

***Toward Globally Competent Pedagogy***  
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**Overview of Teacher Education in Baden-Wuerttemberg (BW), Germany**  
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Teacher education programs vary across the Federal Republic of Germany. All teacher ed programs in BW run for eight semesters and are completed with a *Staatsexamen* (state exam). They are followed by a second stage of 18 months of mainly practical work at schools and a second *Staatsexamen*.

**High School Teachers** (for grades 5-12; selective)

- Program offered at public universities
  1. 2 majors as academic subjects with emphasis on scholarly content
  2. Education and related fields
  3. One internship

**Elementary School Teachers** (for grades 1-4; comprehensive)

- Program offered at universities of education
  1. German or mathematics as core subjects
  2. Education, psychology and related fields
  3. Religion
  4. Medleys of related subjects: foreign languages, social sciences, natural sciences, art and music, sports and health

**Secondary School Teachers** (for grades 5-9/10; partially selective)

- Program offered at universities of education
  1. 1 major
  2. 2 related minors
  3. Education, psychology and related fields
  4. One subject has to be German, mathematics, English, French, chemistry, physics, technical education or economics

**Internships for elementary and secondary programs:**

1. internship of two weeks (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> semester)
2. internship of 14 weeks (during 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> semester)
3. internship of three weeks (6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> semester, can also be done abroad)

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**Overview of Internationalization in Teacher Education in Germany**

High school students are encouraged to spend a year or some time abroad (but the numbers are small). **AFS Interkulturelle Begegnungen e. V.** is the German branch of an international association that fosters international partnerships (AFS = American Field Service, founded in 1914 in the USA, has partner organizations in 75 countries) [www.afs.org](http://www.afs.org).

**DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) = German Academic Exchange Service**, founded in 1925, is the German national agency for the support of international academic cooperation. It is a private, publicly funded, self-governing organization of higher education institutions in Germany. The DAAD promotes international academic relations and cooperation by offering mobility programs primarily for students and faculty, but also for administrators and others in the higher education realm. [www.daad.org](http://www.daad.org).

Within Europe there is a wealth of European Union-funded programs for studying abroad:

1. **COMENIUS:** program for school students
2. **ERASMUS:** program for higher ed students, including ERASMUS Internship that finances students' internships abroad between 3 and 12 months.
3. **LEONARDO:** program for vocational training.
4. **GRUNDTVIG:** program for life-long learning.
5. **DAAD-funded PROMOS:** mobility program since 2010 for college/university students for shorter stays abroad that are not covered by the above-mentioned programs.
6. **BAFOEG:** German national grants for students from less well-to-do families. They are half grant, half loan. Students can spend up to a year at a university abroad, for which they receive a monthly supplement above their grant, plus travel costs for one return trip, health insurance and study fees up to 4,600 Euros.

**Baden-Wuerttemberg STIPENDIUM:** The Baden-Wuerttemberg Scholarship is unique in Germany. Funded by a state public-private foundation, it is a scholarship program supporting international exchange of young people—university students as well as vocationally trained people—at the beginning of their careers, and secondary school students. On the basis of an existing exchange program between 2 institutions, incoming and outgoing university students receive grants for 3 up to 11 months, varying between 400 Euros and 1,100 Euros per month.

**Teacher Education:** curricula for teacher training programs contain mandatory courses on the teaching and learning of “intercultural competence, social, religious and cultural diversity, and inclusion”.

**Bilingual Teacher Education Program at the University of Education Karlsruhe:** Students study a foreign language and a subject that they will teach in the foreign language. At least one semester study-abroad at a university is mandatory. Students study modules on intercultural education, bilingual teaching and learning, and multilingualism.

**Additional Electives within Teacher Education Programs in Karlsruhe:**

1. **Intercultural education** with Turkish as a foreign language and/or German as foreign language.
2. **Islamic religious education** and pedagogy