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On this page you can find further information and links. Most of these offers are free for you. In addition to general information about universities in Germany, there are links to e-learning platforms, counseling and financing offers in Schleswig-Holstein as well as language classes.

General information in Flensburg

Flüchtlingshilfe Flensburg e.V.

Flüchtlingshilfe Flensburg e.V. is a meeting place for voluntary helpers from different nations, cultures and age groups, who have made it their task to assist refugees with their integration into society. The association assists refugees in everyday life tasks such as visiting a government office.

www.fluechtlingshilfe-flensburg.de

Diakonisches Werk- Care facility

The Diakonisches Werk takes care of refugees and asylum seekers who came recently to Flensburg and whose residence status is still unclear. The tasks of the responsible persons are, for example, assistance and support in everyday life, in public institutions or even in language development.

<https://www.kirchenkreis-schleswig-flensburg.de/rat-und-hilfe/flucht-und-migration.html>

AWO IntegrationsCenter Flensburg

The *Integration Center AWO* is a specialized service for the integration of immigrants. The main goal of the organization is to encourage and help refugees in the social, professional or other environments and the prospects of future work, school, education and training.

<http://awo-sh.de/de/migration/hamburg/item/260-integrationscenter-flensburg.html>

Language courses in Flensburg

Berlitz Language School

The Berlitz Language School in Flensburg offers various language courses in different kind of groups. There are for example English and German courses. Further information about the timetables, prices and different language levels can be found here:

<http://www.berlitz.de/en/>

Volkshochschule Flensburg

The Volkshochschule Flensburg offers not only political, cultural and vocational courses but also a lot of language courses, e.g. English and German. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.vhs-flensburg.de/>

"Sprache für Alle" - Students teach German

Four students of the EUF in the fields of DaZ (Deutsch als Zweitsprache / German as a second language) and PMSKS (education for people with speech and communication disorders) have teamed up to help migrated people in Flensburg. The main goal of the organization is to offer easily accessible and free language classes for refugees and migrants. The initiative "Sprache für Alle" was founded end of 2013, and now it is a registered NGO.

<http://www.sprache-fuer-alle.org/en-index.html>

Study in Germany

Study-in

Study-in is an online platform helping you with everything you need to know about Germany: finding a program, financing your studies, requirements and learning German.

<https://www.study-in.de/refugees/>

DAAD-Information for International students

You've just arrived in Germany? Welcome to the country! If you have any questions or problems, you're not alone at your university. We'll explain to you, step by step, all the things you have to do. And we show you who's on hand to offer you guidance and help.

<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/en/>

The Higher Education Compass

The Higher Education Compass contains information about the current degree programs on offer at German universities. The information regarding the individual programmes of study is based on the latest information and is entered and updated by the universities themselves. This allows you to access first-hand information and perhaps begin studying on your desired degree program soon.

<https://www.hochschulkompass.de/en/study-in-germany.html>

Study in Schleswig-Holstein

Study Buddy

Study Buddy is a mentoring-program for international and German students, with the intention to encourage the contact and exchange between international and German students and so the intercultural life at the universities of Schleswig-Holstein. Two students (international & German) get in touch due to similar interests and languages. The Study Buddies meet in their free time and do, what is fun for them. They decide, how often they want to meet. There are also some events, in which Study Buddies can join all together.

<http://www.studentenwerk.sh/en/international/study-buddy-programme/study-buddy-programme.html>

Refugees in Schleswig-Holstein

Every day people come to Germany and hope for a peaceful life and a chance for a new beginning. Everyday we face new challenges and Schleswig-Holstein helps. No matter if you are a principal or a volunteer, young or old. We inform you in different languages about your first steps in Germany. You can also find general information about life in Germany.

http://www.schleswig-holstein.de/DE/Schwerpunkte/InformationenFluechtlinge/Sprachen/_documents/Englisch/LebenInDeutschland_Fachinhalte/LD62_Familien

Online platforms

Portal "ich-will-deutsch-lernen"

The online-portal "ich-will-deutsch-lernen" provides exercises which can be completed at different levels and can be repeated all the time. You don't have to pay for anything.

<https://www.iwdl.de/cms/en/lernen/start.html>

Workshop "The Silent University"

The Silent University is an autonomous knowledge exchange platform by refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. It is led by a group of lecturers, consultants and research fellows. Silent University has involved those that have had a professional life and academic training in their home countries, but are unable to use their skills.

The initiative aims to challenge the idea of silence as a passive state, and explore its powerful potential through performance, writing, and group reflection.

<http://thesilentuniversity.org/>

Kiron University

Kiron University is a free online learning platform. Kiron offers preparatory online courses for refugees with the possibility to register later at one of the partner universities. The whole online degree is in English.

kiron.ngo

Languages and databases

TestAS

TestAS is a central standardised aptitude test for foreign students. TestAS gives prospective students information about their individual ranking compared to other applicants. With good results, they can improve their chances of being admitted for studies at a German university.

https://www.testas.de/en/index_en.htm

OnSet for Refugees

The Online Language Placement Test is suitable for refugees who wish to attend a language course before they begin or continue their studies in Germany. Registered refugees can take the test for free in German (formerly known as the onDaF) or English.

Your onSET result will help you find the appropriate language course. Colleges and language course providers will quickly be able to assign you to the course that is best for you.

<https://refugees.onset.de/en/>

uni-assist

Uni-assist supports both the universities as well as foreign students when applying for a study program in Germany. They are mainly responsible for examining certificates and documents submitted with the applications.

http://www.uni-assist.de/index_en.html

Financing your studies

Studentenwerk SH (BAföG)

The Studentenwerk works to provide a variety of opportunities for students in Schleswig Holstein. If you have any questions or problems, for example about daily life in Germany living with others in a flat or dormitory, integration, negative experiences with other, we want to support you for successful studies and wonderful

experiences during your time in the northern part of Germany.

<http://www.studentenwerk.sh/en/home/startseite.html>

Professional recognition

Recognition in Germany

Refugees may also find it important to gain recognition of the professional or vocational qualifications they hold in order to gain entry to the German labour market. In some cases, recognition is a mandatory prerequisite to work in certain professions. "Recognition in Germany" has collated the relevant information and services relating to how such professional recognition can be obtained.

<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/index.php>

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