



Berlin International Students Guide 2022 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 and Berlin. This guide gives you an overview of what it is like to study at MetFilm School. We hope you will find it useful and if you have any further questions, please get in touch with us.

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 a 2-year BA Practical Filmmaking, and even some courses we don't offer in London such as MA Documentary & Factual, Four-Week Creative Sound and an Eight-Week Directing course. All our courses are taught in English.

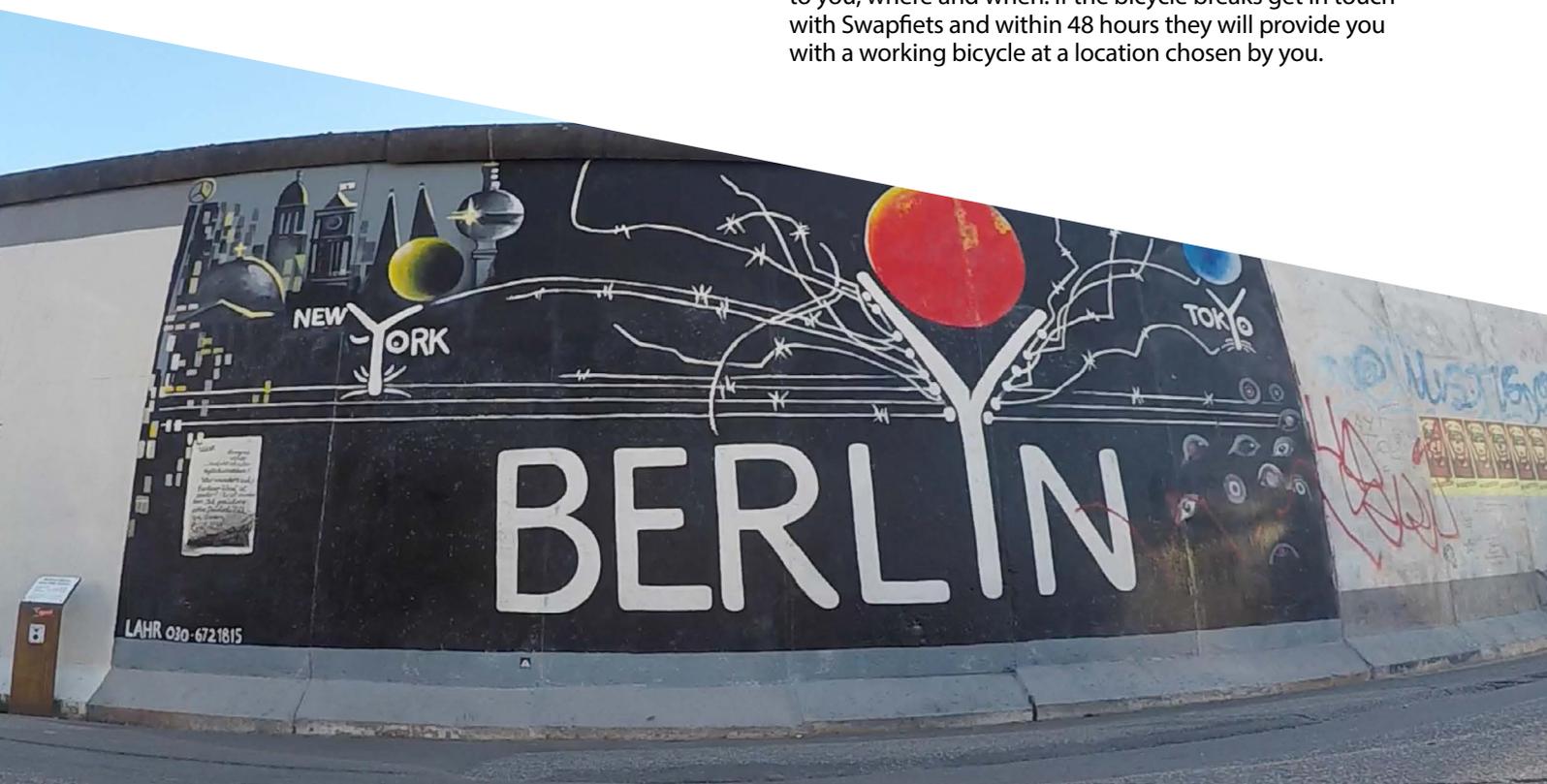
Berlin, home to 3.7 million people is a lively and exciting city. One of the most inexpensive capital cities in Europe, Berlin is now booming in more ways than one. With every fifth resident being international, it's a city of great diversity and culture.

Getting around Berlin

With great public transport and extensive bike lanes, it is easy to get from A to B all year-round. The Underground (U-bahn), the Overground Schnellbahn (S-bahn s-bahn-berlin.de) 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 tramlines. Trams are a great way to get to places not served by the U-Bahn or S-Bahn.

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

Prefer cycling instead? Swapfiets (swapfiets.de/en) is a service providing bicycles for a fixed monthly fee starting from €19.50. The bicycle will be delivered free of charge to you, where and when. If the bicycle breaks get in touch with Swapfiets and within 48 hours they will provide you with a working bicycle at a location chosen by you.



Application Process

Undergraduate BA Degrees

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, then you can still apply. Conditional offers will be made if this is the case. We will convert your grades into UCAS points upon application.

Applicants who are 21 years old are mature students. The selection process for mature students considers previous experience alongside the above academic achievement requirements. Applicants will be guided through the application process by an admissions manager, who will evaluate how your experience will support your undergraduate education. We recommend applicants who are unsure if their qualifications meet the academic criteria submit their application and we will then be able to 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

Entry Requirements

All applicants must be 18 years or older at the time the programme begins. Applicants must also hold 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 a course 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 our applicants onto our Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses to demonstrate a level of English language ability that will allow them to fully benefit from their chosen degree programme.

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 master's 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.

Before you Arrive

Visas

I. Short Courses – Up to 3 Months

- 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.
- 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. Short course. Tier 4 students must apply with a passport that is valid for the duration of the full course.

III. BA & MA Degree Courses

- 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**.
- Also available to nationals of **Australia, Israel, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, South Korea and the United States of America** provided they apply for a residence permit (for study purposes) 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 or after completing their studies.
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- c) International students from ALL other countries must have a valid student visa before they travel to Germany: germany-visa.org/do-i-need-visa/

The German Student Visa

Students who match the criteria of the above listed group III. C must apply for a visa for study purposes via the German diplomatic representation in their home country. Students intending to study a Bachelor or Masters 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 country.

The application process for obtaining a German Study Visa may differ depending on the country you are applying from. To find the nearest German Embassy/Consulate in your home country, visit embassy-finder.com/germany_embassies 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 here: settle-in-berlin.com/germany-visa/student-visa-germany-application/

Upon Arrival in Berlin

All new Berlin residents need to do the **Anmeldung**: Anmeldung in Germany is registering your current residence with the local authorities, living at a specific address. This is one 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 please go to 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 longer than 90 days in Germany. Please follow this link for all the details: settle-in-berlin.com/germany-visa/student-visa-germany-application/

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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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