

# Germany

## In-Person Student Exchange Program 2024-25

### Duration

This unique program is facilitated by Alberta Education's Student Exchange Programs. Students from Alberta are paired with students from the German state of Hessen. Taking place during one Alberta school year, paired students will attend school together in the same location at the same time for 12 weeks each.

- September – December 2024  
(Hessen students will attend school in Alberta)
- February – May 2025  
(Alberta students will attend school in Hessen)



### Cost

Families are responsible for the costs associated with hosting the exchange partner. Families are also expected to cover their child's travel expenses and provide enough spending money for their time away. As this is a reciprocal exchange, school tuition fees are waived on both sides.

Please note that all Alberta students' return flights and emergency medical insurance must be booked through the travel agency and insurance provider identified by Alberta Education.

### Eligibility

- High school students studying German.
- Students normally apply during their Grade 10 year to participate in the exchange in their Grade 11 year.
- Students should have completed or will complete German 20 during the program year.
- Students are recommended by their German language teachers based on criteria, such as language proficiency, academic standing, family motivation, and personal qualities, including:
  - maturity
  - openness to other cultures
  - ability to adapt, and
  - determination to complete the program.

### Housing

Visiting German students will live in their Alberta host families' homes and attend school with their Alberta exchange partners.

Visiting Alberta students will be hosted by their German exchange partners and attend German school with their partners.



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## Benefits

By taking part in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, you will get a chance to:

- Improve your German language skills in an immersion environment.
- Become immersed in the culture and lifestyle of Germany by participating in daily school activities and family life.
- Discover more about yourself as you face new challenges.
- Develop new skills in living and working closely with people from a different culture.

“Living in Germany for three months has changed my perspective on life and other people because of how integrated I became, thanks to my wonderful German friends and family. During the exchange, I experienced things I never dreamed I would and saw places I would have never visited had I not participated”.

## Applications

For more information, speak with your German language teacher or visit [www.studyabroad.alberta.ca](http://www.studyabroad.alberta.ca).

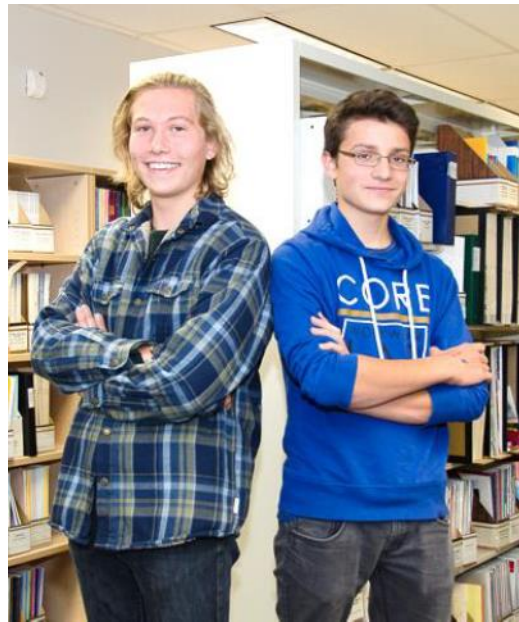
Interested students must ensure that their application package is submitted by email and by postal mail no later than **March 15, 2024**. The application package, including instructions, is available at [www.studyabroad.alberta.ca](http://www.studyabroad.alberta.ca).

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