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Imagine that **6 months** from now, you are in Germany, standing in your beautiful hostel dorm room, packing your laptop and notebook in a bag to go meet your study group in the fancy university library to work on an assignment. You are overflowing with ideas for your group meeting. On the way you are thinking about all the things that you are going to do this semester, places you are going to visit and the festivals that you are going to attend. Briefly, your mind wanders back to the day when you didn't know anything about studying in Germany and people told you, "You need 85% to study in Germany for free! Not anyone can just go and study there."



You are thinking, "what would have happened if I would have listened to that nonsense advice?"

Good for you that you didn't. You rather came across someone who wrote this e-book, who has gone through the entire process himself and wrote this e-book to help you understand that **NO MATTER WHAT**, you can study in Germany and make your dreams come true. You saw this e-book, downloaded it, read it in one go and related to the writer because just like you, after studying in India, he started his studies in Germany and now he has a Master's Degree from the Technical University of Hamburg, a beautiful house, a peaceful life, an amazing German wife, two cats and his own business. If he can do it, so can you!





Why Germany?



Along with absolutely breathtaking scenic beauty and being the largest economy in Europe ever since 2008, there are a few important characteristics which make Germany attractive for students and professionals to do their higher studies. Before jump into all the technical stuff about admission requirements, I am going to list out some of the main points here:

- **Tuition-free German public universities:** Compared to the 30k-40k USD of tuition fee that universities charge in countries like USA, Canada, Australia and the UK, studying in Germany is absolutely tuition-free! Yes, you read it right: 0 tuition fee for most of the programs! And Yes, also for international students!
- **18 Month Job Search Extension:** Once you are done with your studies, you have up to 18 months to search for a job in Germany
- **PR in 2 years:** If you do your Masters from a German university, you can get your permanent residency in Germany just after paying your social contributions and taxes for 24 months with B1 German language proficiency! How cool is that?
- **Citizenship in 5 years:** If you have paid your social contributions in Germany for a total of 60 months, have a degree from a German university and have B1 German language proficiency, you can apply for the German citizenship!

FOR BACHELOR ASPIRANTS:



Requirements for Bachelor in Germany



Students studying at a German school give the Abitur exam that serves as an entrance qualification for German universities for bachelors. Students from outside of Germany do not have this qualification and are therefore required to acquire it in order to be eligible for bachelors in Germany.

Students from outside of Germany can do two things to be eligible for Bachelor in Germany



Studienkolleg - studienkolleg is a foundation course that students from outside of Germany can do if they want to do bachelor in Germany.

It is a two semester program that can be done after clearing the Aufnahmeprüfung. Once the studienkolleg is complete students have to appear for the FSP exam. The combined score of the FSP exam and the 12th grade serves as the entrance qualification for universities. There may be additional requirements that students have to meet like language requirements, aptitude test etc.



Requirements for Bachelor in Germany

1 year bachelor in home country/ JEE exam - students can skip studienkolleg by studying for 1 year at a recognized university/college. The stream of their subject has to be in the same field in which they wish to do their bachelor. After finishing 1 year at a university/college in the home country students can apply for 1st year bachelor studies at a German university after meeting all the other requirements. Note: Admission is not granted into a higher semester or a year even after doing 1 year of studies at a university because the 1 year at the university serves as the bridging year.

JEE Exam - students who have successfully passed the JEE exam and directly apply for bachelors in Germany. This happens because the syllabus for JEE is similar to that of studienkolleg. This is of course only for people who want to do engineering or other related subjects for which JEE exam is required in India.

Things to consider:

1. Studienkolleg is often in German language and therefore required german language proficiency up to b2.
2. The Aufnameprüfung to take part in studienkolleg and the FSP exam conducted after studienkolleg is also in German.
3. Diploma holders, that is, 10th class + Diploma can also apply for Studienkolleg. But they can only apply to studienkolleg that accept the application independent of uni-assist, as uni-assist does not recognize Diploma.



Requirements for Bachelor in Germany

Always go through the admission requirements of the university first to see what you need and then prepare accordingly.

To know more about Studienkolleg, see this link:

<http://www.studienkolleg.com/>



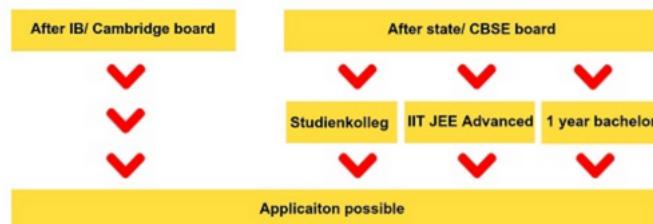
To know more about Studienkolleg you can also watch this video on my YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/-67B2lyI9d4>



Requirements for Bachelor in Germany

Am I eligible to apply for a bachelor degree course? How should I apply?

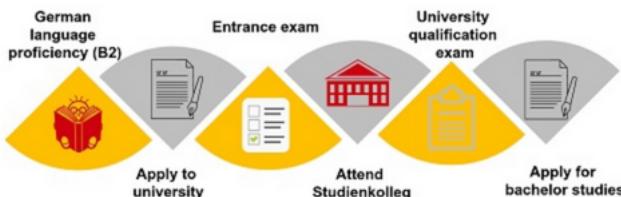
In Germany, every university is autonomous. This means that every university / study programme has its own set of criteria for admitting students. So please check the university website, and specifically the programme you are interested in to find out the exact admission requirements.



In principle you are eligible to apply for a bachelor programme if you fulfill one of the following criteria:

- Passing the qualification assessment examination in Germany, called **Feststellungsprüfung**.

The Feststellungsprüfung is an examination conducted by universities that assesses your proficiency in subjects that are crucial to your chosen degree programme and also in German language.



FOR MASTERS ASPIRANTS:



Requirements for Masters in Germany

Scenario 1: Less Than 60%

- Many education consultants will tell you that you cannot study in Germany for free or with a low percentage score, **which is absolutely wrong.**
- They generally do this so that they are able to refer you to a private university and get their referral which can go anywhere up to 2000 Euros per student (and you end up spending 30k-40k extra on your education!).
- With less than 60% in your bachelor's degree, you have the option to opt for a German-taught masters in any of the highly reputed and tuition-free German public universities because they generally don't require any minimum percentage for German taught programs (non-NC courses).
- All you need to study in German taught programs is a solid German proficiency at the level B2-C1. It's actually not that difficult. If you want some tips on how you can aim to reach that level in around 5 months, I have made a video on YouTube about it.
- You still have to meet other admission requirements such as language, work experience, previous degree etc. (as mentioned by the university).
- If you still want to do your masters in English with 60% score in your Bachelors, you can study your Masters in an English taught program in a private university, but be very careful while opting for one because some private unis in Germany had issues with accreditation and students had bad experiences with them.
- Choose private unis and business schools after really good research from the Alumni and students studying there and **not from a promotional video!**
- For legal reasons, we can't tell you publicly about the private unis you should avoid (some of them are big on sending out legal notices to anybody who criticises them!)



Requirements for Masters in Germany

Scenario 2: More Than 60%

- With more than 60% in your Bachelor's degree, you can go for an English-taught masters program in a tuition-free German public university. (Yes! You can study your Masters completely in English in Germany too!)
- German universities may have additional percentage requirements and you still have to fulfil the additional admission requirements as set by the individual universities.
- Having more than 60% in your bachelors is normally considered a good score. The more score you have the better your chances are!
- It's important to know that the German universities place importance on the candidate's **entire application**.
- If you have a decent score in your Bachelors **but** didn't care enough to make a good CV, SOP and LOR because you thought you will get the admission only on the basis of your marks, then you are in for a burn! As a smart applicant, it is important never to neglect the additional documents that the university asks for during the application process.
- The opposite is, of course, true: if you have a bad score but a solid CV, Statement of Purpose and Letter of Recommendation, then you still have really good chances of admission in a German public university.
- No matter what your score is, making sure that you have prepared your documents properly for the German universities will take you a long way!



Minimum Grade by University

What is the Minimum Grade of 2.5?

Germany uses a 5 point grading scale in which grades vary from 1 (excellent) to 5 (insufficient). Most German universities divide the students on the basis of the 2.5 German grade benchmark.

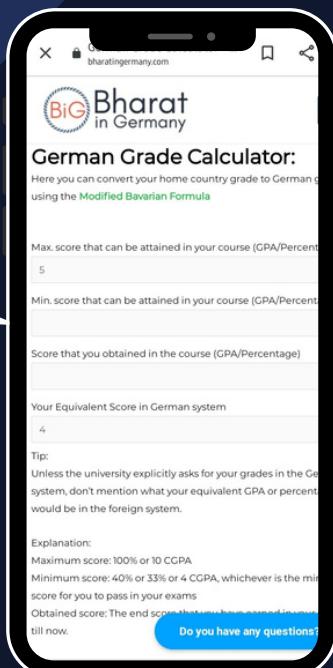
Scenario 1: Minimum Grade Required

- On the admission requirements page of some universities, you will see "a minimum of 2.5 German grade equivalent in your Bachelors"
- According to this requirement, your bachelor's final grade should be equivalent to 2.5 or less, i.e between 1 and 2.5

Scenario 2: No Minimum Grade Required

- Many German universities do not have any minimum grade criteria.
- Admission to such universities is dependent on factors such as student profile, competition, the similarity of your Bachelor's program to what is taught in their university.

You can calculate
your german grade for
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Language requirements: IELTS

Less Than 6.5 IELTS Score

- With less than 6.5 bands in IELTS, you have "3" options:
 - Retake IELTS
 - Check the admission requirements to see if the university accepts medium of instruction certificate.
 - Go for a german taught masters.
- A medium of instruction certificate is a document that you can get from your university that states that your previous degree was taught in English. This exempts you from IELTS.
- Note: 70% of the German universities do not accept the MOI document. That's why retaking the IELTS is always advisable.
- Carefully read the German university's website, if they consider the medium of instruction certificate as a proof of language proficiency.

More Than 6.5 IELTS Score

- With more than 6.5 in IELTS, you can easily apply for an English taught Masters program.
- If the university accepts medium of instruction certificate then you can use that as proof of your language skills.
- Most universities require only 6.5 in IELTS but some universities also have a higher requirement of 7 and even 7.5.
- Shortlisting universities in advance will help you decide how to proceed. You can receive complete training for it on the BiG Academy's online course "Complete Course for Studying in Germany"



Language requirements: German

German-taught Masters

- For Masters programs taught in German, you require a german language proof (Similar to IELTS).
- In the admission requirements of the university, you can find the tests that are accepted by the university.
- Common German language exams are Goethe B2, TestDaF and Telc C1 Hochschule.
- In the admission requirements, you will also find information regarding the score that you require in the language exam to get the admit from the German university.

Bilingual Masters

- Many study programs are dual-language, that means that you will be required to prove your language proficiency in German and also in English (or other languages as specified).
- In this case, you will ideally have to give both IELTS and TestDaF.

It's not difficult at all to learn German. My FREE MINI-COURSE teaches you how you can learn German 3x Faster than others!

The advertisement features a man with glasses and a beard smiling and waving his hand. The text "THE FASTER GERMAN FRAMEWORK" is prominently displayed at the top. Below it, a blue button says "LEARN GERMAN 3X FASTER THAN OTHERS!". To the right is a map of Germany with the letters "DE" on it. A small button at the bottom right says "FREE MINI-COURSE".

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Language requirements: German

Based on the Framework discussed in the Free Course above, we built Faster German courses. In case you do want to learn German, we have the most affordable courses in the entire market for you: only 4999 INR per level

- The courses offered are from German A1-B1 levels, with B2 launching soon.
- It is built together with native German speaker.
- You have lifetime access to the course – that means anytime you want to come back and revise you can.
- Digital flashcards for quick
- Quizzes
- Every level includes Goethe A1 Exam preparation which you need while applying for bilingual or German taught programs – even for some English taught programs, it is only beneficial to learn some German.
- Faster German A1 is built for complete beginners who have no idea of the language and you can finish A1 with the Faster German A1 course in just 14 days for 4999 INR ONLY.
- You get the experience of somebody who learned German as a foreigner (Bharat) along with a native German speaker (Alina) – a course like this you'll never find anywhere else at such a price.

**Check out
Free Preview
Lessons of
Faster
German A1
course**

The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for the Faster German A1 course. At the top, there's a navigation bar with a back arrow and a green 'Next' button. Below it, a section titled '(FREE PREVIEW)' lists several lessons:

- (FREE PREVIEW) Who are we and why we made Faster German? (0:00)
- (FREE PREVIEW) The grammar and other things you need to know to pass the Goethe A1 exam (0:00)
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- (FREE PREVIEW) Get Access to the Free Online German Library (0:00)
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- Module 1 - War will du im Urlaub wirst? (0:00)
- Module 2 - Dein Haushalt (0:00)
- Module 3 - Dein Wetterbericht (0:00)

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Work experience

Work Experience Required

- For many MBA and MiM courses, you require previous work experience in a relevant field.
- MBA programs generally always have a requirement of 2-3 years of work experience, whereas most of the normal M.Sc. programs don't have such requirements.
- Always read the admission requirements of the university to be sure.
- You cannot compensate for work experience with other activities like attending conferences, workshops or seminars if the university is specifically asking for relevant work experience.

Work Experience Not Required

- Most of the Master's programs in Germany do not require any work experience. This is also the reason why so many Bachelors graduates from Indian universities directly start their Masters in Germany.
- To make sure you have good chances of admission, start shortlisting and preparing for the application process in advance.
- Most of the individuals who are serious about their application process are anywhere from 2nd-year Bachelors students to professionals with 3+ years of work experience looking forward to starting their studies in the next 6 months to 1.5 years.



Main Application Documents

Scenario 1: Good Percentage, Bad CV, SOP, LOR

- It's beneficial to have a good percentage score in your Bachelor's degree but that does not mean that you can neglect your LOR, SOP and CV.
- Universities and even companies judge a candidate based on how well he/she can write and explain in a structured manner.
- Many students lack this ability and that is what makes SOP and CV such an important part of your application.
- Writing an SOP doesn't mean that you can just copy-paste material from the internet (the universities often check for plagiarism!)
- Remember that the German academic standards for writing an SOP and making a CV are totally different than what you might be used to for India or for other countries.
- Students from many countries can write well because they have been doing that for a long time, whereas in others countries students are just spoon-fed information most of their lives and that's what makes it even more important to ensure that your documents are done right.
- It is impossible to manage your studies in Germany without having good writing skills. Invest in it!
- If you think outsourcing your SOP or CV to some consultant is a good idea, think twice. They don't care about your application process as much as you do! This is the reason I never recommend students to outsource such important parts of their application process. Seek guidance or reviews once you have made your first draft, but never let somebody else do it!

Click on the picture to get the Complete Course for Studying in Germany where you can get unlimited SOP, LOR and CV Reviews!





Main Application Documents

Scenario 2: Average Percentage, GREAT CV, SOP, LOR

- An average bachelor's score combined with an excellent CV and SOP can do wonders for you.
- Most German universities are taking a look at the entire application from the candidate and not just the Bachelor's scores alone.
- While writing an SOP, start in advance! Writing the SOP the night before is a sure shot recipe to fail.
- Remember that the German CV and SOP formats are completely different than what you might be used to.
- Start early and improving your writing skills will take you a long way, not just in your application process but also when you start your studies in Germany and you have to write reports, assignments and work on problem-based learning sessions.

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Additional Exams

GRE, GMAT, GATE

- Some universities ask for additional tests such as GRE, GMAT, GATE.
- In the case of a low percentage in Bachelors, these tests can prove beneficial, if the universities have asked for them.
- Not all universities require test scores and if the university does not need it, then having it as part of your application won't add any value.
- Recommended scores:
 - GMAT score: 600 or above
 - GRE score: Quantitative reasoning: 157, Analytical writing: 3.5
 - GATE: Minimum Qualifying score of the respective year

University Assessment

- Many universities have their own internal assessment exams that you may be required to take in the form of a pre-assessment.
- These exams exist to filter applications.
- If in the admission requirements it is mentioned that you need a score of 80 to pass to the next round, please take it seriously.
- We have only rarely seen the exception in the minimum score required.



Restricted vs. Un-restricted Courses

Restricted Courses

- Some study courses are more popular than others and therefore the university sets a limit on the number of applicants they will accept in a given intake.
- These courses are called "Zulassungsbeschränkt" courses in German.
- For most of the restricted courses your SOP, LOR and CV play a major role.
- In case the NC (Numerus Clausus) is not publicly given on the website, you can also inquire about the previous year's cut off from the university.

Un-restricted Courses

- Some universities have courses which are not very popular among international students and therefore they do not have any extraordinary criteria of selection.
- As long as you meet all the basic admission requirements, you will be given an admit.
- These courses are called "Zulassungsfrei" courses in German.

Note: Our advice will be to not focus too much on these terms because we have seen universities reject students even in unrestricted courses on the basis of the scores they have. So, the best practice will be to prepare your list of universities in advance and diversify the risk on the basis of the data of the students who previously received admit or rejection from a particular university! You can find real data of admits, rejections, Bachelors score, Work Experience and more based on the responses given by 430+ students in the "Complete Course for Studying in Germany".



Bonus Tips!

Do Backlogs Matter?

- Backlogs DO NOT matter! Most German universities are completely fine with students failing a few times in their exams as long as you have **good final grade**.

Living Costs in Germany

- While applying for visa, the German consulates and the German embassy asks you to show a proof of finances, that you can take care of yourself in Germany, depositing the money in a blocked account.
- While most of the German universities are tuition free, you still have rent, living, grocery and other miscellaneous expenses. The German government has shown that amount to be exactly 863€ a month or 10,356€ a year, which becomes somewhere around 9 lakh INR a year. Still up to 4x cheaper than doing your Masters in USA, Canada, Australia or UK!
- Many students don't take any loan for blocking this amount, but even for those who have to do it, it's easily available.
- The blocked account process for the German visa is really simple and you can do it on your own within 3 days by choosing the right service provider.

3 Year vs. 4 Year Bachelors

- Many people have heard a completely false rumour that if your Bachelors is not of 4 years, you can't get an admit in a German university.
- That is 100% not true! Even if you have a Bachelors degree of 3 years, you can still get admit in many German universities. Read what Pratibha, a successful student from my course, Complete Course for Studying in Germany, who did her BCA has to say about this:



Bonus Tips!



Hey Bharat,

I can totally understand the competitiveness here in India. I recently graduated in 2019. I studied BCA (Bachelor of Computer Application) And during my last year there were job placements. And not just from my own experience, but I've also seen from my friend's experiences, it has become so tough to get a job. During these placements, the companies came and had a requirement of only 20-30 positions (or even lesser) and there were more than 200 students competing for the job.

Seeing this situation, I realized I had to do something else and that motivated me more, to take a different path. That's when I started my research on Masters in Germany and I came through your YouTube channel and all the videos encouraged me to explore more opportunities. Initially, I was not sure if I would even get an admit with a 3-year bachelors degree. I faced a few rejections for winter 2019. But I decided not to give up and tried for summer 2020. And last week I got my first admit. I was so overwhelmed! I couldn't believe.

Thank You soo much! You have inspired me and your videos have really helped a lot!



Gap Year

- Gap years most of the times wouldn't matter at all as long as you have been doing something during that period.
- Be it preparing for a government exam, learning a language, working in the family business or trying to start some kind of business.
- If you have absolutely nothing to show for, then, a year gap of 2 years is still something that most of the German universities wouldn't mind.

TU vs FH

- It is true that TUs (Technical Universities) used to have a better reputation than FHs (Universities of Applied Sciences), but this difference is not so steep now.
- It shouldn't matter to you at all if it is a TU or an FH. THE ONLY THING that should matter to you is doing what you ABSOLUTELY LOVE and that you are happy about the course that you are going to study.
- If you want to do a Ph.D., a TU is a better option but if Ph.D. isn't a priority for you and you just want to work after your studies, go for any German public university, but just really make sure that you are getting the right course for you.



It's not over yet!

Scattered Information

- I have created this e-book so that you can have all the relevant information, that you need to know if Germany is an option for you and your higher education, in one single place.
- There is a lot of useless and false information on the internet regarding studying in Germany: mainly from people who have never even studied here (including 99% of the education consultants you find in India).
- Make sure that if some consultant is pitching a private university too much, you run away in the other direction. They can offer you "free" consulting calls or sessions, but their main aim will be to refer you to a private university and get their 2000 Euros referral fee.
- Don't listen to people who say you can't study in Germany with or below 60% score in your Bachelors! I have personally seen students studying in Germany even with a 58% score in German taught Masters programs.
- All that is left now is for you to start applying to German Public Universities with an excellent CV, SOP and without missing out on any deadlines.
- If you need guidance from the moment you decide to start preparing for Germany, all the way till your Masters is done in Germany, you should check out my online course "Complete Course for Studying in Germany". The course has lifetime access and support till the time your studies are finished in Germany.
- Since I have my Masters degree from TU Hamburg and have gone through the process myself, I guide the students who enrol in my online course via biweekly live QnA sessions, where they can get their documents reviewed as many times as they want and ask any questions that they are struggling with throughout the process without any kinds of limitations.
- If there's one thing I want you to take away from this ebook, it is this: To get the best out of the German education system, you have to build a habit of doing the most important things on your own. In your university, things like academic research, academic writing and working independently is what you need, to get a job after your studies in Germany.



LAST QUICK TIPS:

1. Always read the admission requirements of the university.
2. As all German universities are autonomous, different universities have different admission requirements, therefore it is important that you read the admission requirements of all the universities that you wish to apply for individually.
3. Write the SOP and CV **completely** on your own. Universities have been reading applicant CV and SOP since ages and they catch it right away, when it is written by a student and when it is just copied from the internet.
4. Prepare in advance. Don't think that just because you are planning to start your Masters in 1 or 2 years, you should delay the preparation process. Sometimes the documentation alone can take up to 3 months, so the sooner you prepare, the better it is.

ABOUT ME



Alright! A lot of technical stuff up there! It's time to introduce myself. My name is Bharat and I come from a small city in India called Kurukshetra. (It's in Haryana: ever watched Dangal?). I came to Germany back in **2014** at the age of 19, when I flew to Friedrichshafen to submit a research paper for an international conference. This is also when I met my then-girlfriend and now wife, Alina.

During my B.Tech. in **2015**, I did a 3-month internship in Berlin at a structural engineering firm. But it wasn't until **2016**, when I finally started my Masters in Structural Engineering at TU Hamburg that I could move to Germany "properly". All this time I wondered, how nice would it have been if a fellow Indian would have already shared his experiences of living in Germany on YouTube. Things would have been so much simpler!

This inspired me to start my own YouTube channel back in January **2017**. 3 years and 2 India Tours later, the channel gained a massive audience of



300k+ subscribers on **YouTube** with over **15 million views**. This is when I realised "Bharat in Germany" became more than just a channel name, it became a community of highly motivated students and professionals who see Germany as their future study and career destination. To guide students more closely, I started **BiG Academy** in August **2018** where I have my online course, "**Complete Course for Studying in Germany**" to mentor students who are serious about pursuing their MS in Germany and guide them personally with the help of the biweekly live QnA sessions that I host for the students enrolled in the course.



2018

year after year. In **2018**, we had around **1200** students who joined the seminars all over India, but in **2019**, the numbers almost quadrupled with **4500** students attending the seminars. These seminars have massive emotional value for us, because sometimes through seminars like these, we are able to meet students who have

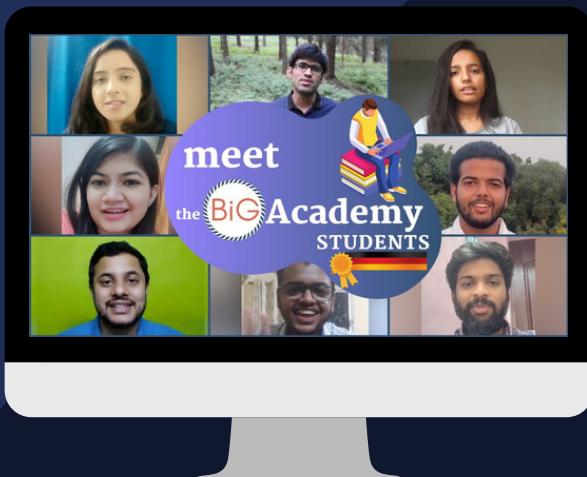
a completely life-changing experience after they come in touch with us.

To share stories of the massive impact studying in Germany had on my personal and academic life, we conduct seminars in India every single year to connect with the students who are either already serious about starting their studies in Germany or know about Germany but aren't sure yet about starting their studies there. The BiG India Tours also keep on getting bigger



2019

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Coming from a small city in India, the journey was not easy. Hence, having done my Masters from TUHH and seeing the uncountable number of traps that Indian students face in their journey, I dedicated whatever time I have left beside my full time occupation in helping out students till this date - so no other Indian student faces the same problems that I faced.



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