

Location

Experience the German culture around the Black Forest area

Villingen-Schwenningen is located in Baden-Wuerttemberg, in the beautiful Black Forest area, one of Germany's top touristic attractions. Two independent cities with two different faces: Villingen and its ancient cathedral, medieval picturesque streets and 1000 years of market rights is in contrast to Schwenningen, that was formerly known as a world center of the clock industry. The two city centers are five kilometers apart and were joined politically in 1972. Villingen-Schwenningen offers a large range of cultural events and locations as well as beautiful nature for a wide range of out-door activities in all seasons.

Only 60 kilometers away from Villingen-Schwenningen, one of Germany's best known lakes, Lake Constance, can easily be reached by train: weekend activities like cycling, swimming or visiting the flower paradise of Mainau Island are favorite pass-times. The highest mountain in the Black Forest, the Feldberg, is also located 60 kilometers from Villingen-Schwenningen and ideal for a week-end get-away of skiing or snowboarding fun during the winter months.



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PREPARE

A preparatory year for
international students



About PREPARE

The PREPARE program is designed to prepare international participants to study at the Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University (Duale Hochschule) Villingen-Schwenningen (DHBW VS), give them insights, familiarize them with living in Germany and bring them into contact with business and social organizations in Germany. By completing the PREPARE program participants will be able to start their Bachelor or Master studies at the DHBW in Villingen-Schwenningen or at any other German University.

The PREPARE program will take place from **October 2015 to September 2016** and consists of:

- Intensive German language courses advancing students from level A1 to level C1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
- The implementation of TestDaf - German language proficiency test
- Professional German courses for Business and Social Work
- Intercultural communication skills on living and studying in Germany
- Business English courses
- Short term internships at one of our Dual Partners in the market
- Job application training

During the program, participants study in small groups with a strong emphasis on interaction. A dynamic and motivational atmosphere is created in the class-room where participants from countries worldwide with diverse backgrounds experience optimal learning conditions.

Please note that tuition fees are charged for PREPARE. Further information will soon be available on our website.

DHBW VS - A Great Place to Study

The DHBW VS is the only university in Germany that has 40 years of experience in combining practical workplace training and academic studies. This close integration of theory and practice

is the unique main component of dual education. With around 34.000 enrolled students, 9.000 partner companies and more than 125.000 graduates, the DHBW is one of the largest higher education institutions in the Federal State of Baden-Wuerttemberg. Corporations benefit directly from business and skills oriented academic study programs in the competition for future talents and managers.

Key features of the DHBW VS

- Work-integrated academic study programs
- Partner companies are active members
- Cooperative research and hands-on learning
- Co-operations worldwide
- Organizational structure according to US-State University Model

Reasons for Choosing the DHBW VS

Career Integrated Studies

Dual studies combine academic learning with practical application in the professional field. In addition to broadening their knowledge in terms of technical expertise and methodology, students also gain a high level of professional and social skills. This paves the way to a smooth start into a successful professional life and provides optimal career opportunities.

Dual Study Programs

The DHBW VS offers studies in business and social work areas where students choose from a comprehensive range of courses totaling 17 Bachelor and 3 Master study programs. Further undergraduate study programs are offered at some of the other Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University locations.

Campus Life

At the DHBW VS students receive a first-class education focusing on practical skills and professional significance. At the same time exceptional prospects are given for a future career. Students are given the chance to join professional and social events and workshops, where professional networking with our dual partners and in the professional market is facilitated.

At DHBW VS, students experience more than excellent study courses and professors. Many extracurricular activities are on

offer on campus. The International Club is a student led organization that stages events for German and international students. Excursions, barbecues and club nights are regular happenings that bring together young people from different cultures. DHBW VS's Tandem-Program connects students with language learning partners and in the best case to life-long friends. Both participants teach and learn at the same time and gain insights into their different cultures.

The Friendship program is for university staff to invite international students into their homes where they can gain insights into family life in Germany. While these programs are geared toward students, PREPARE participants will be welcomed into them as well.

Due to the convenient location of the DHBW VS campus right next to the train station, it is easy to travel the rest of Europe or any of the beautiful Black Forest's regional attractions, either self-organized, or organized through student services.

Accommodation

The Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University Villingen-Schwenningen will organize accommodation for the participants.

How to Apply for PREPARE

The following documents must be submitted either in English or in German:

- Application form (*download QR code*)
- CV
- Motivation Letter
- School-leaving certificate (e.g. Upper Secondary School Graduation Diploma, Baccalaureate etc.), including a transcript of records
- Higher education entrance qualification certificate (if applicable)
- Relevant proof of educational qualification obtained, e.g. degree certificate and/or university diploma (if applicable)
- For enrolled students: Confirmation of enrollment including transcript of all coursework completed and/or in progress of completion
- Copy of passport data section

*Application deadline: **3 August 2015** - Minimum number of participants is 15.*