

Erasmus+ KA 107 INFORMATION ON ENTRY TO AND VISA FOR EGYPT

Nowadays, the Erasmus+ program is no longer a purely EU program. Students of all nationalities can participate in the program (provided they are fully enrolled for graduate studies at the sending university). And there are countries participating in the Erasmus+ program that are not members of the European Union, some of them not even EFTA or Schengen countries.

So, the question of whether students need a visa for an Erasmus+ stay to study at an Erasmus+ partner university depends on both the nationality of the individual Erasmus+ student and the status of the host country. Egypt is neither an EU nor an EFTA country. Although a visa can be obtained directly at the airport in Egypt for entry for tourist purposes, a visa for study purposes must be applied for in advance.

Please note: Students who are not citizens of an EU or EFTA country should apply for an extension of their residence permit in Germany beyond the duration of their studies abroad (right of return) before leaving the country!

- Students are responsible for applying for the visa themselves.
- Costs for applying for a visa, cannot be reimbursed from Erasmus+ program funds.
- In any case, apply for a student visa. Do not enter the host country on a tourist visa!
- Students who are not citizens of an EU country may have to extend their student visa in Germany in addition to the student visa in the host country so that it is still valid at least until their return to Germany. The return must take place within 6 months, otherwise an additional re-entry permit must be applied for in advance.
- After arrival in the host country, certain registration formalities usually have to be observed (e.g. registration of residence, application for a residence permit). Information on this can be obtained from the host universities.

Information on Egypt's representations in Germany and on Egypt's visa and entry requirements can be found on the website of the German Foreign Office:

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/ReiseUndSicherheit/vertretungenaegypten/212612>

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