

# Universities / Universities of Applied Sciences

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## Higher Education System

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## Admission

Universities have varying admission policies. Swiss university preparatory school diplomas guarantee access to universities. Foreign diplomas will not always be recognised. Questions regarding the recognition of foreign diplomas for admission will be answered by the respective universities. In general, very good German skills are required. An exception is made for courses of study which are offered entirely in English. The counselling centre for education and career in Canton Aargau (ask!) will provide free information on higher education opportunities.

## Professional Education and Training

In addition to the universities professional education and training (höhere Berufsbildung) is a popular form of continuing one's education in Switzerland. This enables professionals to specialize and deepen their professional knowledge as well as their leadership skills. Professional education and training follows vocational education and training (apprenticeship, Berufslehre). A university preparatory school diploma is not necessary. The counselling centre for education and career in Canton Aargau (ask!) will provide free information on the various possibilities.

## Additional information (links, addresses, information sheets, brochures)

[www.ciao-aargau.ch/en/school-and-education/universities--universities-of-applied-sciences](http://www.ciao-aargau.ch/en/school-and-education/universities--universities-of-applied-sciences)