



Technische
Universität
Braunschweig

”System of higher education in Physics in Germany”

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Higher education in physics in Germany

Degrees: Bachelor and Master

In all German-speaking countries:

Doctorate is the first independent research work

No „structured PhD“

- Universities of Applied Sciences:
Emphasis on physical technologies and vocational training
Specialisation like Environmental Physics, Technical Physics,...
- **Universities**

Higher education in physics at German Universities

Degrees:

BSc and MSc

BA and MA for physics teachers

Universities are autonomous, conceive curricula independently

But: Conference of Physics Departments agrees on uniform framework

Accreditation by agencies to guarantee that curricula are consistent with general guidelines of European Higher Education Area

Important aspect: Mobility

Units are fully transferable – ECTS

Higher education in physics at German Universities

BSc: Mainly lecture-style/teacher-centered instruction

Full course in experimental and theoretical physics

Lab courses with fixed experiments

BSc thesis, has to be defended in seminar

Typically 3 years

MSc: Students actively involved

Courses can be replaced by e. g. workshop/summer schools

Lab courses in institutes

MSc thesis, has to be defended in seminar

Typically 2 years