



# Setting up your Studies

Info for M.A. DEV Students

In order to provide some assistance with regard to necessary organizational and administrative steps before taking on your studies, please take note of the following:

- **Ensure sustainable financing** of your studies through private loans, funds, scholarships, etc.! To get an overview of relevant costs check the link: <https://www.dshs-koeln.de/english/studying-structure/full-time-studies/costs-and-financing>.
- In case you are interested in **scholarships and/or a job/internship** please access the following links: <https://www.dshs-koeln.de/english/studying-structure/other-topics/scholarships-for-international-students/> as well as [https://www.dshs-koeln.de/fileadmin/redaktion/Institute/Europaeische\\_Sportentwicklung\\_und\\_Freizeitforschung/pdf/MA\\_DEV\\_InfoSheet-Internships\\_and\\_Jobs.pdf](https://www.dshs-koeln.de/fileadmin/redaktion/Institute/Europaeische_Sportentwicklung_und_Freizeitforschung/pdf/MA_DEV_InfoSheet-Internships_and_Jobs.pdf).
- **Apply for a visa, prepare for requirements of a residence permit and ensure provision of health insurance!** Please get in touch with your local German Embassy to find out which documents are necessary to study in Germany. Consider that **applying for a visa requires providing proof of sufficient financial means**, e.g. own funds in a blocked bank account in Germany, parents' income documentation, German resident's guarantee or evidence of scholarship. Further information can be obtained from: <https://www.dshs-koeln.de/english/studying-structure/other-topics/visa-health-insurance-in-germany> as well as <https://www.studying-in-germany.org/opening-deutsche-blocked-account-foreign-students/>. If you have any specific questions on these matters please contact Mrs. Schloemer-Holland ([holland@dshs-koeln.de](mailto:holland@dshs-koeln.de)) from the international office.
- **Assess housing and accommodation options!** Depending on visa regulations of your country of origin it **may be necessary to indicate an address already when applying for the visa**. For those who have to move to Cologne, please check the following link to facilitate apartment search: [https://www.dshs-koeln.de/fileadmin/redaktion/Institute/Europaeische\\_Sportentwicklung\\_und\\_Freizeitforschung/pdf/MA\\_DEV\\_InfoSheetAccommodation\\_att\\_03.pdf](https://www.dshs-koeln.de/fileadmin/redaktion/Institute/Europaeische_Sportentwicklung_und_Freizeitforschung/pdf/MA_DEV_InfoSheetAccommodation_att_03.pdf). In case you apply for campus accommodation, fill out the application form and send it to the International Office: <https://www.dshs-koeln.de/english/studying-structure/full-time-studies/accomodation>.
- **Open a German bank account to ensure smooth financial activities (cf. blocked bank account)!** Depending on your home bank it may be useful checking on existing partnerships with German banks. Most banks offer student accounts for free. To get a bank account you usually need a residence permit, but sometimes they will open an account for you when you have a housing contract.
- Those who are interested in taking a **German language course**, please take a look at the offers of the Volkshochschule Köln at <https://vhs-koeln.de/Artikel/titel-Deutsch+als+Fremdsprache/cm5485898c7c428.html> and the Fremdsprachenforum at <http://www.fremdsprachenforum.com/indexen.php?deutsch> or visit the website of the GSU Student Association (ASTA) <https://www.dshs-koeln.de/asta/service/sprach-ags/>.
- For the students who did not study at German Sport University before, information on how to get to GSU can be obtained from <https://www.dshs-koeln.de/english/meta-navigation/how-to-find-us/>.

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