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## **INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDY APPLICANTS**

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### **1. Application for Admission to Studies**

The University of Greifswald is a member of the University Application Service for International Students **uni-assist** e.V. ([www.uni-assist.de](http://www.uni-assist.de)).

For applicants with foreign educational qualifications, uni-assist checks whether all admission requirements have been met. The processing of an application usually takes six weeks after receipt of the documents and payment of the administrative fee. If all of the requirements have been met, the University of Greifswald will receive the examined documents and decide on the admission.

The initial application should be made online. All of the required documents and the signed application form must then be sent on paper to uni-assist before the end of the application deadline.

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Applications for a semester abroad, for changing subject or for students already enrolled at the University of Greifswald (DSH graduates) must be submitted directly to the University, where they will be checked.

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<u>Apply Through uni-assist (www.uni-assist.de):</u>	<u>Apply directly to the University:</u>	<u>Apply Through Stiftung für Hochschulzulassung</u> (Central Admissions Office): <a href="http://www.hochschulstart.de">www.hochschulstart.de</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- German Language Course (<i>DSH</i>)</li> <li>- Undergraduate Degree course (starting with 1st semester or higher semester)</li> <li>- Master Degree</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Semester Abroad (no degree)</li> <li>- Students Already Enrolled at the University of Greifswald (DSH course)</li> <li>- Change of Subject</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applicants from EU/EEA Member States for 1<sup>st</sup> semester medicine, dentistry, pharmacy <u>and</u></li> <li>An online application for the local selection procedure at the University has to be made at the same time for: <b>Medicine/Dentistry:</b> <a href="http://adh.med.uni-greifswald.de">adh.med.uni-greifswald.de</a></li> </ul>

Only for Applicants from EU/EEA Member States:

Applications for the subjects **Psychology, Biology, Human Biology, Biochemistry, Geography, Environmental Science and Landscape Ecology and Nature Conservation** must be made online through uni-assist. Before applying, a registration at the Stiftung für Hochschulzulassung is required ([www.dosv.hochschulstart.de](http://www.dosv.hochschulstart.de)). The applicant-identification number (BID) and the applicant-authentication-number (BAN) given during the registration process must be submitted to uni-assist.

International applicants holding an *Abitur* school leaving certificate obtained in Germany or at a German international school abroad (so-called *Bildungsinländer*) are subject to the same application requirements as German applicants.



## 2. Application Deadlines

Applications for admission to **degree courses or German Language Course (DSH)** must be submitted with all required documents by:

**15<sup>th</sup> January** for the **summer semester** (1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September)

**15<sup>th</sup> July** for the **winter semester** (1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March)

### EU/EEA applicants:

For courses with national and local admission restriction:

**15<sup>th</sup> January** for the **summer semester**

**31<sup>st</sup> May** for the **winter semester** for Medicine, Dentistry & Pharmacy if secondary school was finished before the 16<sup>th</sup> of January in the year of the application, if not **15<sup>th</sup> July**

### **All other courses:**

Applications should have been received by uni-assist at least four weeks before the end of the enrolment deadline (for the summer semester by the 1st March, for the winter semester by the 1st September).

**German Language Course see above**



### 3. Required Documents

In order to study at the University of Greifswald, applicants must hold a recognized higher education entrance qualification and have sufficient proficiency in German.

Before applying, it is possible to check whether the certificate will be recognized in Germany by using the ANABIN database or the DAAD Admissions Database, both available on the Internet ([www.anabin.de](http://www.anabin.de), [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de)).

Foreign secondary school leaving certificates are assessed as follows:

- If the school leaving certificate is **equivalent** to the German secondary school leaving certificate (*Abitur*), an applicant is eligible to **take up studies at the University of Greifswald directly**.
- If the school leaving certificate is only **partially equivalent** to the German *Abitur*, the applicant will have to attend a preparatory course (*Studienkolleg*) and pass an **assessment test** (*Feststellungsprüfung*) before commencing studies.
- If the school leaving certificate is **not equivalent** to the German *Abitur*, the applicant may nevertheless gain direct admission to studies if they have already studied for a period of time at an acknowledged institution higher education. In this case, it is possible for the applicant to study the same subject as before or closely related subjects.
- If the school leaving certificate only qualifies the applicant to study certain subjects in his/her home country, these restrictions will also apply in Germany (*Fachbindung*).

**There are higher requirements for the subjects Human Medicine and Dentistry:**

- TestAS Certificate (standardised aptitude test for foreign students) with **minimum 100 points** in core test (only mandatory for applicants for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester from NON-EU/EEA-States).
- Higher language proficiency (*DSH 3, TestDaF 5, C2 Goethe Institut*)
- Foreign secondary school leaving certificates with minimum grade **“good” (2.5 or better)**

OR

**Feststellungsprüfung** (Studienkolleg) with minimum grade **“good” (2.5 or better)**



## Checklist Required Documents

The following documents must be submitted:

- ✓ **"Application Form for Admission to Studies for Foreign Applicants"** (filled -in completely, signed and with full CV)
- ✓ **proof of German language proficiency**
- ✓ **Secondary school leaving certificate** (must include a list of subjects and grades)
- ✓ **copy of passport** (where applicable, also entrance visa or residence permit (*Aufenthaltserlaubnis*))
- ✓ proof of **payment of the processing fees for uni-assist**
- ✓ proof that the applicant has passed the general **university entrance examination** (applies only to applicants from certain countries, e.g. Turkey, Korea)
- ✓ **if applicable: academic records and academic degree certificates** (each must include a list of subjects and grades)
- ✓ for applicants from China, from Mongolia and from Vietnam, proof of pre-examination (**Überprüfungsbestätigung/ APS**) from the German embassy
- ✓ **Certificate Test AS** – Core Test with minimum score of 100 – (Test for Academic Studies) for Medicine and Dentistry ([www.testas.de](http://www.testas.de)) **Not for study applicants from EU/EEA countries!**
- ✓ aptitude test for **Art and Music**

Please note that all copies have to be **legally attested**. Copies and translations made outside of Germany should be certified by the respective German diplomatic mission. In Germany, copies may be certified by any public institution having an official seal with an emblem (*Dienstsigel mit Emblem*) or by a notary. Certified copies must show an attestation clause (*Beglaubigungsvermerk*), the signature of the person certifying and the institution's seal.

All documents which are neither in English nor German have to be submitted with a German or English **translation**. Generally, the translation must be made by an official institution, e.g. the issuing institution or by a sworn translator.



## 4. Proficiency in German / DSH Language Course

Applicants from abroad are required to submit proof of sufficient proficiency in German prior to commencing their studies. The following **language certificates will be accepted** at the University of Greifswald:

- „Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang ausländischer Studienbewerber“ (DSH, at least level 2)
- „Deutsches Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz“ (Stufe II/DSD II); Niveau C1,
- Goethe-Zertifikat C2,
- „Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache“ (TestDaF, at least level 4 for each part, [www.testdaf.de](http://www.testdaf.de)),
- Prüfung „telc Deutsch C1 Hochschule“

For the degree courses of **German Studies, German as a Foreign Language, Medicine, Dentistry and Communication Studies**, only the DSH level 3 or TestDaF level 5 or C2 certificate of Goethe-Institute are accepted.

For **degree courses with admission restrictions**, proof of proficiency in German has to be submitted by the application deadline (15th January or 15th July). For all other degree courses and applicants with EU or EEA citizenship, it is sufficient to submit proof by the day of enrolment. Students applying for a semester abroad (i.e. not applying for a full degree course) and students who graduated in German Studies do not have to prove proficiency in German.

### German Language Course

The University of Greifswald offers German language courses in preparation for degree courses and the DSH exam (no beginner courses).

Applicants who can prove German language proficiency at B1 level will be invited to take an entrance test, which will decide whether they will be allowed to attend the course.

A higher education entrance qualification for studying at a German university is required. Thus, applicants attending a preparatory course (*Studienkolleg*) prior to commencing their studies cannot participate in the DSH language course.

Course fees are EUR 350 per semester.

**Contact:** Lektorat Deutsch als Fremdsprache, Makarenkostraße 22, 17491 Greifswald

[www.uni-greifswald.de/en/international/coming-to-greifswald/german-language-courses/](http://www.uni-greifswald.de/en/international/coming-to-greifswald/german-language-courses/)



## DSH Exam

Applicants wishing to take the **DSH exam** direct without first taking a DSH language course are required to submit proof of excellent proficiency in German (C1-level). Admission to the DSH exam will only be granted in conjunction with admission to studies at Greifswald University.

The fee for the DSH exam is EUR 150 for students of the DSH language courses, EUR 250 for others.

## 5. Processing Fees

The processing fee for the **first application** is EUR 75.

Applicants wishing to apply to **several universities**, which are members of the uni-assist alliance, for the same semester, have to pay EUR 30 for each additional university. This also applies if additional applications are submitted later, i.e. after the first one, but still within the deadline. One application form for each university must be submitted. The remaining required documents (see above) have to be submitted only once!

The fee has to be transferred to the account of uni-assist at the same time as the application is submitted. Applications will only be processed after receipt of the fee. Please note that when transferring money from abroad, transfer fees charged by the applicant's bank will have to be paid in addition.

Please keep in mind that the money transfer may take some time and plan accordingly, so that the money arrives at uni-assist in good time before the end of the deadline!

Current information: [www.uni-assist.de/regulation-fees.html](http://www.uni-assist.de/regulation-fees.html)



## 7. Other

Further information regarding applications and admissions:

**International Office** ([www.uni-greifswald.de/international/html](http://www.uni-greifswald.de/international/html))

Information on scholarships and other sources of funding:

**Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst** ([www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de))

Information on degree courses in Greifswald:

[www.uni-greifswald.de/en/study/courses-and-degrees/courses-and-degrees](http://www.uni-greifswald.de/en/study/courses-and-degrees/courses-and-degrees)

To check the recognition of secondary school leaving certificates:

[anabin.kmk.org](http://anabin.kmk.org)