

Studying at FU Berlin

International Student Support, Center for Academic Advising and Psychological Counseling



Presentation

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Topics

Peer Mentors from our International Student Support

Information on FU Berlin

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- Support Services** → in short, for more details see online presentation (link below)

Application procedure

- for BA programs → in short, for more details see online presentation (link below)
- for MA programs → in short, for more details see online presentation (link below)

Q & A session

Survey

Are you interested in a...

- A) Bachelor's or state exam program?
- B) Master's program?
- C) Doctorate/PhD program?

Study Programs

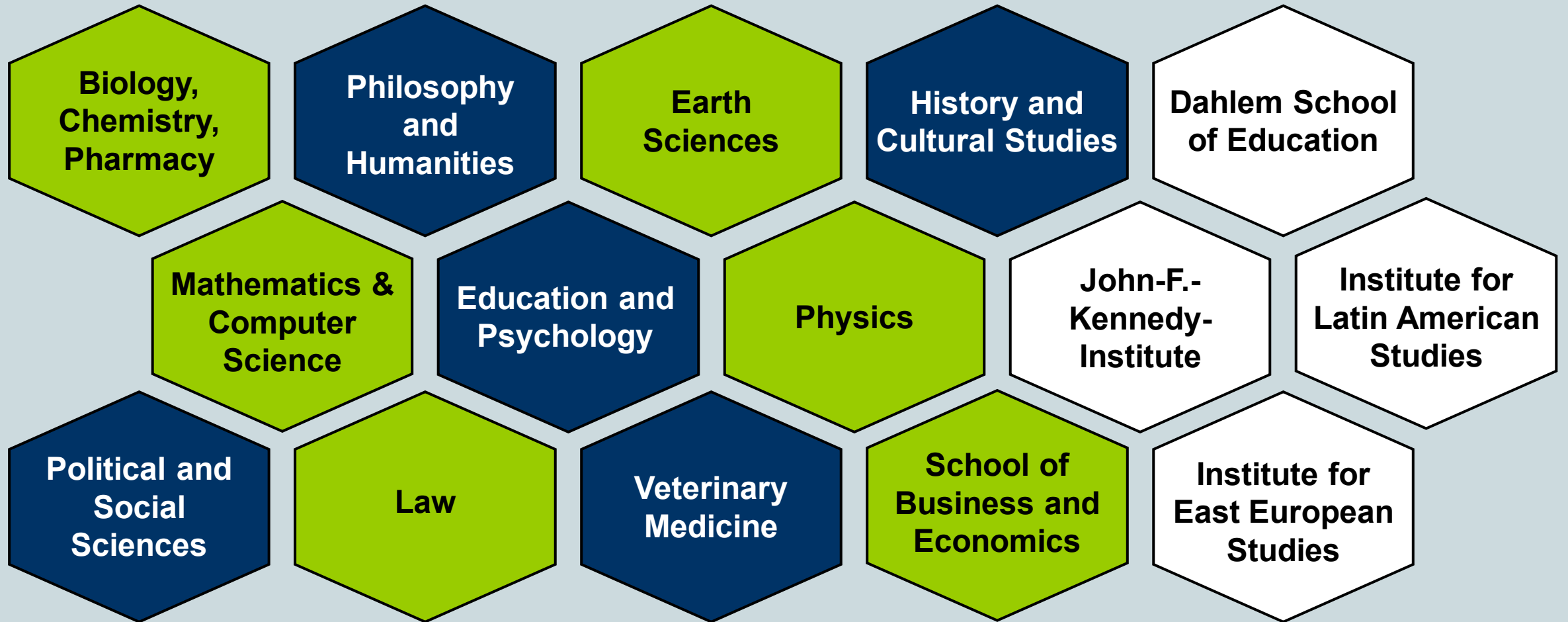
Freie Universität Berlin

Founded:	1948
Students:	33,000
Study Programs:	173
Bachelor's Programs:	78
Master's Programs:	95



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Academic Departments & Central Institutes



Overview of Study Programs



Bachelor's degree and state exam - Undergraduate Degrees

An undergraduate degree leads to a first university degree qualifying for a profession (bachelor's degree, bachelor's degree with teaching option, state examination, first law examination).

- Undergraduate degree programs at Freie Universität Berlin
- Programs in English at Freie Universität Berlin
- Numerus Clausus - undergraduate degree programs
- Application for undergraduate degree programs



Master's degree - Graduate Degrees

An graduate degree supplements the undergraduate degree and leads to the second highest university degree. It can serve to scientifically deepen previous studies or open up new areas of knowledge.

At Freie Universität Berlin, there are a variety of master's degree programs with different durations, admission requirements, and costs.

- Graduate degree programs at Freie Universität Berlin
- Programs in English at Freie Universität Berlin
- Numerus Clausus - Master's Programs
- Application for graduate degree programs

Bachelor and Master programs offered in English

No knowledge of German is required for admission to these degree programs.

Bachelor

- North American Studies (Bachelor of Arts)

Master of Arts

- Archaeology of the Ancient World
- Digital Studies of Ancient Texts
- English Studies: Literature, Language, Culture
- Global History
- Global East Asia
- History and Societies of the Islamic World
- Interdisciplinary Studies of the Middle East
- Iranian Studies
- North American Studies
- Semitic Studies
- Sociology – European Societies

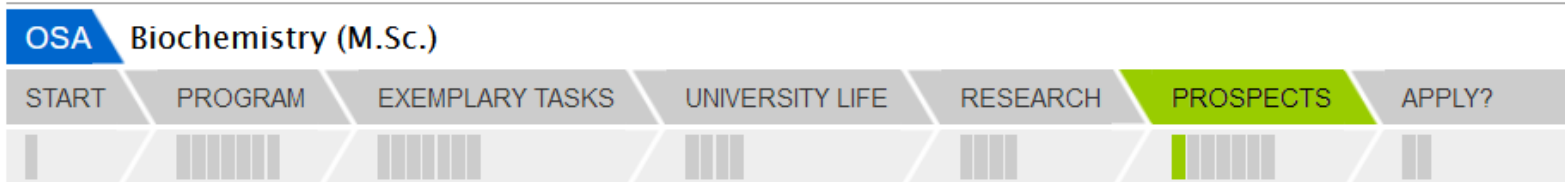
Master of Science

- Biochemistry
 - Bioinformatics
 - Chemistry
 - Cognitive Neuroscience
 - Computational Sciences
 - Data Science
 - Economic Systems
 - Geographies of Global Inequalities
 - Mathematics
 - Pharmaceutical Research
 - Physics
 - Planetary Sciences and Space Exploration
 - Polymer Science - Joint program with Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin & Technische Universität Berlin & Universität Potsdam
- For application details, please see the linked course description.

Continuing Education Master's Programs

- European and International Business, Competition, and Regulatory Law (Master of Business Law)
- International Health (Master of Science) - Charité
- Medical Neurosciences (Master of Science) - Charité
- Molecular Medicine (Master of Science) - Charité

Online Assistant for Choosing Your Degree



Prospects

Many graduates from the Biochemistry Master's program at FUB continue to obtain their PhD. Thereafter, graduates can work in very different occupations. Many remain in research while others go on to work in pharmaceutical or biotech companies.

On the following pages, you can read short interviews with FUB Biochemistry graduates working in various occupational fields. They describe how they decided to pursue their profession, provide insights into their professional life and explain what skills and competences they need on a regular basis at work.



Lisa Neidhardt, PhD student



Sana Khan Khilji, PhD student



Dr. Holger Sieg, Junior Research Group Leader



Dr. Alexander Ulrich, Research Scientist

The program description of each master's program includes information about:

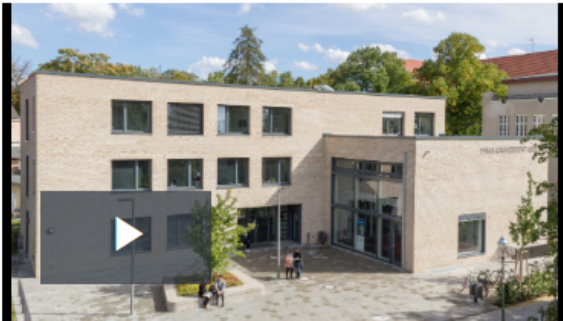
- ✓ course content
- ✓ (video) interviews with lecturers and (former) students
- ✓ example assignments
- ✓ student feedback and perspectives

Support Services

Student Services Center



Information and Advising at the Student Services Center



The Student Services Center (SSC) is the first address for all concerns related to studying at Freie Universität. Please also note the information about visiting the center.

Information on the services offered by the individual counseling services can be found on the respective subpages.

Those seeking support should contact the [Info-Service Studium](#) first with any concerns.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9.00-16.00 h

Friday: 9.00-14.00 h

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- Workshops
- Monthly Newsletter
- Peer Mentoring for International Students
with exciting events, writing groups and
mentoring sessions

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STUDENT SERVICES CENTER
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Admission and Application Process

Admission restrictions

- Most study programs have an admission restriction (Numerus Clausus)
- The Latin term *Numerus Clausus* stands for “restricted number” and means that the number of applicants admitted must not be (much) higher than the number of available places (as calculated by the respective university).
- To see whether a study program has restricted admission, look out for the phrase “**lokale Zulassungsbeschränkung**”/“**Restricted admission**” in the program description at the link below

Admission restrictions

▼ Admission Requirements

▼ Fees

▼ Subject

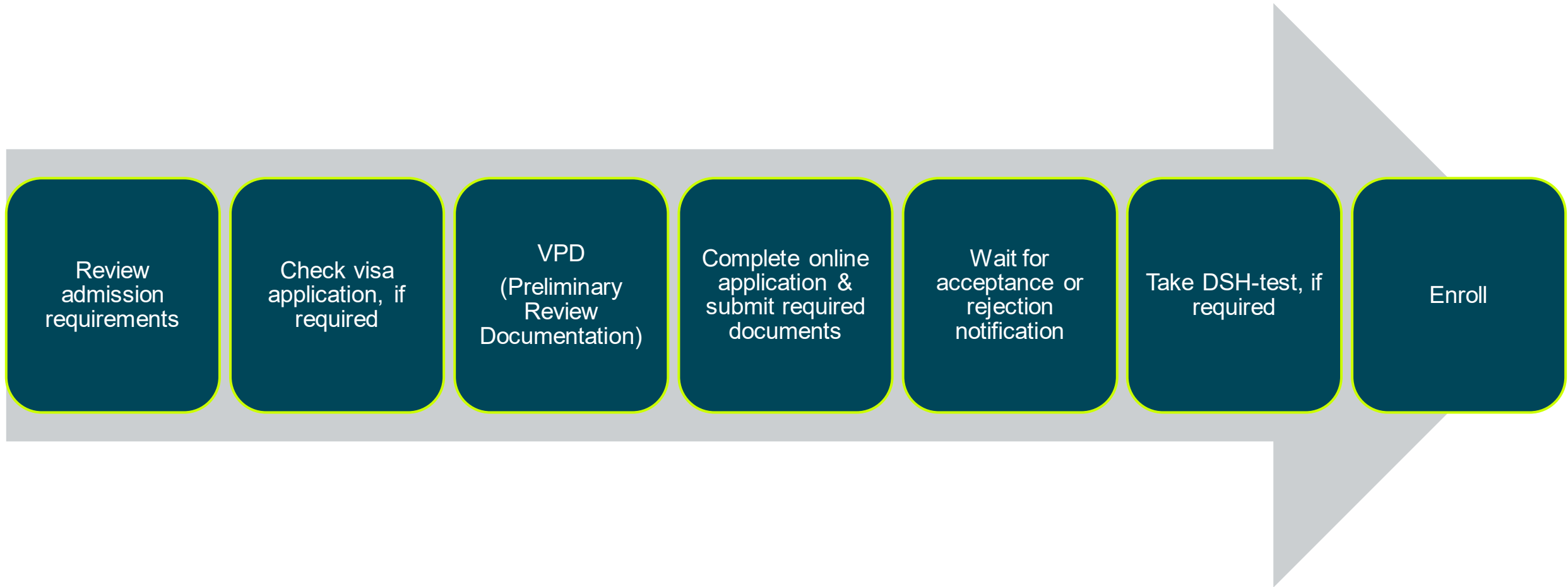
▲ Basic Information

1st Semester Admissions	Restricted admission
Admission for Higher Semesters	Unrestricted admission
Program Start	Winter semester
Language	German
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration	4 semesters

- **„Restricted admission“** → limited number of study places; applicants chosen through different criteria (GPA and others)
- **„Unrestricted admission“** → unlimited number of study places; every applicant who meets the admission requirements, will get offered a study place

Application and Admission Process

Applying in 7 Steps



What type of higher education entrance qualification do I have? (relevant for undergraduate programs)



CHECK

Check: university admission

If you wish to study in Germany, you need a University entrance qualification, called “Hochschulzugangsberechtigung” or “HZB” for short. This database was developed in cooperation with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Its contents are based on the guidelines provided by the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB).

Find out quickly and simply if you are qualified to study in Germany using your Educational certificates.

German Skills

For the **application**, you need one of these certificates

- C1 CEFR certificate with grades
- TestDaF with at least level 4 in two parts and level 3 in two parts (f.e. 4/4/3/3)
- language evaluation test, which attests skills at level C1 CEFR
- DSH 1

For **enrollment** (shortly before semester start), you need one of these certificates

- DSH 2 (test offered by FU Berlin)
- Telc C 1-Hochschule (at least „good“/“**gut**“)
- C 2-Zertifikat des Goethe-Instituts
- Deutsches Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz - Zweite Stufe (DSD II)
- Feststellungsprüfung des Studienkollegs (Assessment Exam of the Studienkolleg)
- TestDaF with at least level 4 in all four parts

Additional Language Skills

Some degree programs require English (or other language) proficiency for enrollment.

What additional language skills do I need to prove?

- You can check on www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/studienangebot/grundstaendige/ whether the degree program of your choice requires additional skills in another language.

How can I provide proof of language skills?

- On the [university's **Application** website](http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/bewerbung/bachelor/allgemein/zugangsvoraussetzungen/) you can learn more about how to prove those language skills.

Questions related to Admission Requirements

Applied Literary Studies - Contemporary Literature

- Master's programs

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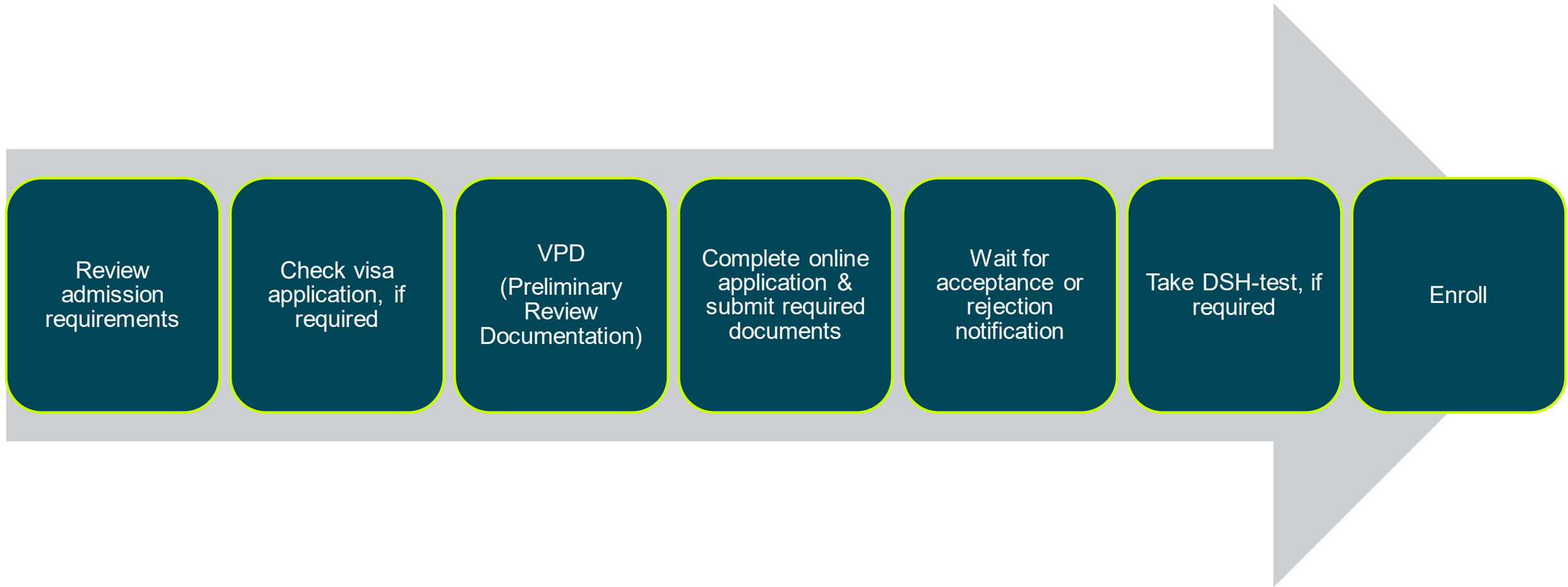
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Applying in 7 Steps



Step 3: Before application – VPD

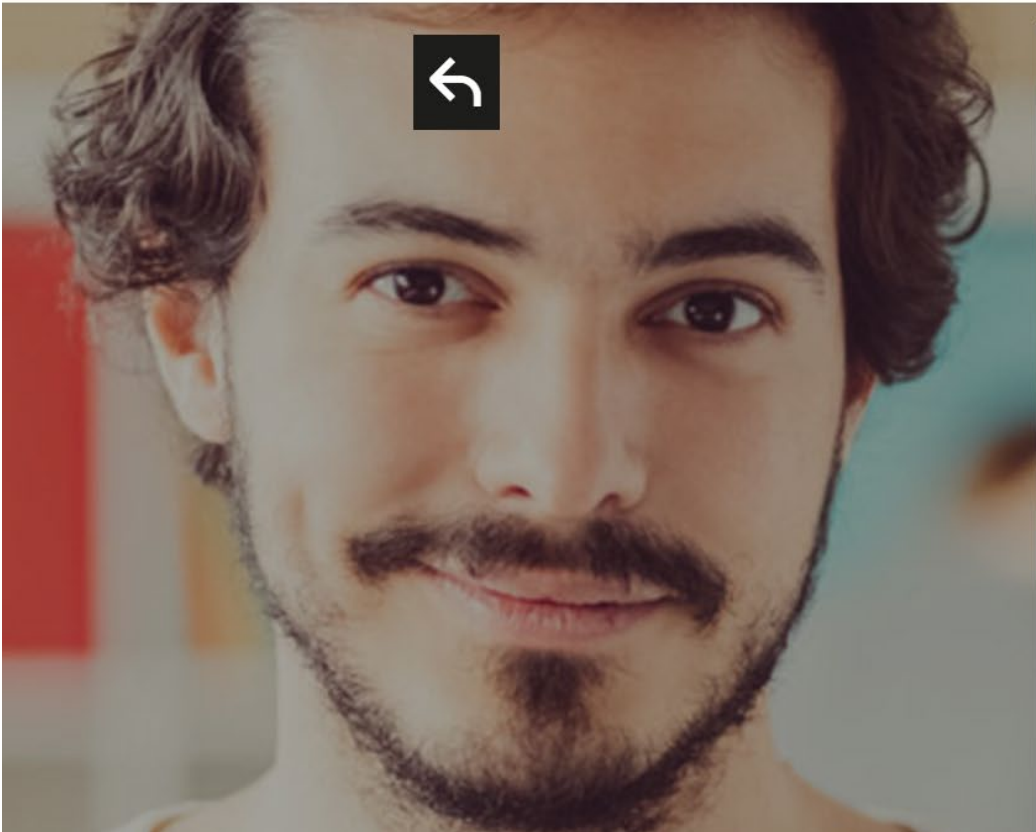


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VPD – preliminary re-view documentation

Some of our universities use special application procedures. Find out here what a VPD ("Vorprüfungsdokumentation") is and what you need to consider.

- ↘ What is a preliminary review documentation (VPD)?
- ↘ Do I need to follow the VPD procedure?
- ↘ How do I get a VPD?
- ↘ How long does processing take?
- ↘ What do I need to do after receiving my VPD?

What is a preliminary review documentation (VPD)?

We create the VPD for some universities. It contains the following information:

- which educational certificates were presented
- how uni-assist evaluates these educational certificates
- how uni-assist rates the grade within the German system of grades

Before application – VPD

- Having the documents of your HZB checked by uni-assist
- Valid for only one university and only for one year

Step 4a: Application for Staatsexamen

No VPD required if you are an EU or EEA national (or if you have German abitur) and apply for:

- **Medicine**
- **Pharmacy**
- **Veterinary Medicine**
- **Dentistry**

Step 4b: Application for Mono Bachelor's programs and Law

No VPD required if you have German abitur.

Register at www.hochschulstart.de

Apply via <https://fu-berlin.hispro.de>

Prioritize your applications, if you have more than one

(Up to 3 applications, but only one admission possible)

Step 4c: Application for Combination Bachelor's programs

No VPD required if you have German abitur.

Apply via <https://fu-berlin.hispro.de>

(Up to 3 applications, but only one admission possible)

Step 4d: Application for Master's programs

No VPD required if you have a German university degree

Apply via <https://fu-berlin.hispro.de>

(Two parallel applications possible)

Application deadlines for Undergraduate Degree Programs

Undergraduate study programs with restricted admission + combination's bachelors

for the summer semester: 01.12. - **15.01.** / for the winter semester: 01.06.- **15.07.**

Undergraduate study programs with unrestricted admission

for the summer semester: 01.12. – **01.03.** / for the winter semester: 01.06. – **01.09.**

Exception:

31.05. (winter semester): High school graduates of earlier years from EEA countries who want to apply for Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy, Human Medicine or Dentistry

Application deadlines for Master Programs

Master programs with restricted admission

for the summer semester: 01.12. - **15.01.** / for the winter semester: 15.04.- **31.05.**

Master programs with unrestricted admission & Master of Education

for the summer semester: 01.12. – **15.02.** / for the winter semester: 15.04. – **15.08.**

Documents needed for the VPD/application

In general:

- Upload school leaving and university certificates (in original language)
- Upload official translations of all certificates **if** issued in any language other than English or German
- If required, upload proof of sufficient knowledge of German

Additional information:

- If you have to prove other language skills for your study program, you need to do so upon enrollment, hence it is not part of the application process.
- Applicants with certificates from **China, India or Vietnam** have to submit the original certification from an Academic Evaluation Centre (Akademische Prüfstelle APS) in addition to the required documents.
- Missing documents due to flight: request self-disclosure form from uni-assist (application still possible)

Special documents needed for Master applications

- If you do not have completed your bachelor's program, you can apply with a Transcript of Records instead under two conditions:
 1. You have completed at least 2/3 of your study program
 2. You have registered for the bachelor's thesis (but not all of our Master programs require this)

Step 5: Admission quotas for Bachelor programs

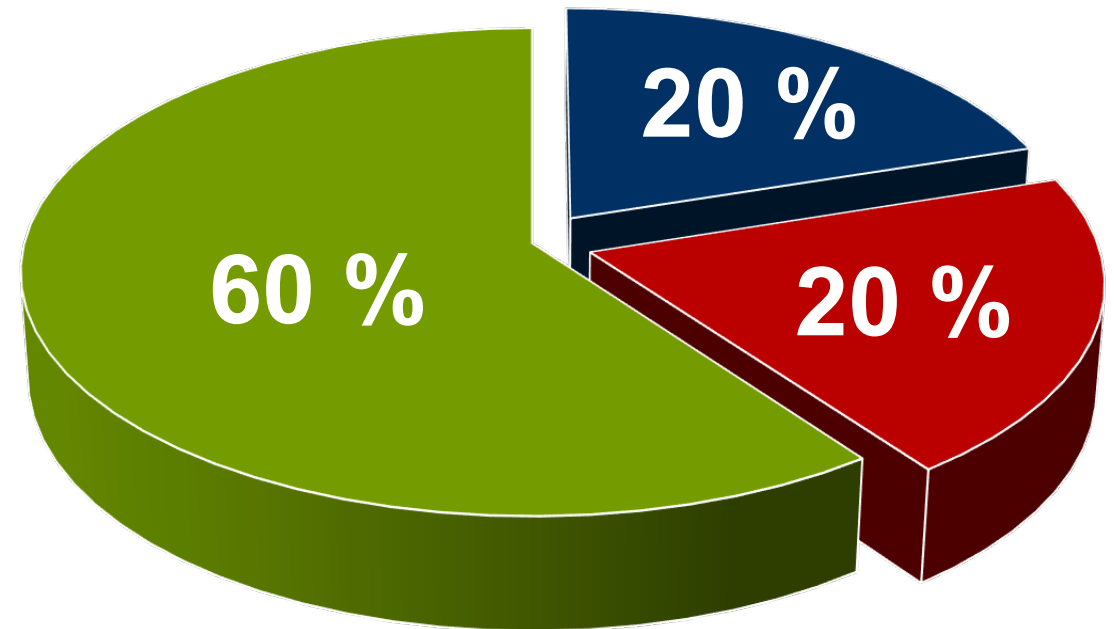
8 % to applicants with no German abitur AND no EU citizenship
(5 % in Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy)

of the rest:

20 % according to the grade point average (GPA)

20 % according to the number of waiting semesters

60 % according to a quota of the university
GPA + practical/vocational experiences,
or GPA + study test



Selection Process for Master programs

➤ **5 % hardships**

Remaining study places:

➤ **20 % wait time**

➤ **80 % university quota***

*calculation depends on the master program's admission statutes; usually the **grade point average** of your bachelor degree **plus additional points** for vocational experience, or subject-related specialisations, or an interview, or a combination of all.

Questions related to your Application

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