree in Germany 2019/20

Helmut-Schmidt-Programme 2019

The Helmut-Schmidt-Programme, formerly known as Public Policy and Good Governance Programme (PPGG), supports future leaders from Africa, Latin-America, South Asia and Southeast Asia, from countries in the Middle East as well as from the Ukraine, who want to promote democracy and social justice in their home countries.

The scholarship aims at applicants with a Bachelors degree (obtained no longer than six years ago) in Political and Social Science, Economics, Law or other relevant areas. Applicants who have been in Germany for more than 15 months at the time of their application are not eligible to apply.



Application period lasts from 1st June to 31st July 2018.

Applicants can choose up to two from eight study programmes. Please follow the application information written on the website of each respective course/university.

For more information on the scholarship programme, including a list of eight universities, read [here](#) or from the [programme booklet](#).

Development-Related Postgraduate Courses (EPOS) 2019/20

This scholarship offers foreign graduates from development and newly industrialised countries with at least two years professional experience the chance to take a Master's degree at a state or state-recognised German university, or in exceptional cases to take a doctoral degree in Germany.

The Master programmes, and a few selected PhD courses in this programme, include various subject areas, such as economics, development studies, environmental sciences, agricultural sciences, social sciences, public health, etc. Applicants whose last degree (usually a Bachelor) was completed more than six years ago, or have been in Germany for longer than 15 months at the time of application, are NOT eligible to apply.

To apply for this scholarship programme applicants must submit their applications directly to the programme/university (not DAAD!)

Scholarship announcement and a list of all Postgraduate

courses with application deadlines for 2019/2020 is now being updated and soon will be announced on our website www.daad.or.th





Research in Germany

Webinar Series

“Research in Germany”

04 - 07 June 2018

Monday, 04 June 2018, 14:00 - 15:00 CEST

The German Research Landscape: Who does research in Germany?

Panelists: Dr. Karin Schlesier, German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment
Dr. Armin Heinemann, University of Bayreuth
Dr. Sebastian Krause, Invigate GmbH (tbc)

Tuesday, 05 June 2018, 14:00 - 15:00 CEST

Proposal Writing: How to write a successful proposal?

Panelists: Prof. Dr. med. Tim Meyer, Saarland University
Dr. Alexander Schwarzkopf, University of Jena (tbc)
Vanessa Yepes, Bauhaus University Weimar (tcb)

Wednesday, 06 June 2018, 14:00 - 15:00 CEST

Postdoctoral opportunities in Germany: How to launch your postdoctoral research career?

Panelists: Christin Schröter, GAUSS-University of Göttingen (tbc)
Dr. Anna Böhme/DFG - German Research Foundation (tbc)
Dr. Brent Raiteri, Ruhr Universität Bochum

Thursday, 07 June 2018, 14:00 - 15:00 CEST

Funding your research stay

Panelists: Prof. Dr. Evamarie Hey-Hawkins, Universität Leipzig
Sarah Marie Raphael, KoWi European Liaison
Office of the German Research Organizations (tbc)
Dr. Adam Brotchie, Monash University Melbourne
Leonardo Solis Vazquez, TU Darmstadt (tbc)



Understanding German Academia: Glossary of Terms

Do you know the difference between an University, a Technical University, and an Applied University of Science in Germany? Don't worry—even many German students don't know. In the following we provide you with a list of common words in German academia, compiled by the German magazine *Die Zeit*. If you still have questions after reading this, come visit us in our office.

DUAL CURRICULUM

(n. Duales Studium)

1. a system that combines apprenticeships in a company or non-profit organization and vocational education in one course of study.
2. a program most often found in business administration, engineering, and social services. Popular in Baden-Württemberg.

ELITE UNIVERSITY

(n. Elite-Universität)

1. a term used to refer to 11 public universities given a special status via Germany's *Excellence Initiative*, which is a long-term effort to promote cutting-edge research and conditions for scholars, better cooperation between disciplines and institutions, and the global repute of German universities and research institutions
2. Germany's Ivy League. Four German elite universities are among Europe's top 10: Technical University of Munich, University of Freiburg, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, and Heidelberg University.

ERASMUS PROGRAM

(n. Erasmus Programm)

1. a student exchange program financed by the European Union, combining all current EU schemes for education, training, youth, and sport.

GERMAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION

(n. Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft)

1. an organization that funds research at universities and other institutions through a variety of grants and prizes. It is the largest such organization in Europe. <http://www.dfg.de/en/index.jsp>

MUSIC CONSERVATORY

(n. Musikhochschule)

1. an institution of higher learning that carries out professional music training. It has university status and receives funding from the German states. Applicants may first need to pass an aptitude test or audition.

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

(n. Technische Hochschule)

1. a university that specializes in engineering sciences in Germany. Some have the ability to confer PhDs, while others do not.

UNIVERSITY

(n. Universität, Uni)

1. an institution of higher learning with facilities for teaching and research, typically comprising an undergraduate division that awards bachelor's degrees and a graduate division that awards master's degrees and doctorates.
2. an educational body with the right to confer PhDs.

UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

(n. Fachhochschule, FH)

1. an institution of higher learning with a focus on hands-on learning via mandatory internships. On average, it is smaller than an University.
2. an educational body that usually doesn't confer PhDs.

UNIVERSITY RANKING

(n. Hochschulranking)

1. a ranking of institutions of higher learning ordered by various factors. The CHE University Ranking details German higher-education institutions based on assessments by students and faculty members. <http://ranking.zeit.de/che/en/>

Recommended Weblinks

DAAD Press Section

www.daad.de/presse/en/

Letter - Magazin für DAAD Alumni

www.daad-magazin.de/letter.html

Alumniportal Deutschland

www.alumniportal-deutschland.org

Study in Germany

<https://www.study-in.de/en/>

Research in Germany

<http://www.research-in-germany.org/en>

Facts about Germany

<https://www.tatsachen-ueber-deutschland.de/en>

DAAD Scholarships
2019/2020

On our website www.daad.or.th, we have summarized the DAAD scholarship programmes 2019/2020 for Thai students, doctoral candidates and researchers.



Call for Applications

“Research in Germany” Press Tour

“The Future of Work”, 21–26 October 2018

You are an international science journalist and interested in the working life of the future? Apply now for the “Research in Germany” press tour on the future of work!

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) invites a delegation of 15 international science journalists on a press tour to Germany on the future of work from **21 to 26 October 2018**.

The focus will be on the following aspects:

- How will automation and technology affect work (for example: artificial intelligence in automobile industry)
- The challenges of digitisation – and possible solutions (for example: cyber security)
- The effects on individuals and society (for example: new workplace structures and models)

Among the institutions to be visited are (to be confirmed):

- Fraunhofer Institute for Industrial Engineering (IAO), Stuttgart
- Future Work Lab – Innovation lab for work, people and technology, Stuttgart
- Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems, Stuttgart/Tübingen
- Porsche AG, Stuttgart
- Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Karlsruhe
- Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Nürnberg
- Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Who can apply?

Journalists specialised in the coverage of science, technology, economics, sociology or future studies are welcome to apply. Former participants of press tours organised by the DAAD may apply again.

Financing

The DAAD will cover your transportation, accommodation, health insurance and subsistence expenses for the duration of the tour, including the travel expense from and back to your home country.

Application Procedure

Please apply online at: <https://www.research-in-germany.org/en/campaigns-and-activities/Press-Tour/press-tour-2018-the-future-of-work.html>

The deadline for applications is **Monday, 21 May 2018, 11.59 pm (CEST)**.



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press release

**GREEN
TALENTS**
International Forum for High Potentials
in Sustainable Development

Application period for Green Talents Award has now started

Become a Green Talent, promote your sustainability research in Germany and gain exclusive access to a remarkable network of excellent young researchers.

Bonn, 09/04/2018 Sustainable development is the fundament to preserve our earth for present and future generations by finding a balance between the need for socio-economic development and the protection of the environment. These topics of global political relevance demand international research cooperation. With its high-class innovation and research centres, Germany supports great efforts in particular by intensifying international cooperation among the bright and outstanding minds of tomorrow.

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research has held the prestigious "Green Talents – International Forum for High Potentials in Sustainable Development" since 2009. The award honours 25 young researchers every year. Thus, the Green Talents Competition successfully encourages the global exchange of innovative green ideas from various fields of research. Since its inception, the award has recognised 207 young researchers and scientists from 57 nations for their outstanding achievements and contributions to making their communities, countries and societies more sustainable. The award-winners are selected by a jury of renowned German experts and are granted unique access to Germany's research elite.

The 2018 Green Talents Award includes:

- an invitation to the fully funded two-week Science Forum 2018, consisting of
 - a visit to leading German sustainable facilities, institutions and companies with exclusive insights on their pioneering research and projects
 - individual appointments with German experts of the winner's choice to discuss possibilities for upcoming research and cooperation
 - networking opportunities at the award ceremony in Berlin with participating Green Talents alumni
- a fully funded research stay of up to three months at an institution of the award-winner's choice in 2019
- particular access to the exclusive Green Talents alumni network.

For more information please refer to our website www.greentalents.de where both the competition flyer as well as the award trailer are available.

Deadline for submission: 23 May 2018, 2 p.m. CEST.

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Study in Germany

Updates and summary "Tuition fees at German universities"

"There are no tuition fees at universities in Germany!"

This has been a popular claim during the last years. Actually it has never been *that* simple.

Registration fees

All students registered at a German university contribute to an administrative fee and a share in costs for free public transport and other benefits. This usually adds up to around 250€ per semester (study-in.de).

Private Universities

Since the establishment of private universities in Germany, they have been charging substantial fees. However, only 7 % of students are enrolled at private universities ([destatis data from 2015/16](#)).

Photo: Hagenuth/DAAD



Universities in the state of Baden-Württemberg

From October 2017, Universities in the state of Baden-Württemberg charge students from outside the European Union with 1500 € of tuition fees. You should note that there will be exceptions for exchange students and researchers ([BW Ministry Science/Research/Art](#)) and only 13 % of students study in Baden-Württemberg ([destatis 2015/16](#)).



Sample of Programmes

We looked for Bachelor, Master or PhD programmes offered entirely in English and found a total of 1171 programmes ([info](#)). Out of the alphabetically first 100 programmes, only 21 charged more than 300€ of tuition fees. The same sampling strategy was applied to programmes taught in German. It returned only 4% and 5% of programmes charging tuition fees for 8355 Bachelor's ([info](#)) and 7493 Master's ([info](#)) respectively.

Non-consecutive Master Programmes

Even public universities and their affiliated schools can charge tuition fees for *non-consecutive postgraduate programmes*.

A non-consecutive programme is open to students who have not studied an undergraduate programme in the same field.

The most popular example for this type of studies is the Master of Business Administration (MBA). If you hold a BBA or a related degree you can do your consecutive MBA free of fees. If you choose to go for a non-consecutive MBA there may be fees.

Summary

In conclusion it is relatively safe to say that about 80 % of international programmes and 95 % of German programmes at German universities are still free of tuition fees. Most students, German or international, will only contribute a few hundred Euros while German taxpayers cover an average of 8080 € of expenses per student per year ([destatis data from 2013](#)).

The information has been compiled with great care. Nevertheless, the DAAD cannot guarantee that the information is correct or complete regarding 20,000 programmes at more than 400 universities and academies.

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The [International Graduate Center](https://www.graduatecenter.org/) (IGC), cares for future business leaders. We offer part-time and full-time graduate programs for students and young professionals around the world. With a rich network of partners in business and science we supply high quality education at a master's level. Our international and application-oriented degree programs prepare for leadership tasks and empower students to build successful careers.

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Interested students can choose from around 50 study programs in Magdeburg and Stendal. Around 130 professors guarantee a very good staff-to-student contact ratio. Interdisciplinarity and practical appliance are an essential part of all courses and linked to our focus on expertise and employability.

More information: http://bit.ly/h2_17



The state-accredited PFH is a private university in Göttingen focusing on entrepreneurial thinking. It currently offers 3 programmes in English: one for students preparing for their studies (foundation programme), a master in general management and one master in composites. PFH also offers a job guarantee after graduation – sounds good? Find out more.

More information: https://www.pfh-university.com/studies.htmlutm_campaign=international&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_source=daad



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DAAD Thailand activities in the past months

Since the start of the new year, our Information Centre in Bangkok has been continuously providing information on study and research in Germany to all interested people. Besides our monthly presentation, we were invited to join several international university fairs and an information day at a government sector. In the following you can see a timeline of our activities in the past months.

Again, if you or your institution are interested in having us, please let us know. We will be happy to come and see you soon!

January 5: We were invited to “OCSC-scholarships orientation held by Office of the Civil Service Commission (OCSC) ” at Berkley Hotel, Bangkok. We informed OCSC-officers on DAAD scholarships for Thailand as well as some other German scholarships.



January 18: Our January presentation on “Study and Research in Germany” at Goethe Saal, Sathorn 1.

January 31: We were at the Study Abroad Fair 2018 organized by Mahidol University International College (MUIC)



February 22: Our February presentation on “Study and Research in Germany” at Goethe Saal, Sathorn 1.

March 19: We informed on studying in Germany at the “International Fair 2018”, King Mongkut University of Technology Thonburi, Bangkok

March 29: Our March presentation on “Study and Research in Germany” at Goethe Saal, Sathorn 1.

April 24: Webinar “Study in Germany”. Online information session

April 26: Our April presentation on “Study and Research in Germany” at Goethe Saal, Sathorn 1.

