



University of Applied Sciences Ludwigsburg



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The University of Applied Sciences Ludwigsburg specialises in the education of qualified management staff in public administration. The approximately 2500 students of the university are taught by a number of professors and assistant lecturers. The two faculties (Faculty I: Management and Law; Faculty II: Tax and Business Law) offer four Bachelor and two Master programmes. All study programmes are characterised by low dropout levels.

Graduates concluding their Bachelor studies are capable to apply the necessary knowledge and skills in professional environments. The didactical concept encourages scientific work and is designed to give graduates a sense of responsibility in the context of a free democratic and social constitutional state. The programmes enable the students to develop their academic, personal and employability skills.

A distinguishing characteristic of the Bachelor programmes is the combination of academic work and practical experience in the form of internships in public administration at state and municipal level. Small study groups ensure excellent support for individual students by the professors and lecturers. Applicants for the Bachelor programmes must have a valid higher education entrance qualification (e.g. A-levels).

The University offers two Master programmes. The fulltime Master programme in European Public Administration prepares graduates for a career in high-ranking public service positions. The Master of Public Management is a part-time programme with a special focus on leadership and is designed for public administration employees seeking a management position.

BACHELOR PROGRAMMES

Public Management (Gehobener Verwaltungsdienst)

The Bachelor programme Public Management is designed to provide students with a thorough grounding in law, business, social sciences and communication required at all levels of state and municipal administration. The three-year study programme must be preceded by a six-month internship, which allows students to gain practical experience in their preferred professional area and the emphasis on teamwork gives a further competitive edge. The programme is popular with leading employers representing a significant number of graduates becoming mayors.

Degree: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Tax Administration (Steuerverwaltung)

The University of Applied Sciences Ludwigsburg is the single educational institution in Baden-Württemberg which trains upper grade civil servants for tax administration. The rotating system of the three-year study programme allows the students to spend a total of 21 months studying and 15 months working in tax authorities. Students acquire not only the necessary tax-related expertise but also knowledge in general law and business as well as technical and social skills. The programme qualifies graduates for high-level careers in tax offices, accounting providers, industry and commerce, as well as the banking and insurance sector.

Degree: Bachelor of Laws (LL.B)

Pension Insurance Management (Rentenversicherung)

The study programme Pension Insurance Management trains students for a career in high-level public administration positions in the German state pension insurance system. The responsible authority for the programme is the State Pension Insurance Authority (Deutsche Rentenversicherung Baden-Württemberg), which is one of the biggest statutory providers in Germany. The three-year Bachelor programme comprises a 10-month basic course at the university, 14 months of work experience at the authority combined with on-the-job training. It is followed by a 12-month course of specialised studies.

Degree: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Public Financial Management (Allgemeine Finanzverwaltung)

The three-year programme in Public Financial Management is split between a work placement at the State Office of Property and Construction (Landesbetrieb Vermögen und Bau Baden-Württemberg) and the Regional Authority for Compensation and Retirement (Landesamt für Besoldung und Versorgung). Graduates primarily work in offices subordinate to the Ministry of Finance excluding tax offices. They perform interdisciplinary tasks essential to all areas of public administration, including those which have been privatised. Potential employers include other state authorities, municipalities, as well as private businesses – particularly in the area of real estate or human resource management.

Degree: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

MASTER PROGRAMMES

European Public Administration (Europäisches Verwaltungsmanagement)

The interdisciplinary Master programme European Public Administration is run in cooperation with the University of Applied Sciences Kehl, and provides students with a thorough understanding of administrative, legal and social structures in Europe. Students graduating from the two-year programme, receive a Master of Arts in European Public Administration, which is highly recognised throughout Europe. Graduates have excellent job opportunities in EU institutions, international organisations, as well as the European affairs departments of ministries, local governments, trade organisations and large private enterprises.

Degree: Master of Arts (M.A.)

Public Management

The Master in Public Management is a part-time programme over two and a half years and qualifies graduates for management positions in municipal and state administration as well as public enterprises. Employment opportunities include positions as team leader, project manager, head official, chief executive or mayor. The programme comprises individual modules, combining various learning formats such as autodidactic studying, lectures and practical experience.

Degree: Master of Arts (M.A.)

All courses are primarily taught in German.

RESEARCH

The Institute for Applied Research (Institut für Angewandte Forschung, IAF) is the scientific institution of the University of Applied Sciences Ludwigsburg. The academic staff focus their research efforts on public administration and tax law. The IAF is active in the field of basic as well as application-oriented research and reports and publications increasingly deal with European research questions. Moreover, researchers at the university also work as consultants for the state, municipalities and public enterprises on a variety of issues including law, finance, human resources, organisation and business.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The University of Applied Sciences Ludwigsburg cooperates on a bilateral basis with a large number of universities and institutes in various countries. The university actively encourages exchanges between students and academic staff by organising and conducting workshops, conferences, study and research projects, guest lectures and summer academies. Moreover, the students are encouraged to complete an internship abroad and are supported throughout the process.

SPECIAL STATUS OF THE STUDENTS

Students are automatically civil servants unless their employment status is revoked. This means they receive a salary for the duration of their studies making attendance of all classes compulsory. 



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