



## Language course Visa § 16f AufenthG

In order to participate in an intensive German language course unrelated to university studies you may apply for a visa permitting a maximum stay of one year.

A visa in order to do a language course in Germany is a **national visa** and allows you to enter other Schengen countries as a tourist for a stay up to 90 days.

During your language course you are not permitted to take up employment or to pursue any other economic activity.

Upon submission of ALL the required documents, the application will be forwarded to the competent German Aliens Authority ("Ausländeramt"). Language course visa applications take up to 12 weeks to be processed. After the application has been approved, the German Embassy will issue a residence permit in the form of a visa for the first 90 days. A final residence permit for the whole duration of your language course will be granted in Germany by the Aliens Authority. The Aliens Authority requires all residence permit holders to register upon their first arrival.

Please prepare **two identical application sets** with all of the following documents **in the given order**. **Should you wish to keep any originals, kindly provide two additional copies. Any documents that are not in German/English have to be translated.** Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.

- Valid passport (issued within the last 10 years and valid for at least 6 months with at least two empty pages);
- Valid resident card, duration covering at least the visa duration procedure;
- Application form fully completed, duly signed : <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/visum-erfassung/#/videx-langfristiger-aufenthalt> ;
- Passport size pictures, not older than three months with a bright background and frontal view of the face (please do not attach the picture to the application form). Digitally-altered passport pictures will not be accepted;
- Copy of your passport's data page;
- Copy of your resident card (both sides);

- Personal motivation letter explaining in detail what are your reasons for undertaking a language course, what you expect to achieve by learning German and how this language course will help your personal development/ professional career;
- If you intend to stay in Germany after the language course: information on your intended future activity in Germany, evidence that you fulfil the requirements (see also information sheets for blue card etc.);
- Language course confirmation letter (“Anmeldebestätigung”) and confirmation of payment by the language school;
- Proof of housing in Germany with full address (e.g. renting contract, hotel reservation – **OR** - Invitation letter in case of private accommodation with name, full address and passport/resident card copy of inviting person);
- Evidence of sufficient funds for one year. The amount for sufficient funds is currently set at 947 Euro per month (subject to change). One of the following proofs is accepted:
  - Scholarship;
  - Blocked bank account in Germany;
  - Declaration of Obligation (Verpflichtungserklärung) from a person in Germany;
- Your university diploma **OR**, if diploma isn't yet available, a certificate from the university and transcript of records (foaia matricola);
- Evidence of German language proficiency, if applicable. Please note that at least basic language skills should be acquired in Romania/your home country in advance. Only **recent** certificates of the following providers are accepted: Goethe-Institut, telc GmbH, TestDaf-Institut, Austrian Language Diploma (ÖSD);
- Visa fee 75 Euro – **payable in Lei** - cash or card (Visa or Master).

**To be provided after the approval of the visa:**

- Flight reservation to Germany, rail tickets, bus tickets, or others;
- Proof of travel health insurance (with headquarters in the EU), valid for the entire stay in the Schengen area with a minimum coverage of 30.000,00 EUR including the following details: name of insured person, length of coverage, insurance sum and repatriation coverage. Please note that health insurance coverage by credit card is not valid unless you present a letter from the credit card company with details of coverage of your trip.

**Please note** that the German Consulate reserves the right to ask for additional documents at any time during processing. Submission of the above mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted.