

Discussion paper #4: Dual VET vs. University

University

A successful visit to a university ends with an academic degree: for example, a bachelor, master or doctorate.

Benefits

- access to research in a specific field
- main topics can be determined during the study itself
- universities train scientists working in research at a university or a scientific institute

Disadvantage

- university studies cost a lot of money: for example, tuition, living
- independent learning requires discipline
- after graduation, the job description is often ambiguous
- internships in companies are often not provided during a degree course
- after studying, you are at least 25 years old when you start working life

Dual VET

During the Dual VET the vocational school is visited as well as worked in a company. The Dual VET ends with the “Gesellenbrief”.

Benefits

- a training salary is already paid in the first year of Dual VET
- the “Auszubildende” is directly involved in the work processes in the company
- during operation, a trainer is responsible for the trainee
- as the “Auszubildende” already works in the company during his Dual VET, it is very likely that he will be taken on in the company
- the Dual VET and a study (in the sense of an additional qualification) offer very good opportunities in the job market

Disadvantage

- by providing the learning content there is no freedom for the choice of learning topics

Dual VET studies

A Dual Vet studies program combines Dual VET with an academic degree. In addition to attending college, students work in a company.

Benefits

- theory and practice are linked: in addition to the visit of the university, where the theoretical knowledge is taught, the students are trained in a company
- the students already earn money during their studies, they receive a salary
- the timetables at the university are provided with given tasks
- the Dual Vet studies are often designed after graduation to a permanent position in a company

Disadvantage

- due to the simultaneous study and Dual VET, a high level of commitment is necessary
- the Dual VET studies are less scientifically oriented and a doctoral degree cannot be acquired