

The Ludwigsburg University of Education is the successor institution to the Stuttgart Educational Institute which was established in 1946. The latter became the University of Education in 1962, four years before it moved to the then new building in Ludwigsburg that is its home today. In 1987 the faculty of Special Education, which until then had been part of the former Reutlingen University of Education, was integrated into the Ludwigsburg University. Today the Ludwigsburg University has more than 4,900 students and around 380 staff, making it Baden-Württemberg's largest university of education. It views itself as a modern centre of excellence in educational studies in four closely linked areas: formal school education, child and youth education outside of schools, adult and continuing education and education in the field of culture and social contexts.

The University focuses on training prospective teachers for primary, secondary, and special schools (with the 2nd part of teacher training for special schools taking place at the Special Education faculty at its Reutlingen location).

In addition, Ludwigsburg offers the possibility of pursuing a Master's degree in vocational teacher training. Increasingly Ludwigsburg is also cooperating with universities nearby to train prospective grammar school teachers. The special feature of the University's three Bachelor courses is that they link educational and subject didactical approaches with non-school-related education (early childhood education, cultural and media education, lifelong learning). Moreover, a broad range of Master courses provides students with the opportunity to prepare for a large variety of jobs and research areas. A selection of Master courses geared towards working professionals qualifies students for executive positions.

A major focus of the University's numerous research projects is research on teaching and learning and research into school development. Guidance provided to doctoral candidates by experienced university teachers is complemented by the University's Research Promotion Centre. Ludwigsburg offers the possibility of pursuing doctoral and post-doctoral degrees. The EU Research Department for Baden-Württemberg's universities of education provides its services to all six educational institutions.

The International Office (Akademisches Auslandsamt) maintain close relations with more than 60 partner institutions of higher education and enable a large number of students to study abroad. Each year, more than 190 international students study at PH Ludwigsburg. Ludwigsburg regularly holds scientific symposia in the context of long-standing, extensive partnerships with various universities in other countries.

Being a university in transition and on the move, PH Ludwigsburg will continue to diversify its range of courses and expand its role as a central educational institution in the region. Yet beyond its academic qualities, Ludwigsburg is also a place offering lively campus life. A number of cultural highlights are firmly established in the University's calendar of events. These include changing exhibitions in the "Studiengalerie" and readings and concerts held at the "Literaturcafé".

Courses offered at the Ludwigsburg University of Education

Teacher Training

Teacher training for primary and lower secondary schools, special schools

Additional subjects: Coaching, Media Education, Educational Play and Drama Education, Intercultural Education (Reutlingen) and all of the school subjects

Teacher Training for vocational schools (Bachelor of Engineering/ Master of Science) in cooperation with the Esslingen University of Applied Sciences:

- Automotive Engineering - Mechanical Engineering (B.Eng.) / Vocational Education Studies - Engineering Studies (M.Sc.)
- Mechanical Engineering - Automation Technology (B.Eng.) / Vocational Education Studies - Engineering Studies (M.Sc.)
- Information Engineering - Electrical Engineering (B.Eng.) / Vocational Education Studies - Engineering Studies (M.Sc.)

Bachelor of Arts

- Early Childhood Education
- Cultural and Media Education
- Education Studies / Lifelong Learning

Master of Arts

- Cultural Studies and Cultural Management
- Religious Education
- Education Research
- Special Education
- Adult Education (from 2012)
- Early Childhood Education (from 2011)
- Cultural Management
- Education Management

Doctoral degrees

Post-doctoral degree