Germany—Visa Requirements

A visa is not required for citizens of United States for a stay up to 90 days. However, your passport has to be valid for at least 3 months after your departure date.

**Residence permit**

- All persons who wish to stay in Germany for more than 90 days are required to obtain a residence permit.
- U.S. students may apply for their residence permit after entering Germany without a visa.

**Required Documents**

- Two fully completed application forms and required declaration in duplicate
- Two passport photographs (strict requirements, see details)
- Valid national passport and two copies of the data page
- Letter of acceptance from your German host university (2 copies)
- Evidence of sufficient funds (bank statement)
- Driver’s license
- Visa fee

*Please note these important regulations concerning your travel document/passport:*

(a) its validity has to extend the duration of the visa you are applying for by at least 3 months  
(b) it has to contain at least two blank pages;  
(c) it must have been issued within the previous 10 years. If it has been issued before that, your passport can not be accepted. That even even applies in cases where the validity has been extended by the authorities of your home country.

Visa requirements and application form is found here:  
http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/05__Legal/02__Directory__Services/01__Visa/__Study__Visa.html

If you will be applying for your student visa before leaving the U.S., you must apply in person at the German Consulate (in Chicago). You may make your appointment online:  
http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/03__Consulates/Chicago/03/__Legal.html

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