**Studying in Germany**

Universities are free of charge in Germany. For Germans citizens and for everyone else. Thousands of Americans have heard the call and have enrolled overseas.

Hunter Police (???) made the move last fall. A first, because the nineteen-year-old from South Carolina had never even been outside the US.

Hunter: “I had heard things like I’d be able to drink I’d have health care, I would get an education, which is great. But my main motivation of course was saving money.”

In the meantime, Hunter’s mother is glad she can finance his education and living expenses without having to take on any loans.

Hunter:” Each month, it costs about six hundred euro to live here. My room, train tickets, school, gym, food, phone, health care.”

In the capital, Berlin, the top destination for US students, politicians insist that college education should be a right and not a privilege. And experts say there’s an economic benefit for Germany too. If 40% of graduates stay in the country for 5 years, Germany recovers its costs.

Man: “Keeping international students who have studied in the country is the ideal way of immigration, because they have certificates, which are needed, they don’t have a language problem at the end of their stay, and they know the culture.”

For a country worried about an ageing population, not charging young foreign talent could be a smart long-term strategy.