Common Questions

The most general questions are:

Why do you want to study in Germany?

You can answer it like:

I decided to study in Germany because it has become center of excellence with its high class educational system. Germany is one of the most popular destinations of international student. So deciding for Germany is not uncommon, as German degree is acknowledged all over the world.

Note: Keep in mind to explain the eccentricity and advancement of Germany. Also how you value German degree more than other international countries.

Why did you choose this city?

This should be answered according to the choice of your University City. Search the city carefully before interview. Look for some sightseeing or culturally important areas of that city. Show your interest in going to that particular city.

Why did you choose this program/course? Is this program relevant to your previous studies?

Explain the relation of your previous studies with current program. How this is more advanced in Germany and can provide you better learning environment. How passionate you are about learning in this particular field. And that this will provide you with excellent command over your field. And it will add value to your profile.

• In case, you have switched to a new field, explain how you got interested in that course. How this inspired you to study this and what you want to learn about in this field.

Why did you choose this university and how did you find about it?

Explain how you decide on this university. You can say that this university is top among international students. How it is one of best university for your particular program. They provide great education, great internship opportunities, has low tuition fee and great working environment etc. In case you are about to study through a scholarship, explain you are benefiting from this program greatly.

Note: keep in mind that before the interview search the university and get some insights about what makes this university favorable for you. And what does it offer you.

What are your grades in your bachelors, high school degree and IELTs?

They want to cross check the educational information you provided. Tell them the exact score you have achieved in everything. And also the grading system used in your university and high school.

Can you speak German?

As you are moving to Germany they ask you about German language skill. If you speak German or have certificate show it to them. In case you do not speak German tell them you are currently learning it and you will improve it further by taking courses in Germany.

Who is sponsoring your education?

They want to cross-check your sponsorship documents. If you have a sponsor you should know about their job and annual salary. You have to prove that they can support you financially through your studies mostly by banks statement. Also show them your blocked account statement.

In case you are going on scholarship. Show them scholarship awarding certificate as it will be funding your studies.

Would you return to your country after completing your studies?

You should tell them that your main goal is to return to your country after completion of your degree. And tell them that you will use your knowledge and skills acquired in Germany to impact your own country. You should show no intention of staying in Germany after completing your studies.

Note: Keep in mind that a student visa is granted with intention that student will return to his country after his studies. Even though most students would prefer to stay in Germany after completion of their studies, this is not what the German government wants. They want students to take the knowledge they learned in Germany to their countries

Other Questions

The interviewer may ask some other questions that vary from person to person.

About Germany

Name any tourist places in Germany and why they are famous?

Mention some German parks, palaces, museums, Berlin wall, and other sightseeing spots that are considered country's best attractions.

How many borders does Germany have and with which countries?

Mention all the neighboring countries you know about. Remember to search about Germany before interview. Germany has nine neighbors. It includes countries Czech Republic, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Poland, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Netherlands and France.

How many states are there in Germany, and can you name some of them?

They are simply interested in your Germany knowledge. Germany has 16 states. You just have to know about some of states you can mention to show your interest.

Related to your program

What benefits can this program bring for you?

Mention how you can advance in your carrier through this program. The job options you are expecting to have after your graduation at a German university. Tell them your country in this field lack of expertise. And that you will multiple opportunities in your country after completion of this course.

What is the Program start date?

They want to know the date of your enrollment in university as a student. You have to mention this according to the information on your admission letter from the university.

Is the program completely in English?

Tell them if are going to study in an international program or a regular program. Usually international programs are offered in English completely, but some may include German lesson. Keep in mind to have the exact information about the language of your studies; otherwise it leaves a bad impression.

Note: If your program is taught in English (international program) then you are not required to present any German language certificate. However, if your program requires German (even partial) then it is obligatory for you to present some German language certificate to prove your German knowledge.

Name some of the famous researchers in your field of study?

Mention several famous researchers of your field, who are your inspiration and motivation. Take time and make make a list of all important researchers and researches before the interview.

Related to you

Where will you stay in Germany?

They want to know what type of accommodation you have found. There are different types of accommodations available to international students in Germany like private accommodation, student hostels, shared room etc. If you have found a place to stay in Germany provide the exact address. It's better to make accommodation arrangements in advance. Your University can help you in this.

What is your intended travel date?

You should mention the travel dates according to your travel ticket. Be careful that these dates have to early enough that you can register yourself and get enrolled.

What do you plan to do during your vacations?

You should show no interest of getting a job in vacations. You should mention about your intentions to go back to your home country to reunite with family and friends during the semester break. You should never say anything that shows your plan to work in Germany as that shows you lack financially. This shows that you are traveling to Germany intending for employment instead of studying there.

Do you have any relative or friend in Germany?

Be truthful for this. Only your immediate relatives i.e. own brother, sister, father or mother. You do not have to say anything about your distant aunt or uncle staying there. Usually it is not considered favorable if any of your relative is overstaying in Germany.

Who all are earning members in your Family?

They are interested to check if you have a strong financial background. Mention all earning immediate family members of your like your Father, Mother, brother.