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## The German Higher Education System

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## German Rectors' Conference (HRK)

The HRK is a voluntary association of state and state-recognized universities and other higher education institutions in Germany.

The HRK currently has 268 member institutions which account for 94 per cent of students in Germany.



## Mission

- Formulates positions and statements on higher education and research policy questions
- Represents the interests of the member universities vis-à-vis the public and in political decision-making processes
- Promotes cooperation between universities
- Informs member institutions of policy developments and problem areas
- Advises and supports member universities in the performance of their tasks and responsibilities
- Fosters international relations.

## Structure

- General Assembly: 268 member institutions (twice a year)
- Senate: 36 elected members (four times a year)
- Executive Board: Presidency (president and seven vice presidents, monthly)
- Secretary General
- Secretariat (Office in Bonn and Berlin: 50 employees and four projects with 30 employees)

## Current Topics

- Academic integration of refugee students
- Internationalisation of universities (Audit)
- European Study Reform (Bologna: Nexus - Project)
- New Media: Digitalisation in Teaching
- Doctoral education
- Funding of universities
- Autonomy of universities

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The German Higher Education  
and Research System –  
Some Basic Facts and Figures

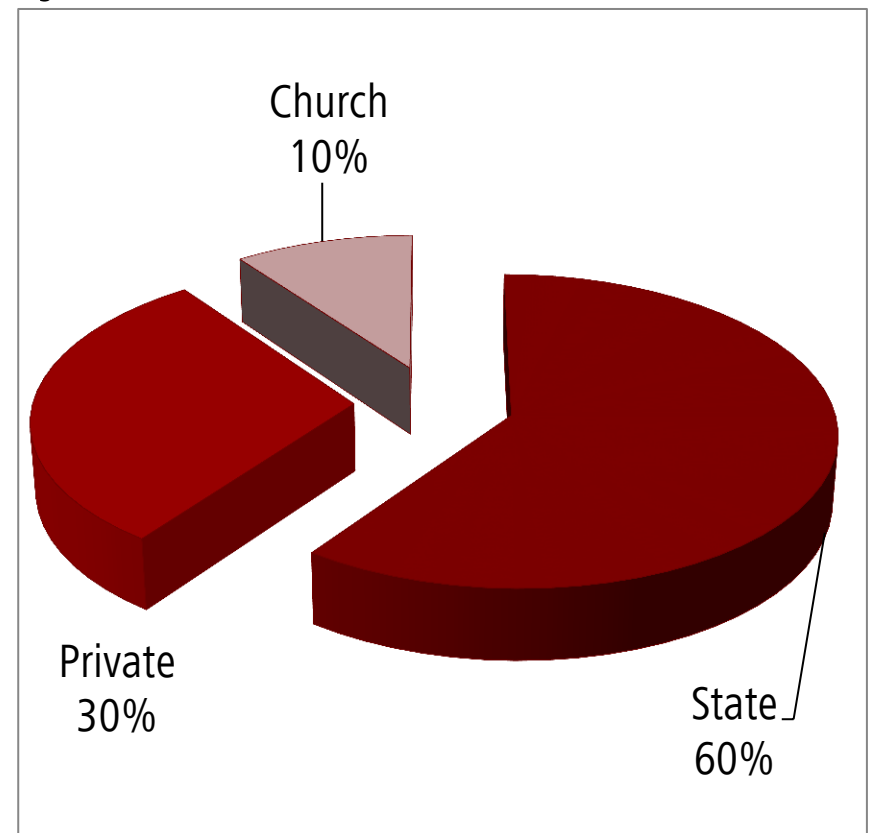
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## Higher Education Institutions

### By Type of Institution

Universities	110
Universities of Applied Sciences	231
Schools of Art and Music	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>399</b>

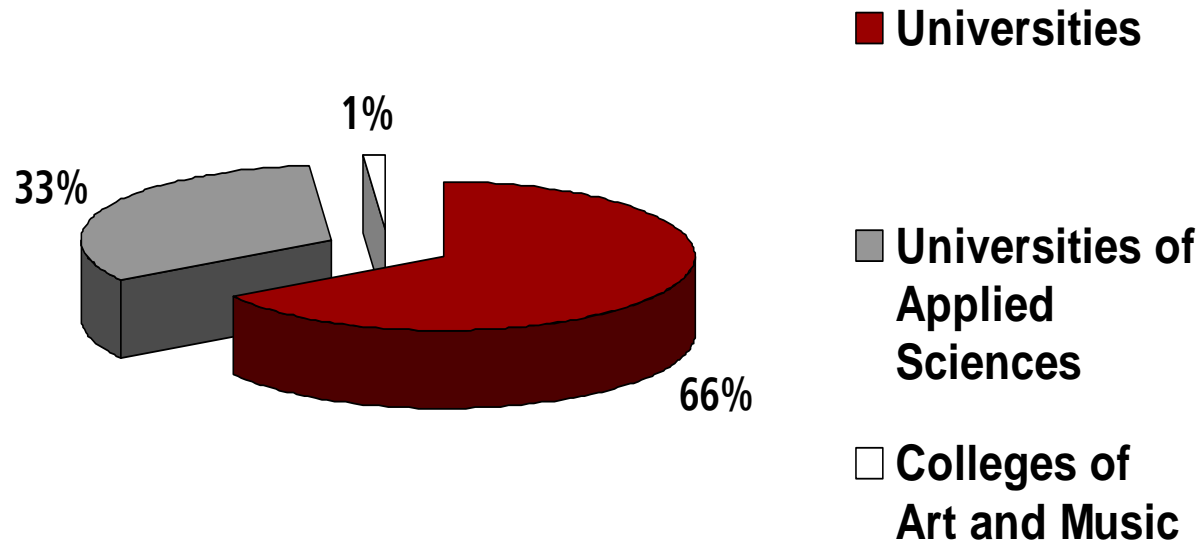
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## Higher Education Institutions in Germany according to Student Numbers

2.7 mio students in total (as per WS 2014/2015)

90 % of students are enrolled in state universities



Source: Federal Statistical Office



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Legal Framework:

Federal government  
and State  
governments



## Funding for Higher Education

- **Core Public Funding: 26.7 bn €**

  - 21.8 bn € Federal states (Länder)

  - 4.9 bn € Federal government

- **Core Funding per Student: 7,300 €**

  - 30,000 € for whole study programme per student in average

- **Third Party Funding: 6.7 bn €**

  - (private sponsoring, industry, EU programs etc.)

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The European Dimension:  
From Bologna to Jerewan

## European Higher Education Area



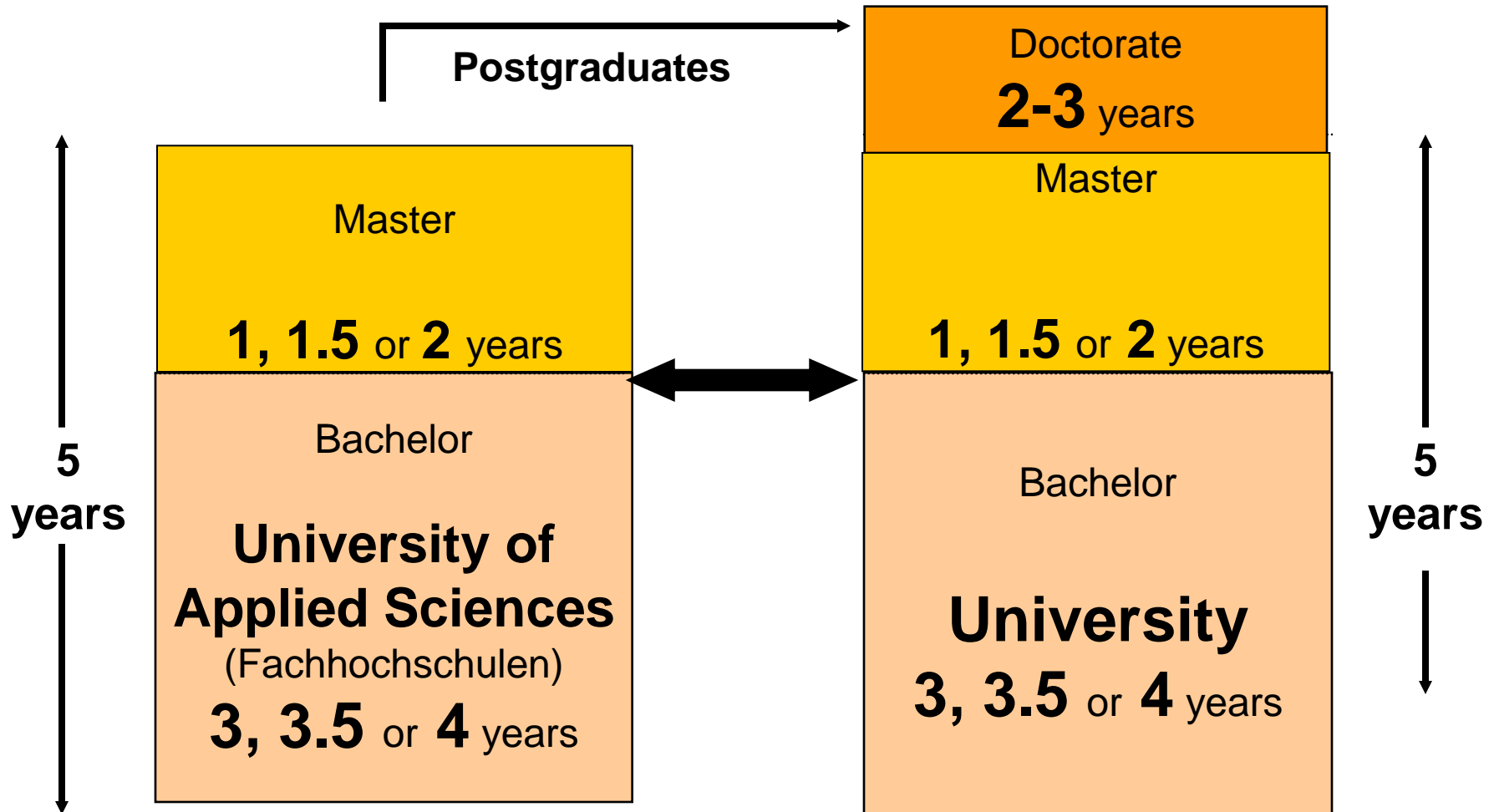
### The Bologna Declaration

- A system of easily readable and comparable degrees
- A system with two main cycles
- A system of credits
- Promotion of mobility
- Promotion of European co-operation in quality assurance
- Promotion of the European dimension in higher education

→ currently 48 Signatories

# The Reform of Undergraduate Education

## New Degree Structure: Bachelor and Master



## Universities and Fachhochschulen

Universities	Fachhochschulen (FH)
<b>Professors' Qualification:</b> Doctorate/PhD, Habilitation	Excellent Doctorate/PhD + five years experience in R&D
<b>Average number of teaching lessons per week:</b> 8-10	18
Theory oriented	Application oriented
Integration of research and teaching	Applied research to solve practical problems
Right to award Doctorate/PhD	
<b>Study programmes:</b> Medicine, Law, Natural Sciences, Engineering, Humanities, Social Sciences, Business	Engineering (75 % of German engineers are educated at FH) Business, Social and Health Sciences

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Internationalising Higher  
Education Institutions

## A More Strategic Approach to Internationalisation

- Internationalisation of universities is highly supported by the Federal Ministry
- Internationalisation strategy for each university
- Increasing **mobility** of **students** (incoming/outgoing) and **researchers**:
  - 319.000 international students at German universities (11.8)
  - 138.000 German students at international universities
- Increasing international collaboration in **research** and **technology transfer**
  - Joint scientific publications, publications in English peer reviewed magazines



## A More Strategic Approach to Internationalisation

- Shift from **traditional** to **more structured** forms of international collaboration

Double and Joint Degree Programmes:

208 Bachelor Programmes

290 Master' Programmes

Erasmus +

- **Non German** taught Degree Programmes

English taught Degree Programmes:

171 Bachelor Programmes

884 Masters' Programmes

## A More Strategic Approach to Internationalisation

- Increase in the establishment of German-backed universities and off-shore campuses (BMBF funded German partner universities):
  - German University in Cairo (GUC), German Jordanian University (GJU), German Vietnamese University,
  - last foundation: Turkish-German University
  - About 25.000 students
- National and international **strategic alliances**  
Strategic partnerships, partners in selected countries
- Enhance recognition procedures (e.g. HRK Framework Agreements, Lisbon Recognition Convention)

## Students from the Region (Bildungsausländer 2014)

Egypt: 1.991

Iran: 5.463

Irak: 604

Israel: 1.623

Jordan: 1.003

Lebanon: 920

Palestine: 695

Syria: 2.381

Turkey: 6.701

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**Dialogue on Innovative Higher  
Education Strategies (DIES)**

## Dialogue

- DIES Visits: Germany-visits of delegations on a topic related to higher education management. Visits to German higher education institutions, discussions, best-practice examples
- DIES Seminars: Workshop-oriented events



### Dialogue

... fosters the exchange on topics of higher education management and quality assurance

- DIES Conferences
- DIES Visits
- DIES Seminars

## Training Courses

### Management of Internationalisation

Target group: Directors of international offices (Latin America, Africa, Middle East, Southeast Asia)

- Content: Structures, necessary competencies and instruments for successful and vital internationalisation strategies
- Partner: University of Hannover with partners in Kenya, India and Mexico
- Next call for applications: Spring 2016



... equip university managers with skills for innovative higher education management

- **Proposal Writing**
- **UNILEAD**
- **Management of Internationalisation**
- **International Deans Course**

## Training Courses

### International Deans' Course

- Target Group: Faculty management, newly appointed deans and deputy deans
- Content: Strategic management, finance management, quality assurance, internationalisation, research management and higher education management.

### UNILEAD (University Leadership and Management Training Course)

- Target Group: young managers who work in their university's central administrative departments
- Content: blended learning approach: project management, finance management and personnel management.

### Proposal Writing Course

- Target Group: young researchers/scientists
- Content: practice-oriented advanced, aim is to impart and train skills that are important for research fundraising

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**Thank you for your attention!**

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