



“I opted for the Dual Study Program because it allows me to combine my university studies with practical experience and because it keeps me financially independent”.

Felix Raimund

The benefits for students at a glance:

- Acquisition of extensive practical and professional skills at a company
- Outstanding level of integration into operational structures, working methods and project flows
- Training of important key qualifications in practical applications
- Financial security thanks to ongoing financial compensation
- Excellent job and career prospects – virtually 100% hiring rate
- Reduction in overall education time, in some cases by several years (compared to the traditional path, i.e. on-the-job vocational training followed by academic program), notably for the combined studies program (academic studies & vocational training)
- Earlier start of professional career and smooth transition from university to job

Find out more:



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Why attend OTH-AW?

- State university bestowing accredited academic degrees
- Future-oriented education administered by a young and innovative university
- 21 Bachelors' and Masters' academic programs offered by four different departments
- International focus thanks to cooperation with numerous partner universities worldwide
- Professors and instructors with comprehensive personal field experience
- Attractive and excellently equipped lecture halls and seminar rooms
- State-of-the-art laboratories
- 24-hour library
- Campus-W-LAN
- Internet-based learning management system
- Efficient learning in small-sized study groups
- Attractive campus life thanks to multi-faceted offerings in addition to the academic program
- Unique cooperation and partnership models with companies ensuring the direct transfer of know-how and experience between on-the-job vocational training and practice on the one hand and science and business on the other hand
- Top positions in independent university rankings

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The Dual Study Program (Bachelor Co-operate Education)

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“Dual is twice as smart”

The Dual Study Program

The Dual Study & Training Program addresses highly motivated prospective students keen on gaining on-the-job work experience even while enrolled in an academic program. This brilliant combination of theory and practice has been designed to train future high potentials who will contribute both technical & business skills and extensive practical experience from day one.

Study program models

The Dual Study Program (bachelor co-operate Education) distinguishes between two main models:

- **Combined studies program (academic studies & vocational training)** and
- **Study program with intensified practice (academic studies + integrated practical/internship phases)**

THE COMBINED STUDIES PROGRAM (ACADEMIC STUDIES & VOCATIONAL TRAINING)

You wish to attend university while at the same time obtaining vocational training qualification? Then your way to go is the combined studies program. The combined studies program combines a standard bachelor program with a standard Chamber of Industry & Commerce or Chamber of Trades approved vocational training at a company. Depending on the company and the academic program chosen, students enrolled in this combined studies program get to choose from a wide variety of vocational training programs. Academic program and vocational training run in parallel.

How does the combined studies program work?

1. As a first step, pick an academic discipline which allows you to attend university in combination with on-the-job vocational training, i.e. a dual study program. For an overview of all dual co-op academic and vocational training programs, please go to www.oth-professional.de.
2. As a second step, apply directly for an apprenticeship training position with a company of your choice. To find out which companies are offering this option, please go to www.oth-professional.de.
3. As a third step, sign an apprenticeship training agreement, with your chosen company, then apply for a „slot for the dual program“ with OTH Amberg-Weiden, Technical University of Applied Sciences. Your academic program with OTH - Amberg-Weiden will commence after completion up to 14 months of vocational training at your company. At this point, your academic program will contain alternating phases of academic studies and practical work (integrated practical phases).

4. You can generally expect to take your vocational final exam administered by the Chamber of Industry & Commerce or the chamber of Trades or any other competent chamber after completion of your 3rd year of apprenticeship.
5. After successfully passing your vocational training qualification exam, you will undergo additional practical training units at your company both during the semester breaks (i.e. the non-lecture periods) and during the additional internship semesters of your academic program (if applicable).
6. As a final step of the dual study program you will complete your Bachelor's thesis in cooperation with your company.

9	Bachelor's thesis	4,5 seventh semester	In-company practical training Academic program Start: October 1st of the following year
8	2	4,5 sixth semester	
7	1 4,5 with Chamber of Industry & Commerce/ Chamber of Trades accredited Professional Exam 2	4,5 fifth semester Internship semester	
6	2	4,5 fourth semester	
5	1	4,5 third semester	
4	2	4,5 second semester	
3	1	4,5 first semester	
2	6 with Professional Exam 1	-	
1	7	-	
Time line in semesters	Practical business experience in months	Academic studies in months	In-company apprenticeship Start: September 1st

Example of a combined studies program (academic studies & vocational training).

THE STUDY PROGRAM WITH INTENSIFIED PRACTICE (ACADEMIC STUDIES + INTEGRATED PRACTICAL/ INTERNSHIP PHASES)

You want the best of both worlds from the outset because you feel that academic education and practical experience in the working world should sensibly complement each other from day one. You are not looking to obtain integrated vocational training but wish to gain realistic working-world experience. In that case, the study program with intensified practice will be the right choice for you. In this program, the academic studies and practical work at the company are phased to complement each other, with alternating times spent at university and at work right from the outset. You will undergo intense practical training phases during which you can expect to obtain thorough in-depth knowledge of your company. The big plus: you will obtain up to 100% more practical experience than from a traditional academic program. And you will walk out with an accredited academic degree after a mere 3,5 years.

How does the study program with intensified practice work?

1. As a first step, select the academic discipline of your choice. For an overview of all academic programs with intensified practice available, please go to the database at www.oth-professional.de.
2. As a second step, send your application directly to a company offering cooperative training in the academic discipline of your choice. To find companies fit for this purpose, please go to www.oth-professional.de.
3. After signing an employment contract with your company, apply for a university "slot for the dual program" of your choice. And off you go! ALTERNATIVE: Start the academic program first and find a company for your practical/internship phases later, starting with the 2nd/3rd/4th semester during the academic program, using the same procedure as outline above. CONCLUSION: Getting into the study program with intensified practice allows total flexibility. The modality of your choice will ultimately depend on your company.
4. The study program features periodically alternating phases of academic studies and practical work (integrated training or integrated practical phases), i.e. practical phases during internship semesters and semester breaks. Your familiarization with business practice in the working-world will be very intense as you will, in addition to the project works, experience day-to-day business at the your company. Thanks to the thorough practical experience gained by this program, the transition from academia to the job is extremely smooth.
5. The final step of the Dual Study Program is the practice-oriented bachelor thesis completed in cooperation with the company.

7	Bachelor's thesis	4,5 seventh semester	In-company practical training & experience Start: August 15th
6	2	4,5 sixth semester	
5	1 4,5	4,5 fifth semester Internship semester	
4	2	4,5 fourth semester	
3	1	4,5 third semester	
2	2	4,5 second semester	
1	1	4,5 first semester	
Time line in semesters	In-company practical training & experience in months	Academic studies in months	Academic program at the university Start: October 1st

Example of the academic program with intensified practice (academic studies + integrated practical/internship phases).

Did you know?

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