Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS) in Germany

Why are German UAS attractive?

Teaching
- Diversity of study formats:
  - Dual programme (10%): dual course of study = study at a university and practical experience with a partner in industry/business
  - Combination of in-person attendance and (partly or entirely) remote learning with modern, digital teaching and learning methods, incl. blended learning
  - Practice-focused training with direct connections to the labour market/employment, e.g. practical semester or completion of final paper at a company
  - Flexible design and adaptation of curricula in order to respond to the latest topics and content
  - Teaching and exercises in small groups = good supervisory relationship between professors and students
  - UAS have modern facilities and equipment, e.g. laboratories and digital instruments, partly because of their close collaboration with partners from industry

Research & Transfer
- Application-oriented research with specific, practical goals
- Strong, demand-driven contract research
- Recruitment of professors from industry
- Close networking with partners from industry/business in the region
- Business start-ups: well-established start-up environment and structured support on the part of the UAS

1 Mio. Enrolled students
- Including 12% international students

102,000 Academic and non-academic staff
- Professors with qualified professional experience of at least five years (including a minimum of three years outside the higher education field), habilitation not required
- Recruitment of lecturers from industry

Facts and figures

1 For presentation purposes, the figures in this infographic were rounded up or down, which may lead to minor differences in the totals.

2 Bildungsausländer are students of foreign nationality who gained their qualification for admission to higher education from a school abroad or who have attended a German preparatory college to supplement qualifications gained at a school abroad.