



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. In 2019/2020 we welcomed over 600 students from 61 countries including; USA, France, Germany, India, Italy and the Netherlands.



Berlin Campus

MetFilm School Berlin is based in a working film studio, 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, Four Week Creative Sound, 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. Berlin is one of the most inexpensive capital cities in Europe, and with every fifth resident being international, it is a city of great diversity and culture.

Getting around Berlin

With great public transport and extensive bike lanes, it is easy to get around in Berlin. The Underground (U-bahn), Overground Schenllbahn (S-bahn) and Ringbahn provide fantastic access to most parts of Berlin and run through the night on weekends - it's a city that never sleeps!

Berlin is also home to Germany's largest tram network, which is comprised of 28 daytime lines and five nighttime lines. Trams are a great way to get to places not served by the U-bahn or S-bahn.

The BVG website has a wealth of information on city transport and prices: bvg.de/en

Prefer cycling instead? Swapfiets is a service providing bicycles for a fixed monthly fee, starting from €18,90. The bike will be delivered free of charge to you, where and when, and if it breaks, the team will provide a new working bike to you within 48 hours.

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 Skype, 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 our BA, DipHE and Cert HE courses, international students need to meet our English language requirement at either IELTS at 6.5 or above (including at least 5.5 in each section), TOEFL internet-based test score at 90 or above.

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 – Up to 3 Months

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

b) Check that your passport is valid for at least six months after the start of your course. If not, apply for a new one as soon as possible. For Short Courses, Tier 4 students must apply with a passport that is valid for the course duration.

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.

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

b) Also available to nationals of Australia, Israel, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, South Korea, the United States of America, and the United Kingdom, provided they apply for a residence permit (for study) within 3 months of entering Germany.

Nationals of Andorra, Brazil, El Salvador, Honduras, Monaco, and San Marino can also do the same, provided they don't intend to work in Germany before/after studies.

c) International students from ALL other countries must have a valid student visa before they travel to Germany.

The German Student Visa

Students who match the criteria for the above listed group **II.C** must apply for a visa for study purposes via the German diplomatic representation in their home country. Students intending to study a BA or MA degree must not travel to Germany on a Schengen/tourist visa, as it is not possible to convert this into a long-term study visa after entering the country.

The application process for obtaining a German Student Visa may differ depending on the country you are applying from. To find the nearest German Embassy or Consulate in your home country, visit embassy-finder.com/germany_ambassies and select your country.

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 (four hours a day) whilst studying in Berlin.

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

All new Berlin residents need to do the Anmeldung, which means registering your current residence with the local authorities. This is one of the most important administrative steps for anybody moving to Germany – no matter if you are an EU/EEA or Non-EU National. For all the details and relevant links visit settle-in-berlin.com/anmeldung

Apply for residence permit (Non-EU Nationals only): On top of the German Student Visa, you will have to apply for a residence permit if you are not an EU/EEA citizen and intend to study for longer than 90 days. For all the details and relevant links visit settle-in-berlin.com/germany-visa/student-visa-germany-application

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For further information please download our other Guides:

- UK Accommodation Guide
- Berlin Accommodation Guide
- UK Finance & Funding Guide
- Berlin Finance & Funding Guide
- UK Student Support Guide
- Berlin Student Support Guide
- UK International Students Guide

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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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