# Information event for prospective refugee and international students from Ukraine





Leipzig University of Applied Sciences





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# Studying in Leipzig?

Information for prospective students with a refugee background

# Direct or indirect HZB (HZB = Hochschulzugangsberechtigung)

Hochschulzugangsberechtigung (HZB) = higher education entrance qualification

#### **Direct HZB**

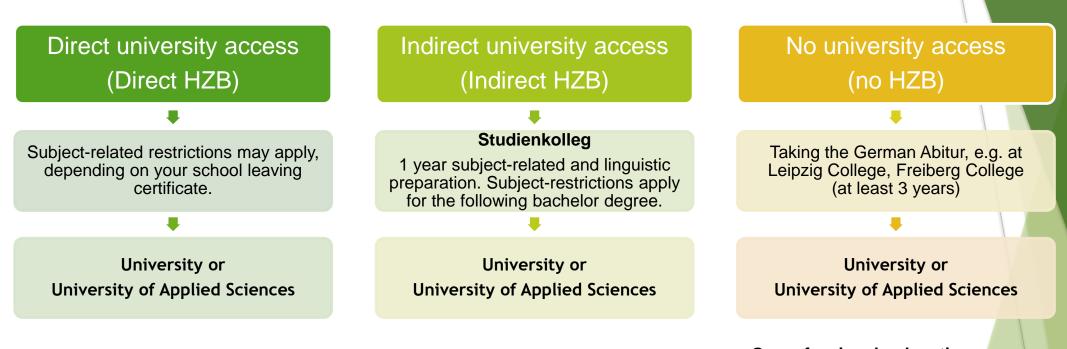
- Your educational qualification is equivalent to a German Abitur. You can apply <u>directly</u> for an undergraduate course (bachelor degree, Diplom and State Examination programmes).
- For HTWK Leipzig and University Leipzig your knowledge of German must be at least equivalent to C1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
  - If you do not have the required knowledge of German, you can attend a preparatory German course (DSH course - DSH = Deutsche Sprachprüfung Hochschulzugang), lasts 6 months).

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#### Indirect HZB

- > Your educational qualification does not meet the admission requirements for directly studying at a German university or university of applied sciences.
- You need to pass an assessment test called Feststellungsprüfung (FSP) <u>before</u> commencing your studies. You can take this assessment test either externally or after completing a preparatory course at a Studienkolleg.
- > The Studienkolleg course lasts two semesters = 1 year.



Or professional education (Ausbildung)

# Which qualifications do I need?

Direct university access (direct HZB) – qualifications for University / University of Applied Sciencec:

Direct higher education entrance qualification German language skills at level C1

any additional requirements (depending on the course and university)

Indirect university access (indirect HZB) – qualifications for Studienkolleg :

Indirect higher education entrance qualification German language skills at level B1

# How to check the validity of your school leaving certificate

- > Pre-examination possible via:
  - ▶ In German: <u>https://anabin.kmk.org/anabin.html</u>
  - In English: <u>https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/admission-database/</u>

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#### Ukraine

https://www.daad.de/ en/study-andresearch-ingermany/plan-yourstudies/admissiondatabase/

#### In which country did you gain your most recent qualification?

Ukraine

#### Grade report

You cannot/could not complete your school year, academic year or degree due to your displacement and you lack the necessary proof of education: In this case, it may be possible to assess your university entrance qualification on the basis of the resolution by the Standing Conference of Education Ministers dated April, 5, 2022. We recommend seeking clarification on a case-by-case basis.

CURRENT INFORMATION can be found on the website of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (KMK/ZAB):

Svidoctvo pro zdobuttja povnoji zahal'noji serednoji osvity (ab 2019) / Atestat pro povnu zahal'nu serednju osvitu (bis 2018)

dyplom kvalifikovanoho robitnyka

dyplom molodsoho specialista

successfully completed higher education studies of at least 4 years (bakalavr)

Please select...

\*) The following condition applies: You are required, as a general rule, to have studied as a full-time student at a recognised higher education institution according to the given study regulations. You

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#### Ukraine

Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (KMK/ZAB):

Ukraine – Informationen zur Anerkennung

Choose your grade report and answer each country-specific question.

What type of grade report do you have?

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#### Final year

In which period of time did you complete your school education?

acquired from 2012

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#### Study periods

no periods of study

at least 1 successful academic year at a higher education institution

Please select...

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Ukraine

#### Study periods

Have you already studied successfully at a higher education institution in the Ukraine or in another CIS country\*)?

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no periods of study

\*)You are required to have studied as a full-time student at a state or an accredited private higher education institution in an accredited course of study according to the given study regulations. You are furthermore required to submit a summary of the subjects and marks.

## Your possibility of admission:

With your educational background, you qualify for **general admission to a preparatory course/the Feststellungsprüfung (university qualification exam)** for all higher education institutions including free choice of the Schwerpunktkurs (focus course).

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#### Your possibility of admission:

With your educational background, you qualify for **direct subject-restricted admission** for academic studies in the subject area of your previous academic studies and related subjects.

# When and how do I apply?

- Winter semester starts in October / summer semester starts in April
  - Most degrees start in October
- Application deadlines depending on the university / university of applied siences
- Application procedure via Uni-Assist or the university

# Fields of study

Study course	University / University of Applied Sience	
Engineering and economics, media, social work, computer science, cooperative courses	Hochschule für Technik, Wirtschaft und Kultur Leipzig (University of Applied Sience HTWK) University of Applied Sciences Merseburg (FH Merseburg)	
Wide range of subjects (no engineering)	Universität Leipzig (University of Leipzig)	
dual, practice-integrated courses in the fields of business, technology, social affairs and health	Berufsakademie Sachsen (Professional Academy Saxony)	
Management courses (taught in English)	Handelshochschule Leipzig (HHL)	
Painting/graphics, book art/graphic design, photography and media art	Hochschule für Grafik und Buchkunst (HGB)	
Instruments, singing, music theater, acting, dramaturgy, musicology	Hochschule für Musik und Theater (HMT)	
Dual bachelor's degree	iba - University of Cooperative Education Leipzig	



# HTWK at a glance;

#### **I-ITWK** Wirtschaft und Kultur Leipzig



Studieren an der HTWK Leipzig

## The HTWK Leipzig at a glance



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#### Faculties

- Architektur & Sozialwissenschaften
  - Architecture & Social Sciences
- Bauwesen
  - Civil Engineering
- Digitale Transformation
  - Digital Transformation
- Informatik & Medien
  - Computer Science and Media
- Ingenieurwissenschaften
  - Engineering
- Wirtschaftswissenschaft & Wirtschaftsingenieurwesen
- Business Administration and Industrial Engineering
- 6 faculties, 23 bachelor and 20 master degree programs
- More than 6,500 students

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## Characteristics of a university of applied sciences

Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften (HAW)

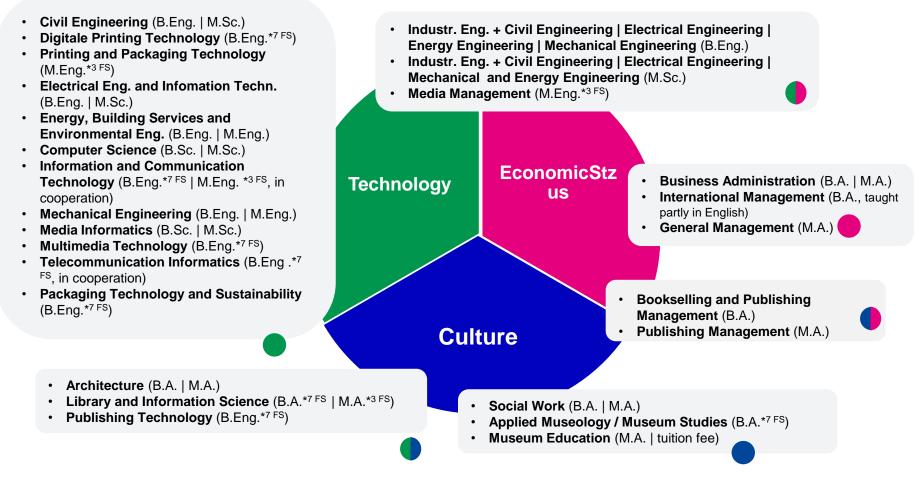
- Fixed curricula and timetables, small study groups
- Practice-oriented learning (practical semester, practical projects, etc.)
- Numerous cooperations, especially with regional companies



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**I-ITWK** 

## Degree programs



B.A./M.A. = Bachelor/Master of Arts | B.Eng./M.Eng. = Bachelor/Master of Engineering | B.Sc./M.Sc. = Bachelor/Master of Science Bachelor: duration 6 semesters, Master: duration 4 semesters | Deviating semester duration is marked with \*.

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## **I-ITWK**

## Application at HTWK Leipzig

- All degree programs are taught in German and have restricted admission.
- Numerus clausus for international applicants: www.htwk-leipzig.de/index.php?id=35387&no\_cache=1

Very good knowledge of German is necessary for studies C1: DSH-2, TestDaF 4x4, telc C1 Hochschule, Goethe C2

#### > 2 possibilities of study preparation:



I-ITWK

"Studienkolleg" or German course for those who have direct access to a degree program

#### Study preparation in the Studienkolleg at the University of Applied Sciences Zittau/Görlitz

- ➢ Online application via <u>www.uni-assist.de</u> for the desired degree program (75,-€ + 30,-€ for each additional application)
- > B1 is necessary for the application to the Studienkolleg or DSH-course
- > DSH-course in Zittau and Studienkolleg are free of charge for everybody
- Places are limited

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## Timeline for the application process

#### **Direct access to studies:**

01.05. - 15.07. Application period winter semester 01.11. - 15.01. Application period summer semester

#### Study preparation:

15.06. or 15.12. Application deadlines for German course (DSH) or Studienkolleg

Entrance test German course or Studienkolleg in Zittau (approx. 3 hours from Leipzig) End of August (30.08.22) | beginning of February (07.02.23)

Application via www.uni-assist.de



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## Study counseling



Juliane Keil per E-Mail: <u>study@htwk-leipzig.de</u> Telefon: 0341/3076 6189

htwk-leipzig.de/studies/before-yourstudies/how-to-apply/

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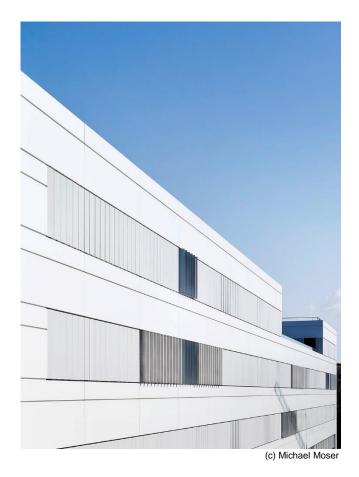
## Partner universities in Ukraine

National Technical University of Ukraine – Igor Sikorsky Polytechnic Institute (Kyiv)

Ukrainian Academy of Printing (Lwiw)

Poltava National Technical Yuriy Kondratyuk University (Poltava)

You come from a partner university in Ukraine and want to study at HTWK? Contact incoming@htwk-leipzig.de







# Leipzig University at a glance

## HERZLICH WILLKOMMEN AN DER UNIVERSITÄT LEIPZIG

WELCOME TO LEIPZIG UNIVERSITY

IHRE STABSTELLE INTERNATIONALES YOURS INTERNATIONAL CENTRE JUNE 8, 2022

## **COURSES OF STUDY**

- Choose from over 150 degree programmes (but no technical or engineering courses)
- Overview study programmes: <u>www.uni-leipzig.de/ +courses-of-study</u>

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Search term	DEGREE	~	FIELD OF STUDY	~	ADMISSION RESTRICTION	~
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# APPLICATION & DOCUMENTS



## Online application via Bassist

- Secondary School Certificate, including grades
- If applicable: Proof of obtained university degrees, including transcript of records
- Proof of language proficiency
- Some study programmes (and most Master's programmes) additionally require other documents and/or an aptitude test or an evaluation of subject-specific admission requirements
- You can apply to Leipzig University for a maximum of two study programmes at once

## DEADLINES



- Preparatory course (Studienkolleg): 15.06.2022
- Undergraduate programmes: 15.07.2022 / 01.09.2022 (study programmes free admission)
- Master programmes: 31.05.2022
- The registration of the aptitude test or evaluation of subject-specific admission requirements might be necessary at the same time (or even earlier in some cases!) to your uni-assist application

## PREPARATORY GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSES (DSH)

FOR ALL STUDY PROGRAMMES EXCEPT MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, PHARMACY AND VETERINARY MEDICINE



#### Level B2 – C1

<u>requirements:</u> direct university entrance qualification, aim to study at Leipzig University, German language certificate B1 *or* 500 hours of German lessons



#### Application periods:

winter semester: beginning of April–15 June (course start October) summer semester: 1 Nov–15 Dec (course start April)



#### application via uni-assist (https://my.uni-assist.de)

application must be made for the **study programme** you would like to study after finishing the DSH course

Duration: one semester



**Fees**: 2200 euros + 150 euros (DSH examination) **Certificate:** Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang (DSH)

You will be **enrolled** for the duration of the course



#### **PREPARATORY GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSES FOR REFUGEES**



#### Level A1 – C1

<u>requirements:</u> university entrance qualification, aim to study at Leipzig University, registered as refugee, German language knowledge (if possible)



application via uni-assist (https://my.uni-assist.de) -applying for "Deutschkurs für Geflüchtete"

#### next courses: October 2022

application deadline: please

**Duration:** 3 to 12 months – depending your knowledge/qualification:

indirect university entrance qualification: participation until level B1 direct university entrance qualification: participation until level C1 (DSH)





For more information, please check our webpage www.uni-leipzig.de/+refugees

**no student status** during the course **No fees** need to be paid



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## VIELEN DANK! / THANK YOU!

### **Stabsstelle Internationales / International Centre**

Goethestraße 3-5 04109 Leipzig

Contact us: https://www.uni-leipzig.de/en/international/contact-and-advice

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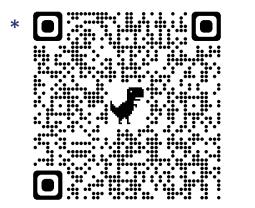


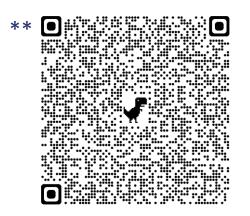
# What are my options for a residence permit in Germany?



### Important

- we cannot give you any legally binding
  - information as we aren't lawyers
- we can only give advice on the options
- an individual counselling is recommended
  - Welcome Center Leipzig (\*)
  - Advisory Centres For Migrants (\*\*)









### Ukrainian Citizens: §24 Residence Act (temporary protection)

- residency in Ukraine (not only for a short time) and
- home country can not offer protection or is not considered safe
- § 24 Residence Act goes back to Directive 2001/55/EC, First implementation of the directive on 4.3.2022
- residence permit is issued for two years. It can be extended up to three years in total
- entitles the holder to any type of gainful employment (also self-employment)
- Admission to integration courses is possible (§ 44 Abs. 4 AufenthG)
- Family reunification is generally allowed if the family unit already existed before the flight
- Entitlement to financial benefits for housing and living costs through SGB II from Jobcenter



### Residence opportunities for non-Ukrainians with a regular previous stay in Ukraine

Normally most nationalities need a national visa before entering Germany – exception: citizens

from outside of Europe with regular prior residence in Ukraine do not need a visa

- Legal stay without a visa until 31.08.2022 possible, no application for a residence permit necessary during this time
- If you wish to stay in Germany application for a residence permit for the period thereafter by
   31st of August 2022 necessary.
- If you apply or already applied for a residence permit you get a so called "Fiktionsbescheinigung"



### Residence opportunities for non-Ukrainians with a regular previous stay in Ukraine

- If you already have one you probably applied for §24 Residence Act
- As far as we know, Foreigner's Office Leipzig will soon send information to applicants asking if you whether want to continue to apply for §24 Residence Act - if yes and if your application will be rejected, no possibility to change into §16 Residence Act (Study or PHD Visa) later.
- you should decide for yourself whether this application has a good chance of success



### Chances to get §24 Residence Act

- People who had refugee status or permanent residence (unlimited residence permit) in Ukraine have a good chance to get §24 residence law.
- In other words, people who have had their center of life in Ukraine for a long time.

- This does not apply to people who were in Ukraine to study.
- Good chance: people from Syria, Eritrea and Afghanistan and people who can prove a civil partnership with Ukrainian citizens



### Chances to get §24 Residence Act

- Everyone else: individual proof that it is not possible to return to the country of origin
- where there is an obvious risk to the safety of the person concerned resulting from armed conflict or prolonged violence, documented risk of persecution or other inhuman or degrading treatment
- for an unlimited return to the country of origin, the person should have prospects for meeting his or her basic needs and the possibility of reintegration into the society

- personal (!), provable persecution
- lack of medical care for specific diseases
- pregnancy (short term obstacle to deportation), illness, family connection with German father/mother of common child(ren)



### Chances to get §24 Residence Act

- application for residence title according to §24 Residence Act can be withdrawn
- or it can also be announced that an application for another residence title will be submitted
- Background: if there is a reasonable prospect of another residence title being issued, clarification of the possibility of returning to the country of origin is of secondary importance

- application for another residence title must be handed in by the end of August in order to have a legal stay in Germany
- the time until then can be used to create the conditions for another residence title



### Possible residence permits if the special requirements are met:

- §24 Residence Act (temporary protection)
- Residency in the context of educational migration
- Residency in the context of labour migration



### Residency in the context of educational migration

- Residency for the purpose of education/vocational training (§16a Residence Act)
- Residency for the purpose of studying (§16b Residence Act)
- Residency for the purpose of attending a language course (§16f Residence Act)
- Residency for the purpose of seeking a vocational training or university (§17 Residence Act)



### intensive language course

- § 16f Residence Act for max. 12 months
  - Proof of enrolment in an intensive language course of at least 18 hours per week.
  - The language course must be financed.
  - Proof of securing a livelihood for the duration of the stay in Germany with 947.10 EUR per month (usually blocked account or a letter of commitment) – actually reduced amount
  - Search for language courses:
    - KURSNET <u>https://www.kursnet-</u> online.arbeitsagentur.de/onlinekurs/
    - Leipzig University language courses
    - HTWK Leipzig language courses
  - Working is not permitted with this residence permit.

### vocational training

- §16a Residence Act
  - training contract
  - approval of the Federal Employment Agency (incl. priority check) has been obtained.
  - Proof of German language skills B1 (B2 recommended). It is possible to take part in an upstream language course from the language level B1.
  - Proof of subsistence support of 832.00 EUR per month (903.00 EUR gross if training allowance is paid).
  - Securing livelihood: 10 hours of work per week is permitted with this residency.
  - blocked account or a declaration of commitment
  - With this residence title it is not possible to receive social benefits, e.g. housing benefit.



### **Study purposes**

- §16b Residence Act max. 10 years
  - letter of admission from the university
  - proof of German language skills C1 or, in the case of English course, equivalent English language skills.
  - proof of a secured livelihood of 861.00 EUR (usually blocked account)
  - Employment of up to 120 full days or 240 half days per year is possible.
  - Information on admission to the university is provided by the university's home page | uni-assist e.V.

### Search for a training place or place of study

- §17 Residence Act for max. 6 months
  - Maximum age of 25 years (only if you are looking for a vocational training).
  - Proof of a school leaving certificate, which entitles the holder to study at a university in the country of origin.
  - Proof of securing a livelihood for the duration of the stay in Germany with 947.10 EUR per month.
  - Proof of German language skills B1.
  - Potential training positions in Germany: Job search of the BA - Training.



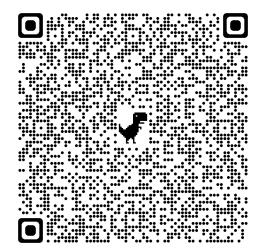
### Labour migration

- Residency for an employment as a skilled worker (academic or with vocational training) (§18 Residence Act) 1
- Residency for the purpose of seeking employment (§20 Residence Act)
- Residency for the purpose of qualification in the context of professional recognition (§16d Residence Act)
- Residency for special employment purposes or voluntary services (§19c Residence Act)
- Residency for the purpose of freelance work (§20 (5) Residence Act)



### Advice and contact points labour migration

 Counselling by a migration counselling centre or an asylum counselling centre is possible.



- Questions about the recognition of vocational qualifications:
  - IBAS counselling centre in Leipzig offers counselling on the recognition of foreign vocational and academic qualifications and provides information on procedures, documents and the responsible offices.
  - counselling is free of charge and confidential
  - First contact e-mail to <u>anerkennung@exis.de</u>



### Asylum

- if there are Asylum reasons one can apply for asylum
- Get good advice before seeking for Asylum.
- Grounds for asylum are examined in an interview
- Consequences Asylum in short:
  - applicants are obliged to live in a certain place in an initial reception centre
  - access to the labour market is severely restricted
  - change to another residence title (e.g. study or employment) is no longer possible once an asylum application has been filed
  - this also applies if an asylum application that has been filed is withdrawn

- Refugee Law Clinic Leipzig <u>https://rlcl.de/</u>
- Amnesty Leipzig <u>https://amnesty-</u>

leipzig.de/termin/asylberatung-asylum-

counseling/



### Sources

htwk-leipzig.de/index.php?id=38470&no\_cache=1





## How can I fincane my studies?



### Financial Options for people with §24 Residence Act

#### BAföG

- from 1 June 2022 on eligibility for BAföG with §24 Residence Act
- "German Federal Training Assistance Act" (Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz, short BAföG)
- Payment: monthly
- 2 types:
  - BAföG for pupils: abitur + preparatory courses + certain training courses
  - BAföG for students: studies at higher education institutions

- amount is calculated on an individual basis
- Individual review of
  - residence permit (§8 BAföG)
  - enrollment at a university and intended degree (state examination, bachelor, master)
  - age
  - previous periods of study and change of subject
  - income situation (own, that of parents/parent, spouse:in)
  - Advice: pre-application possible



### Maximum rate BAföG

- Basic need: 427€, (449€ from winter semester 2022 on)
- Rent costs when living without your parents: 325€, (360€)
- Rent costs when living with your parents: 56€, (59€)
- Student parents who receive BAföG with at least one child of their own under the age of 14 -childcare supplement of 150€, (160€) per child per month
- Student health insurance/care insurance: 84, (94€) health insurance / 25€, (28€) care insurance
- Students older than 30 years can receive more money for health and care insurance, up to a maximum of 189€, (205€)
- More information and counselling: <u>https://www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/en/bafoeg-financing</u>



### **Other Options of Study Financing**

- working next to your studies
- scholarships
- student loans (difficult with a temporary limited student visa)
- part-time studies / ALG II (pregnancy, raising children, chronical illness, impairment)

### Counselling Option:

- Social Counselling Studentenwerk Leipzig
- www.stwl.de/en/counsellingsocial/international-students



# Thank you for your participation!



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