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Welcome to our
presentation!

Vocational Education System in Austria

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- ◆ Austrian Dual System of Vocational Schools
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School authorities – administration in vocational education

Bundesministerium –
Ministry of Education



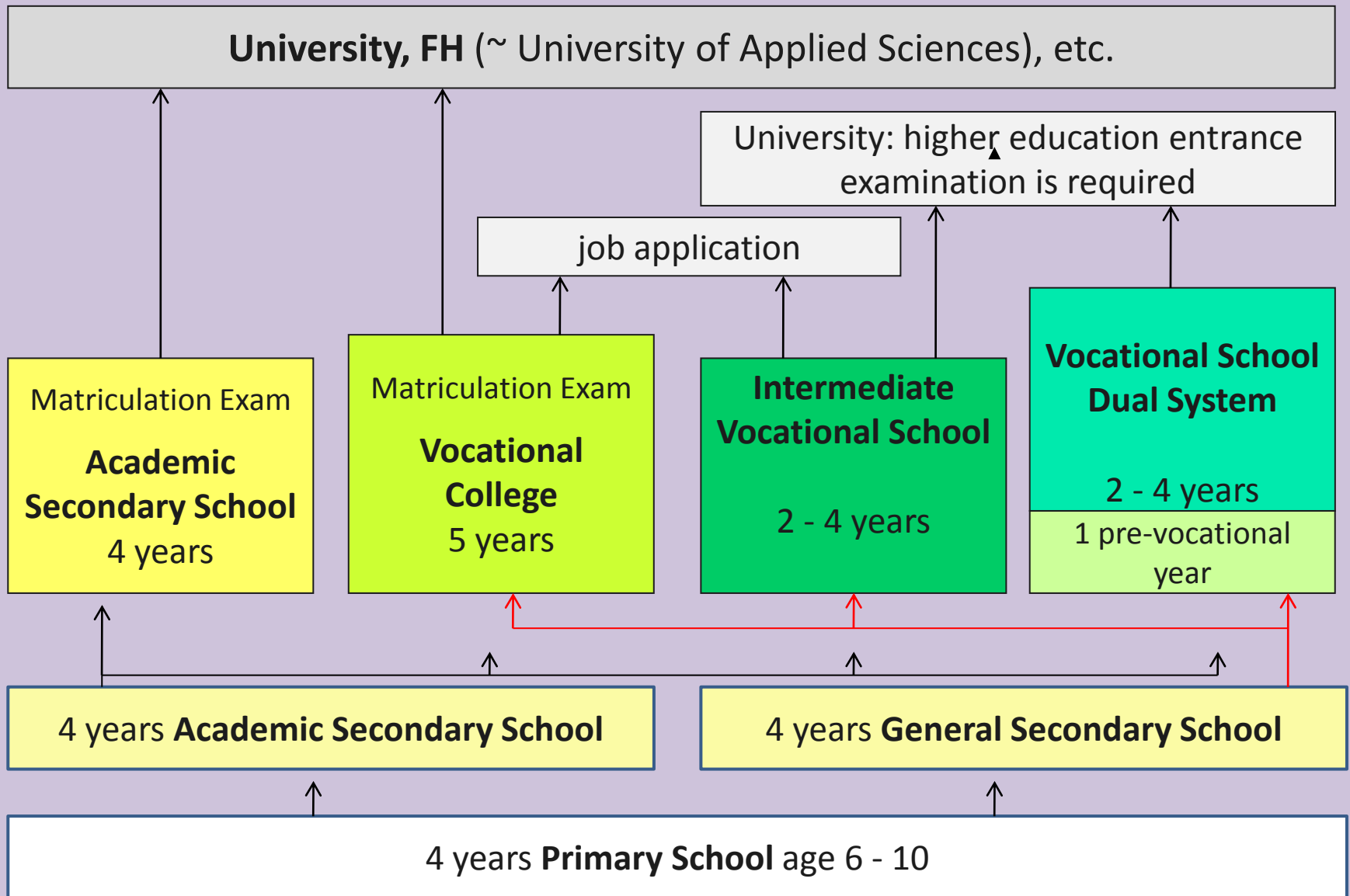
Vocational colleges

Landesschulrat (LSR) –
federal state level



Vocational schools

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Statistic Data Austria 2009/10

Vocational Education after Secondary Education (~ 80% of all Austrian youth)

Age of entry: 14/15 years	Schools	Classes	pupils / students		
			total	female	male
Technical and Vocational Colleges (5 y)	304	5.422	137.534	69.985	67.549
Intermediate Vocational Schools (2-4 y)	427	2.321	51.712	25.061	26.651
Vocational Schools Dual system (apprenticeship, 2-4 y)	160	6.661	140.256	48.828	91.428
Total	891	14.404	329.502	143.874	185.628

140.256 = 43% of total

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Vocational College (5 years)

Intermediate Vocational School (2 - 4 years)

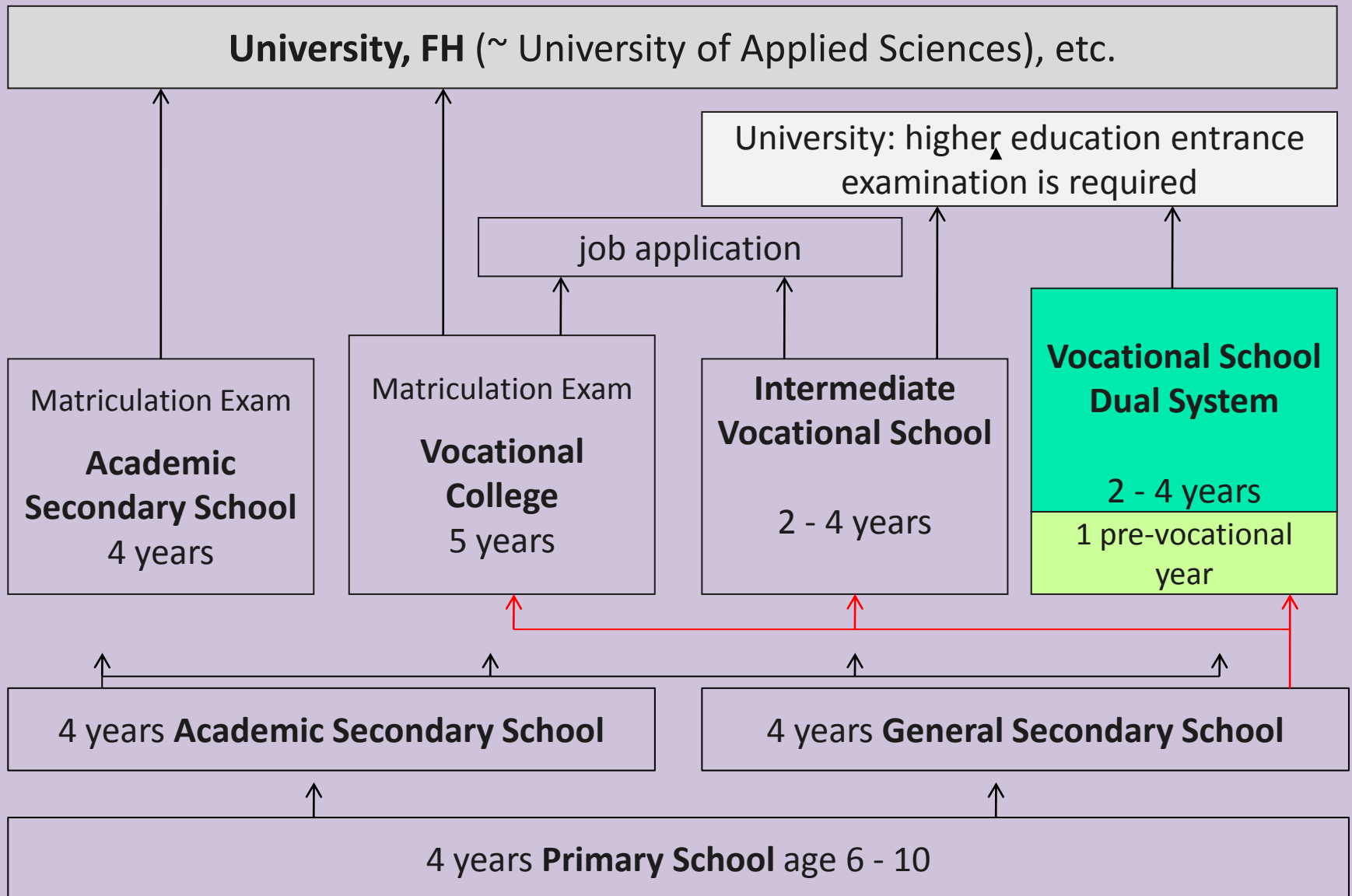
Students:

- full-time school-attendance
- work experience placements

Teachers:

- University-degree (Mag., Dipl.Ing. → Master)
- job-application: at school authority of a federal state:
LSR (<http://www.lsr-ooe.gv.at/bewerber/default.htm>)

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Vocational School in Austria = Dual System

- ◆ The education lasts 2 – 4 years, depending on kind of trade
- ◆ double-apprenticeship (4 y.) = possible in related professions
e. g. baker + sugar baker, cook + waiter

apprenticeship-
contract with company

+

compulsory education
at vocational school

- ◆ The company has to register the apprentice.

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School-attendance

Dual System

40 schoolweeks

1st term

2nd term

3rd term

4th term

Either

40 weeks with 1 schoolday /
week
+ 10 weeks 1 additional day
in any term

Or

10 weeks nonstop with
5 schooldays / week
in any term

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Some facts:

- Apprentices may only be trained in the legally recognized apprenticeship trades (presently approximately 240).
- At present there are about 132.000 apprentices in about 40.000 companies.
- The most popular professions are retail dealer for girls and automobile mechanics for boys.
- Upon completion of apprenticeship training about 40 % of all apprentices continue to work for the company where they were trained.

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Students at Vocational Schools (Dual System)

- ◆ Tuition fees paid by municipality
€ 200,00 (+ € 200,00 support for investment in equipment)
- ◆ Books: ~ € 100,00 ⇒ students pay ~ € 5,50 / year

Accommodation during the term:

- ◆ mostly boarding schools
- ◆ payment: € 100,00 – € 125,00 /week (incl. food)
- ◆ often financial support by employer *)

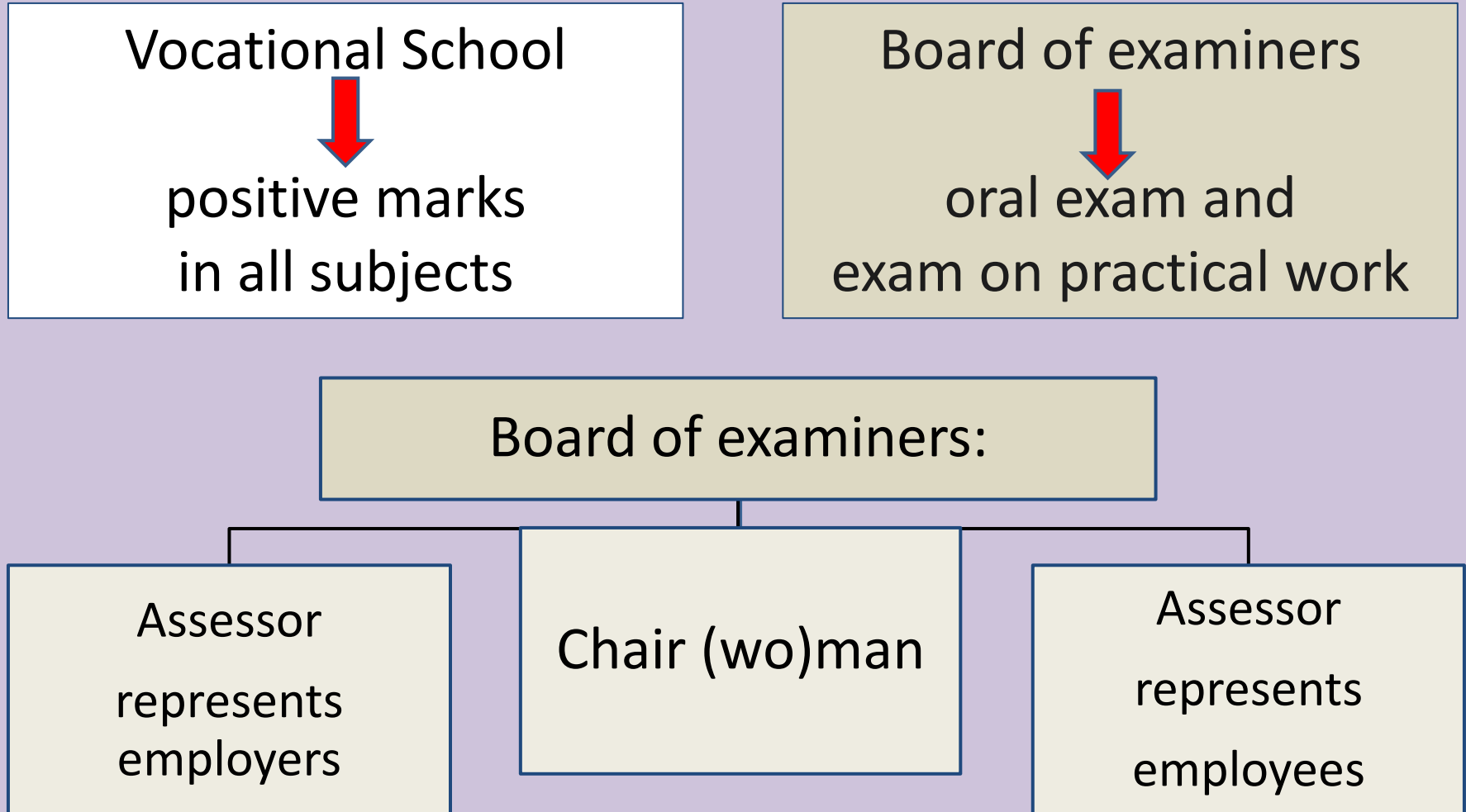
Apprenticeship:

- ◆ wages from € 250,00 – € 1.100,00 b.t. 14 x per year *)

*) cf. regulations in collective contracts

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Graduation from Dual System



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Educational prospects after Dual System

Examination for the master's certificate

- ▶ min. 3 years job experience
- ▶ qualifies for starting up own business

Access to University – requirements:

- ▶ higher education entrance examination
 - 3 subjects: German, Mathematics, English
 - 1 subject: related to field of work experience and intended study

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26 Vocational Schools in Upper Austria (Dual System)

Examples:

BS Altmünster	cook, waiter, ...
BS Kremsmünster	boatbilder, carpenter, ...
BS Linz 1	hairdresser, pedicurist, cosmetician, ... dressmaker, shoemaker
BS Linz 2	bricklayer, tiler, chimney sweep, ...
BS Linz 10	butcher, baker, confectioner, florist, ...
BS Vöcklabruck	office administrator, personnel service provider, ...
BS Wels 1	agricultural machinery technician, food technician, ...

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Teaching subjects in Vocational Schools (Dual System)

Subject group 1

- commercial subjects, German, English, Political Education

Subject group 2

- profession-related **theoretical** subjects (e. g. logistics, advertisement, knowledge in food sector, aso)

Subject group 3

- profession-related **practical** subjects (e.g. teaching practical work in kitchens, workshops, aso)

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Qualifications to become a Vocational Teacher (Dual System)

Teachers of Subject-Group 1 + 2

- graduation from Vocational (technical, commercial, etc.) College (matriculation) or higher level
- min. 3 years work-experience in this field

Teachers of Subject-Group 3

- graduation from Vocational School (Dual System)
- examination for the master's certificate
- higher education entrance examination
- min. 3 years work-experience in this field

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Vocational Teacher Education
with own curriculum

For teachers in
Dual System

E. g. in
Pädagogische
Hochschule OÖ

Finishing with
Bachelor of
Education

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Vocational Teacher Education

1st year

- 1 day/week University of Education
- 4 days/week teaching at Vocational School

2nd year

- full-time study for the whole school-year

3rd year

- 1 day/week University of Education
- 4 days/week teaching at Vocational School
- Thesis + Defensio

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Vocational Teacher Education

Modular system

- each module contains various subjects / fields of study, e. g.
Basics of Human Sciences
- each module is finished by exams (oral or written)
- with each module students earn ECTS-points, e. g. Basics of Human Sciences = 6 ECTS/semester (average = 2,25 schoolhours/week)
- Some modules are credited due to former work-experience

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Fields of study	ECTS
Human Sciences	39
Special Branch of Academic Knowledge	28
Didactics	26
Schoolpractical Studies	18
Complementary Studies	18
Attendant Teaching Practice	24
Work Experience	18
Thesis (Bachelor)	9
Total	180

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The fields of study are split into various lectures, seminars, exercises, e. g.

- ◆ Pedagogical Sociology
- ◆ Pedagogical Psychology
- ◆ Educational Sciences
- ◆ Didactics
- ◆ Practical Teaching Exercises
- ◆ Language (German or English)
- ◆ Business Administration
- ◆ School Laws
- ◆ Political Education
- ◆ Accountancy (only teachers of subject group 1)
- ◆ Special knowledge in job-related subjects (group 2 + 3)

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Vocational Teacher: Salary

Dual System

for full-time occupation = 23 lessons à 50 min per week

1 st – 5 th year:	€ 2.425,00 before taxes / month (14 x per year)
6 th – 10 th year:	€ 2.864,30 b. t.
from 11 th year:	€ 3.572,10 b. t.

Remunerations for various duties (per school-month)	
Head teacher of a class	€ 133,20
Custodian (e. g. library)	€ 48,80
Workshop (e. g. for carpenters)	€ 92,60

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Advantages and Disadvantages of the Austrian system of education

Advantages

- ◆ Finish of the study within 3-5 years
- ◆ Course is fixed (disadvantage?)
- ◆ Earn basic salary as fulltime students
- ◆ Practice-knowledge is a profit for the trainees

Disadvantages

- ◆ The start without pedagogical knowledge is very hard
- ◆ Amount of work (4 working days + 1 study day)
- ◆ No options in the study (curriculum is fixed)

Some facts:

- ◆ There are 26 Vocational Schools with about 1.200 vocational teachers in Upper Austria.
- ◆ The average age of vocational teachers starting their job is 36 years!

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Statistic Data Austria 2009/10

Teachers in different types of schools

Types of schools	number of teachers			
	total	female	male	% male
Primary Schools	32.458	29.455	3.003	9,25%
Secondary Schools	32.848	22.886	9.962	30,33%
Vocational Schools - Dual system	5.115	1.748	3.367	65,83%
Intermediate Vocational Schools / Vocational Colleges	22.130	11.346	10.784	48,73%

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Curriculum of Vocational Schools

Curriculum for each subject contains:

- ◆ aims
- ◆ content of the subject / teaching material
- ◆ additional contents for advanced learners*
- ◆ didactical principles

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* several subjects are divided into „Normalgruppe“ (basic learners) and „Vertiefungsgruppe“ (advanced learners)

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Curriculum of Vocational Schools

Special Needs Education

prolongation of apprenticeship, e. g

retailer: regular time 3 years → 4 years for slower learners

partial qualification

- ▶ set-up of individual curriculum
- ▶ integration into worklife for students who aren't able to pass full education

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Vocational Schools – Organisation

(Dual System)

Headmaster:

- ◆ external representation of the school
- ◆ pedagogical director
- ◆ personell matters

Deputy Headmaster:

- ◆ internal administration

Teaching Staff:

- ◆ various tasks, e. g. subject coordinators, IT-managers, etc.

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Differences / Impressions: Vocational Teacher Education

- ◆ more attendance at University
- ◆ is based on a modular system
- ◆ special academic teacher education
- ◆ pedagogical studies
- ◆ complementary studies
- ◆ study for 3 years including 1 year fulltime study



- ◆ academic degree is needed before starting education
- ◆ less attendance at University
- ◆ more self-guided studies
- ◆ various further lectures (e. g. Contact days)
- ◆ only pedagogical studies
- ◆ study for 1 – 1,5 years
- ◆ system of "Guidance and Councelling"

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My background



Sylvia Jöch

Date of Birth: 2nd December, 1971 in Waidhofen/Thaya, Lower A.

Education: 4 years Primary School, 4 years Secondary School
5 years Commercial College (graduation with matriculation)

Prof. career: 1991 – 2008 works for various forwarding agencies (cargo partner, Frans Maas, Danzas, G. Englmayer)

Since 09/2008: Teacher at the Vocational School for commercial professions as forwarding agent in Braunau/Inn, Upper Austria

Hobbies: Nordic walking, cycling, meeting with friends, reading good books, travelling around the world, watching good films in the cinema and on TV and of course the job

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My background



Sonja Baier

Date of Birth: 12th February, 1960 in Braunau/Inn, Upper Austria

Education: 4 years Primary School, 4 years Secondary School
1 year Polytechnic institute
4 years Evening Commercial College (graduation with matriculation)

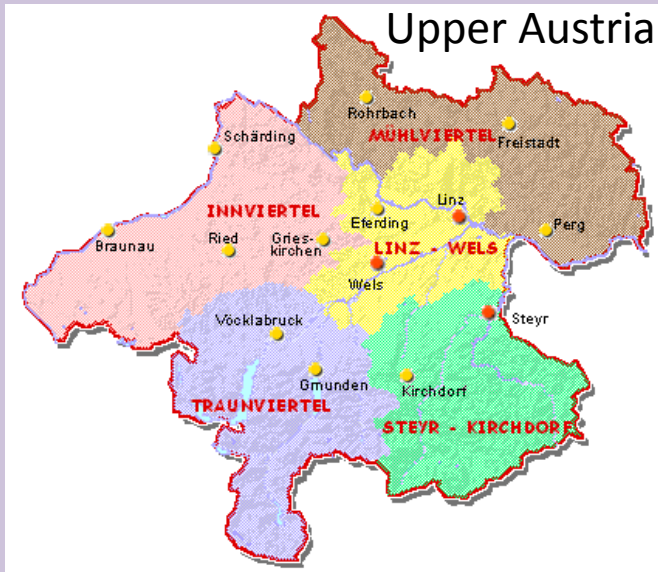
Prof. career: Apprenticeship as sugar baker
After I got 2 children I started a new course of education with the Evening Commercial College. 1999 – 2007 working as office manager and then as authorized signatory in a log house company which bought the wooden beams in Finland.

Since 01/2008: Teacher at the Vocational School for commercial professions as office administrator or retail dealer in Braunau/Inn, Upper Austria

Hobbies: My family, Nordic walking, painting, reading good books, travelling, aso.

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Berufsschule Braunau am Inn



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Vocational school in Braunau



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