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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS OF UKRAINE AND GERMANY

Nowadays more and more Ukrainian students tend to receive education in foreign institutions. Germany is contemplated to be a disciplined country where everything is operated strictly according to certain rules, therefore the educational system is considerably different from Ukrainian regulations. The aim of this research is to inspect the main differences between studying opportunities in Ukraine and Germany.

To begin with, all students are treated according to their knowledge level, hence depending on how good they cope with the given material the teachers may suggest completing separate, more advanced exercises, which allows them to focus on their best skills. Simultaneously, those who have troubles understanding certain topics are able to give it a second try and fulfill the tasks based on their own capability. This method enables students to gain motivation for studying no matter how different their skills from one another are.

Another dissimilarity concerns the way of passing exams. In order to take a certain test it is necessary to register in a special German organization called «ASPA». Otherwise the student is not eligible to participate in the examination process. Meanwhile in Ukraine it is enough just to discuss and clarify all the details with the tutor.

Furthermore, while applying for the German university, foreign students have the opportunity to choose the language between German and English for their further studies. It may, however, depend on a bunch of aspects, such as faculty and studying program, and might significantly affect the price of getting education in a particular institution. This means that learning German language

will undoubtedly guarantee a great chance for the aspirants to either get a discount for studying, or there is even a possibility of studying for free.

What is more, in Germany there are two main types of higher education institutions: classical universities (Universitaet) and institutes (Hochschule); Institutes of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschule). In most universities and institutes, studying is divided into two stages: Elementary (3-4 semesters). During which, students receive basic knowledge of the chosen disciplines and learn to use it practically. This stage ends with the pre-diploma exam (Vordiplom). Basic (4-6 semesters). It is characterized by a more in-depth study of subjects and independent research. During the last semester, students write a scientific paper and prepare for final exams in specialized subjects, on the basis of which they are awarded a master's degree (Magister). Students of technical faculties instead receive a specialist diploma (Diplom). The studying for those, who have chosen the legal, medical and pedagogical professions, lasts 6-8 years. Only those students who have teaching experience and have successfully passed the necessary exams can enter the doctoral program. Obtaining this degree will take 5-6 years and will require the mandatory defense of the thesis. The main difference between the institutes of applied sciences is the greater practical orientation of the education received. They train specialists in various fields. Most often, these are: business and economics; applied arts; agriculture; engineering; programming. The term of study in the institutes of applied sciences is usually four years, one of which goes to compulsory practice. Upon completion of it, students are issued a diploma equivalent to a bachelor's degree.

Having considered these features and differences between Ukrainian and German education system, we can make certain conclusions regarding effectiveness and advantageous of receiving higher education in these countries.

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