



## ADVANTAGES OF PRACTICES IN GERMANY AIMED AT ENSURING THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL QUALITY OF TEACHING ENGLISH TO FUTURE ENGINEERS OF AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES

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### **РЕЗЮМЕ:**

Hozirgi zamon taʼlimining global xarakteri muhandislik kadrlarini tayyorlashda, ayniqsa qishloq xoʻjaligi sohasida, chet tillari, ayniqsa ingliz tilining ahamiyatini oshirdi. Germaniyada muhandislik talabarlari uchun chet tili taʼlimining ichki va tashqi sifatini taʼminlash uchun yaxshi ishlab chiqilgan taʼlim amaliyotlari qoʻllaniladi. Ushbu maqolada ushbu amaliyotlar koʻrib chiqilib, taʼlim metodlari va strukturalar, chet tillarini oʻqitishni yaxshilashga qaratilgan pedagogik yondashuvlar tahlil qilinadi. Kommunikativ oʻqitish metodlarining integratsiyasi, innovatsion texnologiyalarni qoʻllash va sifatni taʼminlash mexanizmlarini joriy etish Germaniyaning yuqori malakali koʻp tilli mutaxassislar tayyorlashdagi muvaffaqiyatining asosiy jihatlari. Shuningdek, maqolada muhandislik fakultetlari yuqori sifat standartlarini saqlashdagi qiyinchiliklar va boshqa mamlakatlarda bu amaliyotlarni qoʻllash orqali qishloq xoʻjaligi sohasidagi muhandislar uchun chet tili taʼlimini yaxshilash boʻyicha takliflar keltirilgan.

### **РЕЗЮМЕ:**

Глобализация образования повысила значение знания иностранных языков, особенно английского, в подготовке инженерных кадров, особенно в таких специализированных областях, как сельское хозяйство. В Германии применяются хорошо зарекомендовавшие себя образовательные практики для обеспечения внутреннего и внешнего качества обучения иностранных языков студентов инженерных специальностей. В статье рассматриваются эти практики, с акцентом на педагогические и структурные подходы, которые способствуют



улучшению преподавания иностранных языков в технических и аграрных инженерных дисциплинах. Интеграция коммуникативных методов обучения, использование инновационных технологий и внедрение механизмов обеспечения качества являются ключевыми аспектами успеха Германии в подготовке высококвалифицированных многоязычных специалистов. В статье также рассматриваются проблемы, с которыми сталкиваются инженерные факультеты при поддержании этих высоких стандартов, а также предлагаются рекомендации для применения подобных практик в других странах с целью улучшения языкового образования для студентов-инженеров в области сельского хозяйства.

#### **SUMMARY:**

The globalized nature of modern education has heightened the importance of foreign language proficiency, especially English, in the training of engineering personnel, particularly those studying in specialized fields like agriculture. In Germany, well-established educational practices are employed to ensure the internal and external quality of foreign language education for engineering students. This article explores these practices, focusing on both pedagogical and structural approaches that enhance foreign language teaching in technical and agricultural engineering disciplines. The integration of communicative teaching methods, the use of innovative technologies, and the implementation of quality assurance mechanisms are key aspects of Germany's success in producing highly skilled multilingual professionals. This study also examines the challenges faced by engineering faculties in maintaining these high standards and offers suggestions for the adoption of similar practices in other countries to improve language education for engineering students in agriculture.

**Introduction.** At present time in the globalized world, proficiency in foreign languages, especially English, is essential for engineering professionals, including those working in the field of agriculture. The increasing international collaboration, global research initiatives, and mobility of the workforce necessitate that engineers possess not only technical expertise but also strong communication skills. Germany, known for its high standards of education and research, has long recognized the importance of foreign language education, especially English, in technical fields. This is particularly true for engineering students specializing in agriculture, where multilingual competence is a valuable asset for both academic and professional success. This article explores how Germany has implemented best practices in foreign language education to ensure both internal and external quality in the training of engineering personnel, particularly those in agricultural engineering programs.

#### **The Importance of English in Technical Education.**

In the context of agricultural engineering, English has become the dominant language for global communication. Academic papers, international conferences, and professional networks primarily use English, and many of the most influential journals in the field are published in this language. For engineering students, especially those involved in agriculture, the ability to engage with international research and communicate across borders is essential.

Moreover, in Germany, agricultural engineering often combines technical knowledge with environmental, economic, and social considerations. This interdisciplinary nature of the field demands that students not only acquire technical proficiency but also gain the ability to understand complex topics in a language that is widely used across different sectors, from research to industry and government.

### **The Role of Technical Universities in Germany.**

Germany is home to several prestigious technical universities, such as the Technical University of Munich (TUM) and the University of Hohenheim, which offer specialized programs in agricultural engineering. These institutions are at the forefront of integrating foreign language instruction into their curricula, with a specific focus on English for technical purposes.

In recent years, German universities have increasingly offered English-taught courses to accommodate the internationalization of education and provide students with the skills needed to navigate the global workforce. This shift is evident in many engineering and agricultural programs, which now include specialized modules in English to complement technical training.

### **Best Practices for Ensuring Quality in Foreign Language Education.**

For ensuring both internal and external quality in foreign language education for engineering personnel, particularly in the field of agriculture, several best practices have been implemented in Germany. These practices address curriculum design, teaching methodologies, assessment strategies, and the broader academic environment.

**1. Curriculum Integration.** A key component of successful foreign language education in technical universities is the integration of language instruction within the core curriculum. In agricultural engineering programs, courses are often taught in English, with materials such as textbooks, research articles, and lecture slides provided in English. This ensures that students are immersed in the language from the outset of their studies.

Curriculum integration also involves offering language support tailored to the specific needs of the students. For example, in agricultural engineering, students might be taught specialized English terminology related to soil science, crop production, sustainable farming, and agricultural technologies. This ensures that the language instruction aligns with the students' future professional needs, helping them to communicate effectively in their field.

**2. Specialized Language Courses.** In addition to integrating English into technical courses, many universities in Germany offer specialized English language courses designed for engineering students. These courses often focus



on academic English, technical writing, and professional communication. Students might be trained in writing research papers, composing technical reports, and delivering oral presentations in English.

By providing targeted language training, universities ensure that engineering students are equipped with the specific language skills they will need in their careers. These courses can be tailored to the needs of agricultural engineers, for instance, by focusing on topics such as sustainability, renewable energy in agriculture, or precision farming techniques.

**3. Multilingual Teaching Staff.** One of the best practices for ensuring quality language education is the recruitment of multilingual teaching staff. In Germany, many universities have English-speaking faculty members, some of whom are native speakers of English, while others are experts in technical fields who have mastered the language. Having a diverse teaching staff ensures that students are exposed to various accents, dialects, and styles of communication, which is crucial for their development as globally competent professionals.

Additionally, faculty members who are well-versed in both the technical and linguistic aspects of agriculture can bridge the gap between engineering concepts and language learning, ensuring that students receive a holistic education.

**4. Interactive and Immersive Learning Environments.** Another best practice in German universities is the emphasis on interactive and immersive learning environments. Agricultural engineering students are encouraged to participate in projects, internships, and international collaborations where they can apply their language skills in real-world contexts. These experiences not only help students improve their proficiency in English but also allow them to practice communicating technical information to diverse audiences.

For example, universities may facilitate exchanges with partner institutions abroad, allowing students to work on joint research projects or attend international conferences. These opportunities provide students with a global perspective on agricultural issues and the chance to use English in practical, professional settings.

**5. Assessment and Feedback Mechanisms.** Effective assessment is a critical component of ensuring quality in foreign language education. In Germany, technical universities employ a variety of assessment methods, including written exams, oral presentations, group projects, and peer evaluations. These assessments are designed to measure both language proficiency and the ability to apply technical knowledge in English.

Additionally, feedback mechanisms play an important role in improving language skills. Regular feedback from instructors on written assignments, presentations, and project work allows students to identify areas of improvement and further refine their language abilities. This continuous assessment approach helps students track their progress and build confidence in their language skills.

**External Quality Assurance and Accreditation.** Germany's commitment to quality assurance in higher education is reflected in the external accreditation and evaluation processes that many technical universities undergo. Accreditation bodies such as the \*Akreditierungsagentur für Studiengänge der Ingenieurwissenschaften\* (ASIIN) ensure that engineering programs, including those in agricultural engineering, meet high academic and professional standards.

These bodies assess the content of curricula, teaching methods, and student outcomes, ensuring that universities maintain a rigorous standard of education. As part of the accreditation process, universities must demonstrate that their foreign language programs, particularly English language instruction, meet the needs of their students and align with international standards.

Additionally, the use of external benchmarking with universities from other countries enables German institutions to ensure that their programs remain competitive and responsive to the changing demands of the global workforce.

**Conclusion.** By summarizing it can be suggested that the implementation of best practices in foreign language education in Germany, particularly for engineering students in the field of agriculture, plays a crucial role in preparing graduates for the challenges of the globalized workforce. Through the integration of specialized English courses, the recruitment of multilingual teaching staff, the creation of immersive learning environments, and effective assessment and feedback mechanisms, German technical universities have established a comprehensive approach to language education that ensures both internal and external quality.

As the demand for highly skilled engineers in agriculture continues to grow globally, Germany's emphasis on English language proficiency in technical education will remain a vital component of the training of future professionals, equipping them with the language skills necessary to succeed in an increasingly interconnected world.

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