



Berlin International Students Guide 2023 Entry

MetFilm School Berlin International Students Guide

MetFilm is a world-leading film, television and online media school which offers undergraduate, postgraduate and short courses in London, Leeds and Berlin.

Our mission is to inspire a new generation of creative professionals. We bring the education and screen industries together in a creative environment, driven by great teaching and practical, hands-on experience, led by inspiring tutors.



Berlin Campus

MetFilm School Berlin is based in a working film studio, Atelier Gardens (formerly BUFA Studios), one of the oldest film studios in Europe. In Berlin, we offer a wide variety of courses, including BA Practical Filmmaking, and even some courses we don't offer in the UK, such as MA Documentary & Factual, Three Month Experimental Filmmaking, and an Eight Week Directing course. All courses are taught in English.

Berlin, home to 3.7 million people, is a lively and exciting city. Plus, with every fifth resident being international, it is a city of great diversity and culture.

Application Process

Undergraduate BA Degrees

Entry Requirements

All applicants need to be 18 years or older at the time the programme begins. Applicants under the age of 21 must provide evidence of a minimum of 64 tariff points, or an equivalent level three qualification such as a National Diploma or Baccalaureate/International Baccalaureate. If you have not yet taken your qualifications, you can still apply. Conditional offers will be made in these cases.

If you are over the age of 21, you are considered a mature student, so your application relies on relevant skills and experience rather than academic qualifications.

All applicants will be interviewed, either in person or via online, with a member of our Admissions Team. This will allow us to understand your reasons for applying for a place, and your suitability. We recommend applicants who are unsure if their qualifications meet the academic criteria to submit their application, at which point we can make a full assessment.

Application Deadlines

We qualify applications and interview suitable candidates on a first come first served basis, and accept applications until the available spaces have been filled. International students requiring a visa should apply no later than 3.5 months prior to the start of the course in order to obtain a Confirmation of Acceptance to Study for their visa application in time for their course start date.

Postgraduate MA Degrees

Standard Entry Requirements

All applicants must be 18 years or older at the time that the programme begins. Applicants require a 2:1 honours degree from a UK university or overseas equivalent. Non-EU Applicants need to provide documented evidence of their English language competence to study with us.

Short Courses

All of our Short Courses are open to all, with no formal entry requirements.

Language Requirements

MetFilm School Berlin welcomes students from all over the world. We require applicants for our BA and MA courses to demonstrate a level of English language ability that will allow them to fully benefit from their course.

The School accepts IELTS Academic and TOEFL tests as evidence of English language proficiency, and the English language requirement we set depends on the level you will be studying at:

Undergraduate Courses: For all BA courses, international students need to meet our English language requirement, which is an IELTS overall score of 6.5 (or equivalent), with at least a 6.5 in writing, and 5.5 in listening, reading, and speaking.

Postgraduate Courses: For our MA courses, international students need to meet our English language requirement at either IELTS at 6.5 or above (including at least 6.5 in writing and 5.5 in each other section), TOEFL internet-based test score at 90 or above.

Applicants may not need to prove their knowledge of English if they have completed a qualification equivalent to a UK degree in specific locations. Find out more about this on our website.

Before you Arrive

Visas

I. Short Courses

EEA and Swiss nationals who hold a passport from an EU country, including those from Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland, do not need a visa to enter Germany.

Short Courses are also available to nationals of certain countries (find the full list on our website at metfilmschool.ac.uk/study-with-us/short-courses). However, these students may not stay on German/Schengen territory for more than 90 days in any six month period, nor may they take up gainful employment whilst there.

Students from ALL other countries must apply for a tourist/Schengen visa in order to visit Germany.

II. BA & MA Courses

Our BA and MA courses are officially recognised by the German authorities and qualify for the German Study Visa. Non-EU students studying on our BA and MA courses can extend their residence permit for up to 18 months to find work relating to their studies after graduating.

EEA and Swiss nationals who hold a passport from an EU country, including those from Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland, do not need a visa to enter Germany.

Residence Permit Needed: Nationals of Australia, Israel, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, South Korea, the USA, and the UK do not need a visa, provided they apply for a residence permit (for study purposes) within three months of entering Germany.

Nationals of Andorra, Brazil, El Salvador, Honduras, Monaco, and San Marino can also apply for a residence permit (for study purposes), provided they do not intend to work in Germany before or after completing their studies.

Visa Needed: International students from ALL other countries must have a valid student visa before they travel to Germany.

The German Student Visa

If you fall into the 'Visa Needed' category, you must apply for a visa for study purposes via the German diplomatic representation in your home country.

Students intending to study an undergraduate or postgraduate degree must not travel to Germany on a Schengen/Tourist visa, as it is not possible to convert a tourist visa into a long-term study visa after entering.

The application process for obtaining a German Study Visa may differ depending on your home country. To find the nearest German Embassy or Consulate in your home country, visit auswaertiges-amt.de/en/ausussenpolitik/laenderinformationen.

Most applicants will be required to make an in-person appointment at the embassy in order to apply for their visa.

The German Student Visa is for those who have applied for a course at an institution and have received a letter of admission to the institution.

Working whilst studying: International students are allowed to work 180 half days per year (20 hours per week) whilst studying in Berlin. Please note that the BA and MA programmes are full-time and highly demanding. This does not leave much time to commit to a regular part-time job whilst studying. It is vital that applicants have secured sufficient funds to cover full course fees and all living expenses for the full duration of the course.

Further Advice

You can find out more advice for international students looking to study in Berlin at settle-in-berlin.com/germany-visa/student-visa-germany-application

Upon arrival in Berlin

Setting up residency in Berlin is a two-step process (one-step if you hold EU/EEA citizenship):

1. Registration (Anmeldung): You need to register your current residence with the authorities. Be sure to take your identification and confirmation of rental agreement (Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung) to the appointment.

You will receive a Confirmation of Residency (Meldebescheinigung) - keep it safe, you will need it more than once. You need to have registered with the local authorities before you can take any other administrative steps. You can find a good explanation of this at: settle-in-berlin.com/anmeldung

2. Residence Permit (Aufenthaltserlaubnis): Non-EU/EEA nationals will need to apply for a residence permit if your studies in Germany are longer than 90 days. You can find helpful information on the process here: settle-in-berlin.com/germany-visa

MetFilm School Guides

For further information please download our other Guides:

- UK Accommodation Guide
- Berlin Accommodation Guide
- UK Student Support Guide
- Berlin Student Support Guide
- UK International Students Guide

Please note the information provided in this guide referring to any external company, is provided as an overview only. All details and information are subject to change and may be impacted by Covid 19 restrictions. Please refer to individual websites for the latest information.

Please note this MetFilm School Guide is correct at time of publishing and is subject to change. Please visit the MetFilm School website for the latest information.

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