



Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University

**PRACTICE-INTEGRATED STUDIES WITH
FUTURE PROSPECTS**



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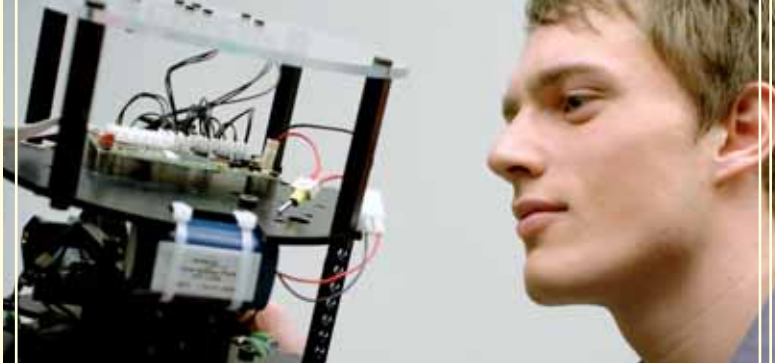


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On 01 March 2009, another innovative university was added to the German university system. Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University is unique in Germany and combines corporate training with academic studies. It developed from the former Berufsakademie Baden-Wuerttemberg. What is new is that the students obtain a university degree at the end of their three-year studies – a Bachelor's degree. In addition, the new university obtains a research contract.

Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University is seated in Stuttgart and has a decentralised structure with eight locations and four campuses throughout the state. In cooperation with more than 8,000 partner companies, it offers its students (about 24,000 at present) a broad range of programmes in the areas business, engineering, and social work studies.

The material advantages of the dual studies according to the Baden-Wuerttemberg model of the Berufsakademie – cooperation of the training companies and dual study concepts with alternating theoretical and practical phases – are maintained.



THE MOST IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENTS

At the end of their three-year studies, the students obtain a university degree – a Bachelor's degree. With this degree, graduates are entitled to take up postgraduate studies at any other university in Germany or abroad. The Cooperative State University has been assigned to do training-related, cooperative research. Thus, cooperation with the partner companies is further deepened. The employment prerequisites for newly appointed professors as well as their status are adjusted to the provisions under university law.

DECENTRALISED STRUCTURE

The Cooperative State University's decentralised structure according to the model of the US state university system is unique in Germany. The university with its board of management, senate and board of governors is seated in Stuttgart. The board of governors is constituted of the eight corporate chairmen of the local boards of governors and eight additional representatives as well as one representative from the Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts. With a president, local board of governors and senate, the eight locations each have their own structure. The dual partner companies are members of the university and participate in its organs and committees.



ROLE OF THE PARTNER COMPANIES

The great success of the concept of dual studies is based on the close cooperation of university and partner companies. Due to the close relationship to the regional economy, the students are perfectly prepared for professional life. The companies and social institutions select the students according to their requirements and conclude a trainee agreement with them. This agreement is an imperative prerequisite for obtaining a place to study at the Cooperative State University.

As members of the university, the training companies are in constant dialogue with the university and actively contribute to the design of the courses as members of the university's organs and committees. This way, the courses can be adjusted flexibly to the current requirements of the employment system.

Currently, more than 8,000 companies and social institutions from various different industries are cooperating with the Cooperative State University.



GESELLSCHAFT

HOCHSCHULE 2012

Within the scope of the “Hochschule 2012” extension programme, about 16,000 additional places for first-year students are being created at the state’s universities. In this way, the state government is reacting to the increasing number of people entitled to study which is expected for the years to come. With its practice-related study offer, Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University plays an important role in this programme. In this connection, the individual locations advance their programmes in close coordination with the companies and social institutions depending on the current requirements.

By the winter semester 2009/10, about 2,900 additional places for first-year students will be provided within the scope of the extension programme at the Cooperative State University. This will particularly benefit the engineering programmes.

Dual studies have become more and more attractive in the past years. For the winter semester 2008/09 alone, the Berufsakademien experienced an increase in first-year students of 18 percent compared to the previous year. The School of Engineering was particularly popular, but the number of first-year students also increased considerably in the Business School and the School of Social Work.



BADEN-WUERTEMBERG COOPERATIVE STATE UNIVERSITY AND ITS LOCATIONS



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SPECIAL FEATURES OF DUAL STUDIES

DIVERSE INTENSIVE STUDIES

As the first German university, the Cooperative State University offers studies with alternating three-month theoretical and practical phases. It cooperates with more than 8,000 companies and social institutions as training partners. The studies have been designed to take three years and always start on 01 October.

TRAINEE AGREEMENT

It is only possible to enrol at the Cooperative State University if a trainee agreement was concluded in advance with one of the partner companies. The application is directly addressed to the dual partners.

FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

The monthly trainee remuneration already gives the students financial independence during their studies. At the same time, the tuition fees of EUR 500 per semester prevailing in Baden-Wuerttemberg have to be paid.



ADMISSION PREREQUISITES

The prerequisite for being admitted is the general university entrance qualification (German Abitur) or the subject-linked qualification for university entrance corresponding to the selected programme. Under certain conditions, applicants with an entrance qualification for a University of Applied Sciences and qualified employed persons without university entrance qualification can also be admitted.

QUALIFIED TEACHING STAFF FROM SCIENCE AND PRACTICE

The full-time professors of the Cooperative State University are responsible for the scientific-theoretical part of the studies in the Business School, the School of Engineering and the School of Social Work, supported by associate lecturers from universities and universities of applied sciences as well as experts from various different industries. Thus, both a high scientific standard and up-to-date training with a high degree of practical orientation can be guaranteed.

STUDYING IN SMALL GROUPS

Training takes place in small groups, usually with a maximum of 30 students.



INTERNATIONALITY

The Cooperative State University maintains numerous contacts with international universities and companies. Most programmes offer the possibility of spending part of the studies abroad. The language skills and intercultural competencies gained in this context increase the students' career opportunities in companies that are active on an international level.

The programmes of the Cooperative State University are accredited and grant Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Engineering or Bachelor of Science degrees.

PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS

The graduates' chances to be hired immediately after graduating are high: in the past years, more than 85 percent of the graduates were kept on by the partner companies and social institutions after they completed their studies. The graduates' income situation, which is way above average, is another indication of the students' good professional prospects and career opportunities.



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