Our partnerships

Participating institutions

The university’s Binational School of Education (BiSE) coordinates all aspects of teacher education at the University of Konstanz, working closely with its partner institutions. These partnerships span geographic boundaries and interconnect the teaching and learning cultures of Germany (DEU) and Switzerland (CHE).

- Thurgau University of Teacher Education (PHTG), CHE
- Staatliches Seminar für Didaktik und Lehrerbildung (Gymnasium), Rottweil
- Network of collaborating schools
  - 20 schools
  - 2 countries
  - approx. 1,700 teachers
  - approx. 18,500 schoolchildren

Cross-border collaboration with the PH Thurgau, CHE

- Binational study programmes: teacher education (Gymnasium, Sek I, Sek II) and the master’s programme Early Childhood
- Bridge professorships
- Binational research colloquium and the Empirical Education Research programme for doctoral researchers

Staatliches Seminar für Didaktik und Lehrerbildung, (Gymnasium), Rottweil (SSDL)

- Partner for teacher assignments and traineeships
- Coordination of teaching content

A network of collaborating schools

- 20 schools from Konstanz, the greater Lake Constance region and from Switzerland
- Expansion of learning opportunities at the university for schoolchildren
- Mutual support with education research and quality assurance
- Developing lifelong learning formats for teachers

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The Binational School of Education

About us

The Binational School of Education (BiSE) at the University of Konstanz coordinates and develops the university's teacher education programmes. It takes a cross-university approach to its joint teaching and research activities with its partners, which include: the Pädagogische Hochschule Thurgau (PHTG), the Staatliches Seminar für Didaktik und Lehrerbildung Rottweil (SSDL) and a network of currently 20 collaborating schools. BiSE was founded in 2016 at the University of Konstanz as part of a comprehensive project to continue to develop teacher education the framework of the „Qualitätsoffensive Lehrerbildung“ (quality enhancement campaign for teacher education) jointly funded by the federal and state governments.

Our aims

We strengthen and continually develop teacher education at the University of Konstanz by:

– Strengthening practical applications in our teacher education programmes
– Interlinking didactics training, the educational sciences and individual academic disciplines more effectively
– Redeveloping didactics training based on current research
– Researching and teaching on heterogeneity and inclusion
– Testing and researching teaching concepts in the university’s teaching lab
– Advancing productive networking, collaboration and coordination activities with our partner institutions
– Promoting greater awareness for teacher education at the university, in the broader region and internationally
– Establishing lifelong learning opportunities for teachers
– Continually developing relevant quality assurance measures

You can find more information on our website:
– bise.uni-konstanz.de

Current projects

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– Project funded by the „Qualitätsoffensive Lehrerbildung“ (quality enhancement campaign for teacher education)
– A funding line of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF); Duration: January 2016 - December 2023

A selection of project activities:
– Founding the Binational School of Education
– Strengthening practical applications in teacher education
– Expanding the educational sciences
– Expanding and redeveloping didactics training
– Interlinking didactics training, the educational sciences and individual academic disciplines
– Quality assurance

Information, advice and services

General information

The Binational School of Education at the University of Konstanz provides a wide range of opportunities to gather information and to collaborate, especially in the following areas:

– Options for schoolchildren interested in becoming teachers
– Support with organizing (school) projects
– Projects in the teaching lab for schoolchildren, students and teachers
– Support with research projects involving the educational sciences, didactics and individual academic disciplines.
– Events and lectures in the field of teacher education
– Lifelong learning opportunities for teachers

For teacher education students (“Gymnasium” level)

The Binational School of Education is the first port of call for all teacher education students and provides a wide range of advice and services, especially in the following areas:

– Information for first-semester students
– Information events for students covering exams, plans and schedules as well as relevant new developments.
– Consultation for teacher education students: either short walk-in consultations in the Student Service Centre (SSZ) or longer consultations upon appointment with a student advisor or teacher traineeship coordinator at the Binational School of Education
– Support for projects and initiatives related to teacher education

For the current consultation hours, please visit our website and click on the menu topics “Studienberatung” and then “Beratung und Service” (in German).