



The Master's Program "Intercultural Relations and Integration" at the University of Education Schwäbisch Gmünd

How can Germany ensure that it benefits from its migration-induced social and cultural diversity? By training professionals to manage migration processes, and implement diversity policies. Graduates will:

- devise and implement diversity policies and equity strategies in the administrative, educational, health and related sectors as well as in business and industry.
- devise and implement social cohesion programs
- organize culturally-sensitive teaching and learning processes in schools and other educational institutions
- advise organisations in relation of how they can further enhance the quality of their support programs and improve on the allocation of their human and financial resources

Are you interested in the tasks outlined above? Then apply for the Master's program "Intercultural Relations and Integration" (MA IKU).

Intercultural Relations are one of the University of Education's declared teaching and research focus

The university boasts a wealth of experience, gained over a number of years, regarding intercultural education, second language acquisition, project management and the implementation of intervention programs and support strategies.

The Master's program "Intercultural Relations and Integration" (MA IKU), established in 2009, equips students with the skills required to facilitate migrant integration and foster social cohesion. The course of studies is of interest to recent graduates as well as to graduates who are already established in their professions. The course of studies is of particular interest to graduates who hold labour market positions where they work with migrants and/ or deal with intercultural issues, and who want to expand on their knowledge by buttressing it on pertinent theoretical concepts and empirical research. The course of studies trains professionals and managers for the following sectors in particular: education, vocational training, universities, adult and further education, chambers of commerce, charities, cultural organisations and enterprise.

Intercultural Relations and Integration are cross-sectional tasks

The Master's program is interdisciplinary as well as international. The three core subjects are:

- Cultural Studies: deal with multilingualism, German as a second language and language and literature as vehicles for cultural memory.
- Educational science: explores teaching and learning processes, socialisation issues and educational concepts by drawing on international and intercultural perspectives.
- Sociology: analyses social conflict and seeks to devise strategies to overcome such conflicts.

Further subjects are:

- Religion, history and philosophy
- Legal studies
- Administration and economics
- Project management
- Health and migration

It is possible to specialise in three professional fields, namely "education and language", "administration and economics" and "health and migration". Moreover, it is possible to spend an exchange semester at one of our partner universities.

The University of Education Schwäbisch Gmünd

- greatly values diversity and is strongly committed to providing access and equal opportunities to students of migrant descent,
- sets standards with regard to dealing with cultural diversity and multilingualism,
- is involved in a variety of projects, aimed at facilitating migrant integration as well as in projects that manage and foster cultural diversity.

A wide range of subjects..

provides you with the opportunity to gain insights and acquire in-depth knowledge with regard to a broad variety of topics. Furthermore, the course is designed in a way that it is in step with actual practice. In addition, Turkish language classes are offered to equip you with language skills that are advantageous in several professional fields.

Promotion and encouragement of young researchers

We offer ideal conditions for young researchers who want to study for a doctoral and/ or post-doctoral degree.

Study in the country, yet close to the city

Schwäbisch Gmünd offers something for everyone. A historic town centre, a campus surrounded by greenery – and the state capital Stuttgart close by.

International perspectives

The University of Education Schwäbisch Gmünd promotes international relations and students are provided with excellent opportunities to spend part of their studies abroad.

Application and Admission

Application deadline

15 July of each year

Admission requirements:

Bachelor degree or equivalent degree

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