

Studying in Baden-Württemberg

HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE GERMAN SOUTHWEST



11 REASONS FOR STUDYING IN BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG

- 1.** In Baden-Württemberg you'll feel international.
We are in the Southwest of Germany, right in the heart of Europe, neighbouring Switzerland, France and Austria. |
- 2.** Baden-Württemberg offers the most diverse landscape of higher education and research in the whole of Germany. |
- 3.** The universities in Baden-Württemberg regularly achieve top rankings within Germany and are also highly recognized in the international academic context. |
- 4.** Our universities have introduced hundreds of international degree programs, with classes taught in English and international degrees such as B.A., B.Sc., M.A., M.B.A., M.Sc., as well as Ph.D.s., and their number is constantly increasing. So you don't have to worry about recognition in other countries. |
- 5.** Our people are friendly and open-minded and generally speak at least one foreign language. Making contacts will be easy for you, even if you are not familiar with the German language. |
- 6.** Baden-Württemberg is an economic giant. World-famous global players and thousands of small and medium-sized companies form one of the strongest economies in Germany, closely cooperating with our universities. |
- 7.** Our unemployment rate is very low.
So finding a rewarding internship will be no problem, and after finishing with your studies, you may even start your career with one of our companies. |
- 8.** You will feel safe in our country; the crime rate is the lowest in Germany. |
- 9.** In your leisure time, enjoy our beautiful landscapes, the rich cultural life and heritage, and take advantage of all kinds of sports opportunities. |
- 10.** We try hard to keep bureaucracy to a minimum regarding admission procedures, residence and work permits. |
- 11.** Profit from a great variety of generous scholarships to offset living expenses. |



Baden-Württemberg

The German Southwest.

A wide range of universities



🦊 Baden-Württemberg's landscape of higher education is the most diverse in Germany. It ranges from the purely theoretical to the predominantly practical.

Students can study at nine traditional universities devoted to excellence in teaching and research; six universities of education (Pädagogische Hochschulen), which offer teacher training in theory and practice; 23 public universities of applied sciences (Fachhochschulen), which offer combined academic and practical training as well as applied research; eight universities of cooperative education (Berufsakademien), whose three-year programs combine an academic curriculum with practical experience in business, industry or agencies of social welfare; and five universities of music and performing arts, one state academy of fine arts, two of art and design, one film academy and one pop academy, which focus on both theory and performance skills. These institutions prepare students for a wide variety of professional activities with modern study methods designed for the different types of degree offered. Over 242,000 young men and women attend institutions of higher education in Baden-Württemberg. There are more than 70,000 professors, assistants and other staff.

An average of 15% foreign students were enrolled in the winter semester of 2005/06. All the institutions of higher education in Baden-Württemberg are open to international students.

The changes in the economic arena, increasing globalization and students' need for flexibility have prompted the State of Baden-Württemberg to introduce international degree programs, with classes taught in English and international degrees (Bachelor's and Master's as well as Ph.D.s).

There are now approximately 600 B.A., B.Sc., M.A., M.B.A. and M.Sc. programs across the board of educational institutions, and their number is increasing constantly, in keeping with the education policy of the EU. Many of them are integrated courses,

organized in close cooperation with one or several partner universities outside Germany, and students can receive a dual degree, one from each of the participating universities.

Language courses and service packages facilitate exchanges and study-abroad programs for international students.

Students wishing to complete a Bachelor's degree must plan on six to eight semesters, while a Master's degree requires two to four semesters beyond the B.A. In addition, there are the traditional German university degrees: Diplom, Staatsexamen, Magister and doctorates. A German university degree usually takes four to five years. 🦊

| RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES (UNIVERSITÄTEN)

The nine traditional research universities combine teaching and learning with independent research, applied and pure. The focus is on academic work, and the length of a course of study is comparable to that of university courses all over the world. Students become equipped for professional lives in which they will apply the scientific knowledge and methods they have acquired.

By fostering new generations of leading-edge scientists through technology transfer, post-graduate and continuing education, and a close dialogue with industry, research universities ensure Baden-Württemberg's status as a center of scientific excellence.

The universities offer the following fields of study: medicine, natural sciences, engineering, law, economics, the humanities and social sciences, agriculture and forestry.

Although studies at a university are based on fairly strict regulations, they nevertheless offer flexibility: The broad range of subjects allows interdisciplinary study or specialization, as the student wishes, and there are opportunities for students to pursue individual and independent research.



| UNIVERSITIES OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATION (BERUFSAKADEMIEN)

The universities of cooperative education, a successful and trend-setting innovation in the educational landscape of Baden-Württemberg, combine phases of academic study in alternation with phases of practical, on-the-job training in companies and corporations. Bosch, Daimler-Benz and SEL helped pioneer this form of higher education in the early 1970s. At these institutions, two partners – companies and the universities of cooperative education – help students acquire the qualifications for their professional careers. This dual structure is the defining characteristic of the universities of cooperative education. While companies provide for the students' practical training, the eight state universities of cooperative education (plus three branch locations) provide the requisite theoretical knowledge in compact, tightly structured three-year programs. The campuses are located in Heidenheim, Karlsruhe, Lörrach, Mannheim, Mosbach plus Bad Mergentheim (branch), Ravensburg plus Friedrichshafen (branch), Stuttgart plus Horb (branch) and Villingen-Schwenningen. They offer B.A. programs in the fields of economics, engineering, technology, informatics, computer science, media design, the social sciences, business administration and related sub-specialties.

| UNIVERSITIES OF ART AND DESIGN (KUNSTHOCHSCHULEN)

The institutions in this category include the State Academy of Fine Arts Karlsruhe, the State University of Arts and Design, also in Karlsruhe, the State Academy of Art and Design Stuttgart, and the Film Academy Baden-Württemberg in Ludwigsburg. The scope of approaches to the arts allows students to focus on more specialized aspects of the field, from fine arts through applied arts to media theory. The art universities combine theory and performance in a mutually enhancing way.

| UNIVERSITIES OF MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS (MUSIKHOCHSCHULEN)

The universities of music and performing arts in Baden-Württemberg are renowned worldwide. They offer young artists the opportunity to acquire concrete musical skills such as aural training, conducting and composition, as well as the more scientific skills of music theory and principles of music education and teacher training. Some of them even offer special areas like jazz/popular music and dance.

The first university of music was founded in Stuttgart in 1857. Today there are five music universities, located in Freiburg, Mannheim, Karlsruhe, Stuttgart and Trossingen. The pop academy Mannheim is Baden-Württemberg's most recent addition to the academic music landscape. This academy offers bachelor's degrees in music business and pop music design and is the first of its kind in Germany.

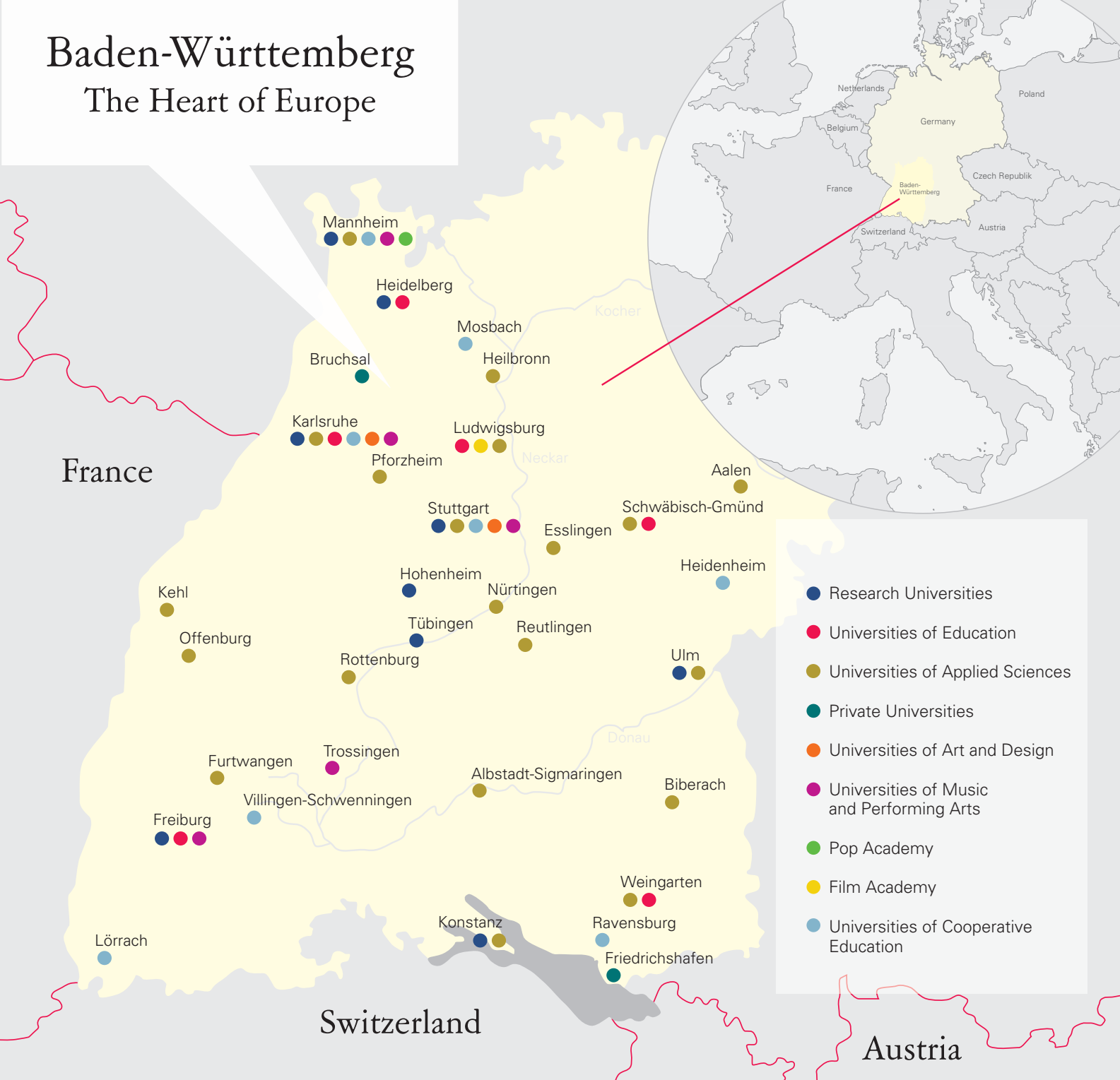
| UNIVERSITIES OF EDUCATION (PÄDAGOGISCHE HOCHSCHULEN)

These universities prepare students to teach in primary, secondary or special-education schools. The standard course of study leads to the so-called first state examination (Erstes Staatsexamen) after six to eight semesters and to the second state examination (Zweites Staatsexamen) after another three semesters of study. Each of these universities has international partnership and exchange programs. They also participate in training high school and vocational school teachers and offer continuing education courses for teachers who are already employed in schools. Their campuses are located in Freiburg, Heidelberg, Karlsruhe, Ludwigsburg, Schwäbisch-Gmünd and Weingarten.



Baden-Württemberg

The Heart of Europe



- Research Universities
- Universities of Education
- Universities of Applied Sciences
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- Universities of Art and Design
- Universities of Music and Performing Arts
- Pop Academy
- Film Academy
- Universities of Cooperative Education

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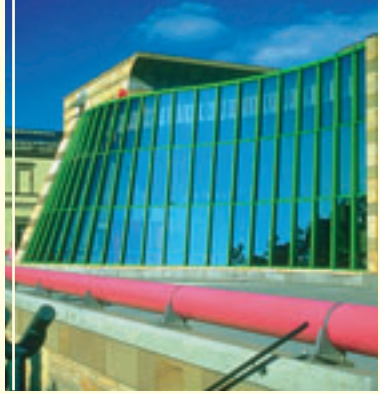
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If you are familiar with the German language, the website **www.studieninformation.de** will also be of interest to you.

Our state portal **www.baden-wuerttemberg.de** offers you a virtual journey through Baden-Württemberg.

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