Hello Friends,

Congratulations for your admit in FAU-Erlangen. I am a Computational Engineering (CE), 2013 course student. I know you are very happy for your acceptance in the university. The very first question in your mind is, 'Now what'? What is the Procedure of Student Visa, How should I plan my shopping? Which airline should I go with? Etc. We have tried to answer most of your questions in this document.

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Before coming to Germany, please learn German language. Many of you might have done A2/B1 level, but there are some students, who plan to do it in Germany, during their education (Not a good idea !). Many people in Erlangen speak English, due to companies like Siemens, Adidas etc. but still to enjoy a social life, to work (part time), you need to know German. Hence, if you still have 3-4 months of time, you can finish one level of the language course in India.

Next, start your studies, just the basic, revision of fundamentals of your BE/B.tech. The study pattern, course content of German Universities is different from our Indian universities. It is more profound in Germany. So, make your basic concepts-applications more clear. As a student of CE, I would recommend you to revise the Mathematics subjects: Linear Algebra, Trigonometry, Calculus etc. Also good command on coding – C++ is essential. Try doing advance level, the one that you did in your 12<sup>th</sup> class or First year was just the beginner's level.

As soon as you decide to join FAU by accepting the admit letter, the very first step is to 'Apply for the Student Visa'. Visa process takes about 8-10 weeks, start the process by opening a blocked account.

Let's see, what is blocked account!!!

#### 1. BLOCKED ACCOUNT (SPERRKONTO)

Before you get the permission to study in Germany, you have to prove that you can finance your studies. You need it, to pay your living expense in Germany (Accommodation, Food, Travel, Medical Insurance, Semester fee etc). You must provide what is called "proof of financial resources". You are required to include this document with your visa application.

At present, foreign students must prove that they have at least 8,040 euro per year at their disposal and they can withdraw a maximum of 670 Euro per month (Check the exact amount from Embassy). Hence, you must open a blocked account as a proof of your financial resources. This should be opened when you are in India. It is called blocked account because the money you transfer to it is blocked until the day you arrive in Germany.

To open an account in Deutsche Bank, Germany, there are two options:

- A. Through German Consulate [Time Consuming process]
- B. Directly through Deutsche Bank [Easy process].

### **Option A:**

- To open an account through German Consulate (GC), firstly you need to schedule an appointment with your local GC via E-mail for getting the required documents attested. You will receive an appointment confirmation email, stating the day and time of appointment.
- In the mean time you need to get the 'Bank's Application Form'. You can get it from Deutsche bank's website <u>https://www.deutsche-bank.de/pbc/pk-studium-international\_students\_en.html</u> or directly send an email to <u>db.student@db.com</u> asking for the form.
- Once you receive the form, fill it completely. Leave the space for Date, Place and Signature blank. You need to fill it in front of GC officers.
- On the appointment day, go to the respective German Consulate with the following documents:
  - 1. Duly filled in Bank's Application Form
  - 2. Passport Photocopy Copy & Original
  - 3. Two passport size photos

- 4. Admission letter from university
- 5. Attestation Fee (please check your city's GC Website for actual Fee).
- 6. Appointment confirmation Email
- Once the documents are attested, courier those to the address on the Deutsche Bank's application form.
- They will open an account with the office of the future residence and inform you directly, without intervention of the General Consulate, by post and parallel by email about the account number, BLZ and IBAN of the opened account. It takes 2-3 weeks to open an account.
- Finally, you transfer the necessary amount 8090 Euro (8040Euro + 50 Euro towards bank charges) and prove this to the German Embassy/Consulate in your home country (India) during your Visa Interview. DB will also inform embassy about the same.

### **Option B:**

- Visit the nearest Deutsche Bank branch in your city. Tell them that you want to open the German Student Blocked Account, they will explain you the complete procedure. You will have to open a Savings Bank Account with the Deutsche Bank India, which has a minimum balance requirement of INR 100,000. Please approach the Deutsche Bank (DB) authorities of your city; they will explain you in more detail.
- Once you open your account in Deutsche Bank India, Take all the documents mentioned above in Option A and hand it over to the bank. They will do the attestation work and forward it to DB of Germany.

Many banks in India provide Foreign Exchange Services from where you can buy and sell Foreign Currency, transfer your money to foreign country may be for higher studies, medical treatment abroad, business trips, tourism etc.

A special department known as 'FOREX' takes care of all these things. Nationalized Banks like State Bank of India, Canara Bank, Bank of India etc. provide good exchange rates compared to other private banks. Before transferring the Money of 8040 Euros, please check the exchange euro rate in these banks and go with the one, which provide you the best deal. Please confirm from the bank that do they charge any extra service fee of 50 – 100 euro for the transfer or not. Make them clear that you are doing the transfer of money for education purpose; so that, the extra fee charged will be waived off. Depending upon the bank's service, it takes about 2-3 days to transfer your amount to DB Germany.

# 2. Student Visa

All Indian nationals who wish to study in the Federal Republic of Germany require a visa prior to their departure. Students are advised not to enter the country on a tourist visa since it cannot be converted into a residence permit once the student is in Germany. Personal appearance at the German Embassy or Consulate is mandatory for all applicants.

All applicants have to schedule an appointment for personal interview at the German Embassy / Consulate. German Consulate headquarters are located in Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai. The Website of German Missions in India <u>http://www.india.diplo.de/Vertretung/indien/en/Startseite.html</u> provides all required information about the GC in India, Student Visa Process, necessary documents required, appointment days etc. I have tried to bring all the necessary information in this document, to reduce your workload.

Admission to the Visa Section of the German Embassy will be granted only at the time of the scheduled appointment. The visa application must be supported by all the necessary documents, as only applications with complete documentation will be accepted. In case the visa application and the supporting documents are in accordance with the requirements for a Student Visa, your application will be forwarded to the competent Aliens' Office in Germany for the mandatory approval. It is important to apply in time as the visa process might take between eight to twelve weeks. So, apply by June 1<sup>st</sup> week, for September intake.

Following documents are required for Visa Process:-

- 1. Two Visa Application Forms (please make sure that both forms are duly filled out and signed indicating especially the address of your future residence in Germany as well as your complete address including telephone No. and E-Mail-address in India)
- 2. Signed Declaration of 'True and Complete Information'
- 3. Three passport photos according to biometric specifications
- 4. Visa fee, to be paid through Demand Draft made out to the "Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany".
- 5. Valid passport with a validity of at least 12 months along with two copies of all printed pages.
- 6. Cover letter from applicant, explaining the exact purpose and duration of your stay in Germany
- 7. Admission Letter from the German University
- 8. Proof that study fees are paid, if applicable. In case the fees are not paid or due yet, proof has to be provided that the necessary amount will be at the applicant's disposal in due course of time
- 9. School Leaving Certificate of Secondary School and 10<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Mark sheet
- 10. University Certificates (Degree Certificates and Mark sheets)
- 11. Proof of Language Proficiency (TOEFL / IELTS). Exemptions do apply in case of a written confirmation from the University that this requirement might be waived.
- 12. GRE score card if available.
- 13. Proof of financial means Blocked account ("Sperrkonto") in Germany in the name of the applicant showing a minimum balance of Euro 8040,- and the remark that the account holder can dispose of a monthly amount of EURO 670,-
- 14. A valid Health Insurance (Valid for 90 days in Germany). You can buy Bajaj Allianz Student travel insurance for about 1200 1500/-

Two identical and arranged sets of photocopies of each document is to be submitted along with the original (copies have to be provided in DIN-A4 size only). After verification of all your documents, the originals will be given back to you.

During interview, you might be asked to provide some more documents to support your application, if the officer is not satisfied with the above stated documents.

### 2.1 Visa Questions and Expected Answers

Here is an example of an interview. It is just for your guidance. Please make your own answers according to your profile. Following are the questions you can expect in your interview, prepare them properly.

Question 1: Why Germany?

-To pursue Masters in Computational Engineering.

#### Question 2: Why only Germany?

It is the center of excellence in the field of Computational Engineering. The German Universities have great facilities for research. Moreover, a master's degree from a German university has a high recognition back here in INDIA, and would help me to establish myself in a good position after my MS.

Question 3: How can you say it is an International learning center?

Some of the best students and faculty from across the globe converge to Germany for their enrichment. For example in my Graduate school, the numbers of International students are from more than 15 countries. German universities are Primarily Research Centers. Every professor has an identified field of Research.

Question 4: How can you say German universities are Primarily Research Centers? As the curriculum is more practical in application oriented.

Question 5: Why MS? Firstly, for in-depth knowledge, secondly as a mark of Academic Excellence and finally for a long-term career prospects.

Question 6: Why not in INDIA? I have an option to go for the best.

Question 7: IIT is also the best option you have here, then? Even the IITians are moving to Germany. Ultimately, it is the quality of education and right kind of Exposure.

**Question 8: Exposure?** 

The curriculum is the most updated and keeps abreast with the latest across the globe. IIT and NITs are considered the best but admissions are influenced by several external factors such as Reservations, Competition etc. That is why I went for German schools that have a transparent and clear admission process.

Question 9: Why this University? This school is the best out of my admits. (Explain about the specialty of the school and research being conducted in your department at this university.

Question 10: What is the guarantee that you will return? The sole aim for me is to go to Germany, do my MS there, but not to work there. Moreover, I have many obligations towards my family and I must return, as I need to take care of them. There is untapped market potential in INDIA.

Question 11: Where can I expect you in five years from now? Your future plans. Working for a multinational company like MSC, Ansyis, Numeca,L&T, Essar etc The future demand for computational engineers is estimated to 33 lakhs by 2020 and now it is 4 lakhs.

Question 12: When you returns, how much do you expect salary pay? 5-6 Lakhs. Thanks to globalization, the pay packets are good enough in INDIA and this is the pay they are offering now.

Questions 13: Where are you exactly going in Germany? Mention your university location/city.

Keep your mind cool and calm during answering the questions. Be confident and honest in your answers!

Show them that you are really a deserving student for the master's study in Germany. Normally, student Visa is not rejected but, in rare case, it may happen that the consulate may find your profile weak or not up to the mark.

### 3. Accommodation

Once you get your admit letter, you will receive offers for accommodation from the university. Getting accommodation in Erlangen is very difficult, as the university does not have their own dormitories for students. Every year thousands of new international students enroll in FAU, hence, some of them get offers in hall of residence (Very Cheap and good Dormitories); others have to look for private dormitories (Expensive). If you get any offer from hall of residence, please accept it immediately, the rent may vary from 200 to 300 Euros including everything (Furniture, electricity, internet etc.) according to the facilities. Hall of residence are lucky. In case of private dorms, you may have to pay up to 350 Euros. Make a short agreement of 6 months in such case, you can find another good accommodation once you reach Erlangen. For the batch of 2013 September, there were about 40 Indian Students in FAU but just 6-8 students got an offer from hall of residence, rest of students had to live in private dorms. Hence, if you get any offer in the range of 200-300 Euros, please accept it immediately, even a delay of 6-7 hrs may lead to loss of that offer; it will go to someone else.

# 4. Book Your Air ticket

After your Visa Interview, the next step is to book your airline ticket. You may get some discount on the fare or good luggage offers if you book your ticket 2 months before the departure. There are many Airlines, which travel to Munich, Frankfurt or Nuremberg like Qatar Airways (It is cheaper as compared to other airlines), Lufthansa, Emirates, Air India, Turkish Airlines, British Airways, Air France etc. Compare the fare, luggage allowed and travelling time of different Airlines before finalizing your ticket, for example: Turkish Airline offers extra luggage allowance of 10 kg to students, which is very helpful. Hence, please verify all the offers available to students traveling to Germany from India. Go through the website of the above airlines to check their offers.

- You can book your ticket online via makemytrip.com, yatra.com or directly through the airline website / office.
- Do not book your ticket through a local agent as he may not be able to allot you to special student ticket, but may give you the general one.
- Please verify all the details like your name, passport number, destination, luggage allotted, student offer etc on the ticket / confirmation page after you book the ticket. If anything is missing, ask the agent immediately to make appropriate changes.

Note: Ask the agent about extra luggage offer/student offer, before finalizing the ticket. If he allots you the general category ticket and promise you to change it to 'student ticket' after a month or so, then please do not finalize the deal. For the batch of 2013, many students who booked their ticket (Turkish Airlines) through a local agent had to travel on 'general ticket'. These local agents don't have the authority to allot 'student tickets'.

# 5. Things to be packed in your Baggage

## 5.1 Clothing

Trend/Style in Germany is not like India, Students in summer prefer shorts/jeans and T-shirts while in winter as per the cold climate they use Sweatshirt, sweater, jacket. I would suggest you to bring following things in clothing and footwear. Choice and selection may vary from person to person; Please bring important things only, rest you can buy after coming to Erlangen.

Sr.	Items	Quantity
No.		
1.	Full sleeves formal shirts	2-3
2.	Casual shirt	2-3
3.	T-shirt	5-6
4.	Jeans	4-5
5.	Trousers	1-2
6.	Undergarment set	06
7.	Traditional wear	1-2 (Optional)
8.	Towel Turkish / Cotton	02
9.	Sweater / Jacket	1-2
10.	Thermal wear set	02
11.	Napkins	2-3
12.	Handkerchiefs	12 (Optional)
13.	Woolen gloves	02
14.	Leather belt	1-2
15.	Monkey cap, Muffler	1-2
16.	Leather Shoes	1-2
17.	Sport Shoe	01
18.	Sandals	1-2 (Optional)
19.	Slippers	2
20.	Socks	06
21.	Shoe lace	2-3 pair
22.	Raincoat	01
23.	Good quality Umbrella	01

- Leather Shoes are very expensive in Germany; hence bring good shoes, which can protect you from the winter of Erlangen (Day time temperature varies from 0 to 5 degree Celsius).
- You can buy Sweatshirt, Sweater and Winter Jacket from Erlangen. You will find good quality stuff here in Erlangen-Nuremberg compared to India.
- Do not bring a lot of stuff; it will increase your luggage. Above list is sufficient for your stay, once you reach Germany, you can buy extra things as per you wish.
- Do not bring over size clothes, please bring the clothes as per your fitting. Majority of students lose their weight in 1<sup>st</sup> semester and face a big problem. Tailors in Germany are very expensive, no use of paying them for alteration of jeans or shirt. (learn some manual alteration work before coming to Erlangen, it will help you to repair your clothes in future)

• Buy a good quality umbrella, which can withstand the coldly weather of Erlangen.

#### 5.2 Utensils and Cooking Items

Learn cooking before coming to Germany, it is very important. University canteens' are called as 'Mensa'. You will find beef, pork, chicken, ham, schwein (pig), French fries, pasta, fruits-salads etc in Mensa. Some Indians cook food on their own and bring Tiffin box for the lunch, while others eat their lunch in Mensa. If you do not want to spoil your health, I would recommend you to learn cooking, so that you will not have to depend for food on your friends or Mensa. Learn some good recepies, the daily food that you have at your home/college/office etc. There are some McDonalds, burger king, subway in Erlangen; but they do not have much variety of food items in their menu list. After coming to Germany, you are surely going to miss your home food, Indian dishes; so enjoy our time in India now.

Sr.	Items	Quantity
No.		
1.	Pressure Cooker (3 to 5 Litres)	01
2.	Roti bellan + base (Polpaat-laatna / chakla-belan)	01
3.	Serving Spoons	2-3
4.	Steel Vessels to cook/boil (Varying size)	2-3
5.	Spare Gasket and Safety valve for cooker	2-3
6.	Dinner plates, small plates	2-3
7.	Spoon and fork	2-3
8.	Cooking tong, tea strainer, frying pan, omelet pan	01
	(nonstick), knife, vegetable peeler, Tiffin box, water	
	bottle (Good one),	
9.	Small, medium, large Plastic spoon (Tea and table	06
	spoon)	
10.	Cup, glass, bowl (microwave-able)	1-2
11.	Plastic jar (varying size) for storing your food stuff,	3-4
	masala, chilli powder etc	
12.	Steel plate to cover vessel	1-2
13.	Plastic Measuring cup	02
14.	Thermos	01

There are many international Asian shops in Erlangen-Nuremberg, where you can get all the Indian cooking material, but masala's-condiments are expensive. Hence Condiments, standard spices, Garam masala, chicken, pulav, chole masala (may be 2 packets each, also get all other masalas that you use in cooking at your home.), pickles, chutni etc. are recommended. Also add Tea leaves, instant coffee powder, dhania powder, red chilli powder, turmeric powder, cloves, cardamom, cinnamon, mustard seeds, jeera (cumin), hing (asafoetida) etc. (whatever you think you'll use in your cooking) In your list. Ask your mother/sister/wife anyone who cooks for you to help you in deciding approximate quantity of above stuff you should carry, that will last for 4-5 months. You can ask your family/friends to send you the cooking stuff via courier / post service after 4-5 months. Do not bring pulses, rice, flour etc. They are quite cheap here and there is no need to increase the weight of your luggage. Pack everything REALLY well, especially the oily, pungent stuff (like pickles), otherwise it may spoil your clothes.

### 5.3 Cosmetics and Toiletries

General cosmetic items are cheap and easily available in Erlangen. However, there are chances that you may not get the products of your brand or liking, I would recommend following cosmetic items to bring with you, for first few months.

Sr.	Items	Quantity
No.		
1.	Talc powder	01 (100-200gm)
2.	Antiseptic powder / solution	01
3.	Band aid (few) , cotton, creep bandage	
4.	Bath soap bars	1-2
5.	Comb / hair brush 1-2	1-2
6.	Deodorant Spray / perfume bottle	1-2
7.	Detergent powder / Soap	1packet 500gm
8.	Ear cleaning buds	1 packet
9.	Hair oil / gel	1 bottle
		(100-500ml)
10.	Nail cutter , bottle opner	01
11.	Shaving cream /gel	01
12.	Shaving razor	1-2
13.	Shaving blades	1-2 set
14.	Vaseline / Nivea cold cream	01
15.	Tooth paste (01) + brush (2-3)	
16.	Scissor small	01
17.	Tissue paper packet	2-3
18.	Shaving brush	01

### 5.4 Stationary & Miscellaneous Items

Stationary items are costly in Germany, you will not find the variety/brand of stationary that you used in India like pens, notebooks, clutch pencils etc. Hence, try to bring following stationary items.

Sr.	Items	Quantity
No.		
1.	Adhesive tape (Medium)	1 roll
2.	Pen (get some color pen also if you want)	2-3
3.	Refills	1 Dozen
4.	Pencil box / pen pencil-clutch pencil	
5.	Foot ruler / Steel ruler	01
6.	Sharpener, Eraser	1-2
7.	Notebooks (Fullscape / A4)	1-2
8.	Paper clip packet	01
9.	Plain white sheets (few)	
10.	Phone book / Diary	01
11.	Glue stick	1-2

12.	Stapler, stapler pins (2-3 small packet), punching machine, head pins (1small packet)	
13.	Rubber band	1 packet
14.	Scientific calculator	01
15.	Scissor (Medium)	01
16.	Pendrive (4-8 gb)	01
17.	External hardisk (500gb – 1 tb)	01
18.	Pouch / Compass	01
19.	Needles, Thread, Buttons	Few
20.	Good Folder for your certificates	01
21.	Photocopies of your Passport-Visa, Bachelor Certificate, Admit Letter	10 Copies
22.	Good Photos (Passport size according to biometric specification)	20-30
23.	A family photo	Optional
24.	Get your softwares, movies, songs, e-books in your external hardisk.	

Write the details in a diary about your deutsche bank account, University phone number, and your dorm's address for your parents. Share your friend's number with them. Get an international calling card, which you can use to call your parents, after you reach Erlangen. For the first 10-15 days, you will have to use this card. German telecom companies ask for your city registration, enrollment letter. All these legal procedure may take 10-15 days to complete. Until that time, using international calling card is a good option.

#### 5.5 Medicine

Visit your doctor and ask him to provide you a valid prescription of general medicine for:

- Vomiting
- Fever
- Acidity
- Headache Bodyache.
- Allergy.
- Cold.
- Loose motion (dyheria)/stomach ache
- ENT problems (Eye-Nose-Throat).
- Weakness (Vitamin Tablets)
- Band-Aid
- Elasto-crape bandage
- Vicks, Pain relief cream

Bring about 20-30 tablets (2-3 strip of 10-12 tablets each) for each issue (Get a proper bill from the medical shop/department). In Germany, medicines are very expensive (A paracetomol tablet will cost 13 Euros for a single strip of 10 tablets) and are given only if you provide a doctor's prescription. You have to take a Health Insurance (You do it once you reach Germany, FAU will help you in all those process, so don't worry about it now) using which you can visit a Doctor for your health issue and get medicine from Apotheke (medical shop). You just have to pay 5 euros, rest the insurance company pays for you. In Germany, you need to take an appointment before visiting your doctor. For general problem , you get an appointment may be after a week

or so, depending upon how busy his schedule is, Hence for minor headache, stomach ache problem use your medicines that you bring from India.

# 6. Packing

Check your airline's baggage limit and then pack your stuff smartly. If you carry more than the limit, you will be asked to remove out your stuff by the airport authority or else you will have to pay for the extra luggage (Its expensive!!!)

My baggage limit was 40 kg (cabin+ checked baggage) but my total luggage went to 68 kg!!! And two days before the flight ,I brought it to 40kg. It was a hectic job. Everything you buy is equally important to you, but you have no choice than to remove some stuff to reduce your baggage weight.

If your total baggage limit is 40kg, then I would suggest you to buy 2 or 3 check-in bags of dimension (L+B+H) 24 or 26 inch, Rather than buying 1 bag of 28 inch. Buy a cabin bag and a laptop bag. You can keep your laptop, books and some other stuff in laptop bag as it is not checked (Do not overload the laptop bag, you will be asked to remove things if it looks to be too heavy!!!). First try fitting your stuff in 2 check in bags, If the bags are full and there are still some things left to be packed, then buy a third bag.

Check your airline's rules and regulation of baggage, what things are allowed, what all you can take with you etc. and pack your bag according to it. If you feel that there are many important things that you cannot add in your baggage due to luggage limit, no need to worry!!! Ask your parents to send you the remaining things via Indian Postal Service/DHL/Blue Dart/First Flight courier/TNT or any other courier service.

Keep a set of photocopies of your Passport+Admit Letter+Visa+University Address in each bag. Keep your documents separately in cabin bag. Handle your passport with great care.

# 7. Euro Currency

The currency used in Germany is 'Euro'. For your first month in Germany, you should have 500-1000 Euros with you (Living Expense). This money will be required for paying 1<sup>st</sup> month's rent, food, to buy certain important things as per the necessity, travel expense etc. If you have paid 1<sup>st</sup> month's rent (rent+deposit) to the property owner in advance then bring 500 Euros. Else, bring about 1000 Euros. In general, 670 Euros/month is sufficient for your stay as a student in Germany.

I would recommend you to go to a nationalized bank like Bank of India, State bank of India, Canara Bank etc. As they provide good exchange rates compared to other private banks. Visit their FOREX department, with a copy of your Passport, Visa, Admit letter and Flight ticket (e-ticket).

Avoid carrying the money in cash more than 100-200 Euros; ask the bank to provide a debit card, which you can use in Germany, after reaching here. (Please note that the debit card should work in all the German banks). After reaching Germany, visit the nearest Deutsche Bank, and ask them to activate your blocked account. Carry your passport, your account letter, City registration letter (you will get it once you reach Germany) and admit letter with you. Your account will be activated in 15-20 days, after you apply for activation to DB. After that, you can withdraw 670 Euros per month from the bank.

# 8. Departure Procedure at Airport

Please be at the international airport approx 4 hours before the departure of your flight for check-in and other procedure. The overall procedure consists of 4 steps: Check-in, Immigration, Security and Boarding.

- 1. Before entering the Airport Entry terminal, you have to show your passport and ticket (the printout of the e-ticket) to the security.
- 2. Go to the airline check-in counter, present your passport, and air ticket. They will weigh your check-in luggage, if the weight exceeds, they will ask you to either take out some stuff or pay them for the extra weight (It depends on the authority's mood, try to convince them that you are a student). If everything goes fine, then your luggage will be x-rayed and send to luggage dept (sometimes they may even ask you to open the bag, if they are not satisfied by x-ray checking). After X-ray, the airport authorities will take care of your check-in luggage, you just now have to carry your cabin and laptop bag. A 'Carry on' pass will be tied to your cabin and laptop bag. Collect your boarding pass and immigration form from counter.
- 3. Fill the immigration form completely and stand in the queue of custom/immigration (Do not cross the yellow waiting line when you are in queue, the officer may get angry). When it is your turn, give everything: passport, boarding pass and immigration form to the officer. He may ask you some questions regarding your university, purpose etc. answer him politely and confidently. If asked for university documents (admit letter, blocked account letter), provide him. These officers some time may irritate you, by asking weird questions, it is their frustration which make them ask you 'silly and weird' questions, do not argue with them, Don't spoil your mood arguing with those authorities. Your goal is to get your documents stamped from the officer. Once you get your passport and boarding pass stamped from him, you will have to go for security checking.
- 4. For security checking, remove your shoes, watch, belt, jacket, wallet, mobile, and every other metal stuff from your pocket in a tray, keep your cabin bag, laptop bag and the tray on the moving belt for x-ray scanning. Be calm and cool. Allow the guard to check everything as he want (Going through Security check is a hectic job, at this point there are chances that you may forget some of your belongings, take care of your passport, boarding pass and your luggage). I would recommend you to wear shoes with no metal elements on it, do not wear too much clothes (students do it as to shift some of their luggage from the bag on to the body:-D). Wear clothes in which you feel very comfortable. It's going to be a long journey, you may face some problems/health issues during travel due to your clothes.
- 5. After your security check, you need to find your departure gate. Please check your gate and boarding time printed on your boarding pass. Follow the directions to the departure gate shown on the terminal displays.
- 6. When you arrive at your boarding gate, please wait until boarding begins. When boarding, show your boarding pass to the officer at the entrance and then grab your seat, Germany is waiting for you my friend. Have a happy Journey. (It's gonna be an amazing journey for the 'First timers', enjoy it...!!!)

### Best of Luck