

# Information for Refugees



Leibniz  
Universität  
Hannover

## Requisites for studying at Leibniz University Hannover

- 1) Higher education entrance qualification (“Abitur”)
  - You need a **higher education entrance qualification**, that is to say an accepted school leaving qualification, which allows you to attend university in your specific country of origin
  - Check on your higher education entrance qualification on “anabin” : [www.anabin.kmk.org](http://www.anabin.kmk.org)
  - If you should have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the International Office!
  - Certificates must be presented in Original and as certified translation
  
- 2) German language
  - **High-level Certificates in German language** are to be submitted for all Bachelor study programs as well as nearly all master study programs
  - When applying, you have to submit at least one (1) certificate which indicates that you have successfully completed the language level “B1”
  - When subscribing, you have to submit a certificate named “DSH2”, “TestDaF4”, “TelcC1” or “GoetheC2”

**DSH-exams** (examples for such exams, deadlines, how to register, courses which are helping you to prepare for such an exam on): [www.fsz.uni-hannover.de/dsh.html](http://www.fsz.uni-hannover.de/dsh.html)

TestDaF: [www.testdaf.de](http://www.testdaf.de)

Goethe Institut Göttingen: [www.goethe.de](http://www.goethe.de)

Telc exams: [www.telc.net/pruefungsteilnehmende/sprachpruefungen.html](http://www.telc.net/pruefungsteilnehmende/sprachpruefungen.html)

There are specific courses for refugees, which are also free of charge. These courses refer to all those who are planning to study. You find information about the one offering these courses below or please contact the International Office directly for more information!

## Direct or indirect higher education entrance qualification

- At “anabin” you can find different levels of university admissions. “Direkter Zugang” (direct access), “Feststellungsprüfung/Studienkolleg (“assessment test”/“foundation course” and subject-oriented.
- Direct access: you are allowed to start your studies immediately.

- Assessment test/foundation course: before starting your studies, you have to complete a foundation course successfully and you have to take an assessment test. After that you will receive a direct and subject-bound higher education entrance qualification. In order to be accepted at the foundation course, you have to also pass an entrance examination.
- Please find information about the foundation course on: [www.uni-hannover.de/de/studium/immatrikulation/bewerbung/hinweise-nicht-eu/hzb/stud-kolleg/](http://www.uni-hannover.de/de/studium/immatrikulation/bewerbung/hinweise-nicht-eu/hzb/stud-kolleg/)
- The foundation course offers courses which prepare for the entrance examination  
For more information please go to: <http://www.stk.uni-hannover.de>
- Subject-oriented: The one who has at one's command a subject-oriented higher education entrance qualification is only allowed to study in specific subject areas. The subject area is being determined by the subject which was studied in the respective country of origin and where you took important exams.

## Application

- **Bachelor:** you can apply for a study program via **uni-assist**. You do not have to pay for uni-assist as a refugee. All you need is a "counselling form" from the Leibniz Universität or a TestAS-certificate.
- Uni-assist is in charge of the assessment of your documents on behalf of Leibniz Universität Hannover. For more information go to: <http://www.uni-assist.de/> as well as <http://www.uni-hannover.de/de/studium/immatrikulation/bewerbung/hinweise-nicht-eu/assist/>
- **Counselling forms** you can receive from Ludolf von Dassel (for contact data please see the end of this letter!)
- **Master:** for master programs please apply directly at Leibniz Universität Hannover <http://www.uni-hannover.de/de/studium/immatrikulation/bewerbung/vergabe/>

## I intend to continue my studies which I started abroad

There are two different ways to continue your studies:

- 1) You apply as described above. After that, please let the course credits you made abroad acknowledge here. It is likely that not all of your performances are being acknowledged or that you will be placed in a lower semester as in your home country.
- 2) As an alternative, you can also be placed in a higher semester. A recommendation after having passed an assessment can be carried out by the appropriate subject area. You can receive a form for this procedure as well as further information on the whole topic from Monday to Friday in the Service Center (Mo-Thu 10am-5pm, Fr 10am-3pm). Please ask for "Admissions"!

## Guest students

- You can subscribe as a **guest students**. As a refugee, this is free of charge. You will not need any references or German-certificates. Please note, the language used in class almost always is German.
- You can attend nearly every lecture and also participate in tests/exams. You always need the assent of the lecturer for this. Performances made in this way can be credited for your studies later. However, there is no legal claim for this. It will be sorted out with the faculties in each particular case.
- As a guest, you can also take part in University sports.
- Guest students are no regular students.

- Info: <https://www.zew.uni-hannover.de/ghs.html>  
phone: 0511-762-5687

## Legal advice

The **Refugee Law Clinic** has established consultation hours for refugees and offers legal advice by law students. The voluntary initiative is open to all those who look for advice and support during their asylum procedures. Counselling can only take place with a fixed appointment!

For more information and contact data please go to: [www.rlc-hannover.de/contact](http://www.rlc-hannover.de/contact)

## Financial Support

**Studentenwerk** Hannover gladly gives advice in questions concerning the finance costs for a study period and financial support. It is highly recommended to use this service.

<http://www.studentenwerk-hannover.de/sozberatung.html>

**BAFöG** for refugees

- There is a certain number of residence permits that enables you to apply for BAFöG and which are of significance for many refugees: residence permits containing a perspective to stay in Germany in the long term: §§22,23 section 1 or 2, the paragraphs §§23a, 25, section 1 or 2 as well as §25a
- Foreigners who are tolerated (§ 60a of the Community law, §25, section 3,4 and 5 of the Community law) educational support will be granted if they are staying in the federal territory of Germany uninterrupted, legally, permitted or tolerated for at least 15 months.
- You are not yet admitted and less than 15 months in Germany? Further on payments can be made according to the benefits law for asylum-seekers.
- Please contact in your specific case also the Job Center, if they take over long-term benefits (e.g. for language courses)

Further options in order to ensure or bypass funding of studies

- So called "Deutschlandstipendien" (300 € per month) and the so called "Niedersachsen-Stipendium" (500 € once)  
<http://www.uni-hannover.de/de/studium/stipendien/stipendienvergabe/>
- Financing of semester contribution by Studentenwerk  
<http://www.studentenwerk-hannover.de/semesterbeitragsstipendien.html>
- Garantiefond Hochschule supplies support in preparation for study. Counselling and financing of language courses. <http://www.caritas-hannover.de/bildung-und-ausbildung/bildungsangebote-fuer-migranten/bildungsberatung-hochschule/bildungsberatung-hochschule>
- No right to obtain BAFöG? Brot für die Welt offers a scholarship program for refugees having no right to obtain BAFöG: <http://info.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/stipendienprogramm/fluechtlingsstipendienprogramm-0>
- As a refugee, it is also possible to receive an education loan: <http://www.bafög.de/de/ist-die-foerderung-von-der-staatsangehoerigkeit-abhaengig--175.php>
- or <http://www.zsb.uni-hannover.de/studienkredite.html>
- Further information on scholarships you can find here: [http://www.international.uni-hannover.de/stipendien\\_hannover.html](http://www.international.uni-hannover.de/stipendien_hannover.html)

## Language courses

**The Leibniz Universität Hannover offers some free German courses, intensive and not intensive, on various levels. Please contact us for more information.**

### Other Possibilities

- For refugees who are staying in one of Hannover's accommodations: financial support for language courses can be applied for via the social workers of the referring accommodations at the supporter's circle of the accommodations for refugees. However, this can be done only as long as those people live in an accommodation for refugees in the city of Hannover and not in the region of Hannover. For further information, please contact the Managing Director of the International Office or the social workers on-site.
- On site of the "Hannover **Aktivpass**", you can receive benefits in many places in the city of Hannover. Among other things this very often refers to language courses as well  
Information: <http://www.hannover.de/For-Refugees/HannoverAktivPass>
- Courses at Volkshochschule Hannover:  
<http://www.vhs-hannover.de/kursprogramm/sprachen.html?q=deutsch#kursliste>
- Courses at Bildungsverein Hannover:  
<https://bildungsverein.de/programm/alle/Sprachen>
- Language courses at Kargah.e.V.  
<http://kargah.de/index.php?lang=de>
- Inlingua School for foreign languages:  
<http://www.inlingua.de>
- Language courses at Arbeit und Leben:  
<http://www.aul-nds.de/62/index.php?id=23>

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Beratungstermine nach Vereinbarung