

**CIU's European School of Culture and Theology** requests the following policy to be approved by the Provost, Vice-Provost and Registrar of CIU for the Korntal versions of the

1. BA in General Studies and Bible
2. BA in Culture and Theology

1. Applicants with the Abitur receive 33 credit hours of transfer credit, which covers General Education including the general education distribution requirement. They must take the Capstone Course PHI 3115 "Worldview, Philosophy & Ethics" at CIU-ESCT Korntal to fulfill all General Education Requirements of both degrees (Policy in place since November 2013)
2. Applicants with the Fachabitur receive 22 credit hours of transfer credit, which covers General Education including the general education distribution requirement. They must take the Capstone Course PHI 3115 "Worldview, Philosophy & Ethics" at CIU-ESCT Korntal and 11 more credit hours in appropriate courses to fulfill all General Education Requirements of both degrees (Policy in place since November 2013).
3. Applicants with Middle School and vocational training (10+3 or 9+4 model) receive 22 credit hours of transfer credit, which covers General Education including the general education distribution requirement. They must take the Capstone Course PHI 3115 "Worldview, Philosophy & Ethics" at CIU-ESCT Korntal and 11 more credit hours in appropriate courses to fulfill all General Education Requirements of both degrees. (Policy to be confirmed).

Rationale:

- European Model (see appendix I plus attachments)
- EEAA policy (see appendix II)

Implementation: Immediately upon confirmation.

### **Attachment I: General Education in Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Europe**

Many European countries have a historically developed outstanding system of Vocational Education and Training which includes a substantial component of General Education. This is the case in Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

As an example: In Switzerland Vocational Education and Training is regulated by the government. Government policies prescribe the quantity as well as the content of General Education in Vocational Education and Training (see attached documents).

For a four year vocational training programme about 900 to 1000 hours of learning are required (480 class-hours plus personal study). This equals about 22 US credits (counting 45 hours per credit). See document *Verordnung des SBFI über Mindestvorschriften für die Allgemeinbildung in der beruflichen Grundbildung* (p. 2).

The following areas of teaching and learning are prescribed: Ethics, identity and socialisation, culture, ecology, politics, law, science and economy (see document *Berufliche Grundbildung: Rahmenplan für den allgemeinbildenden Unterricht*, p. 5, 11-19).

### **Attachment II: Accreditation policies of the European Evangelical Accrediting Association (EEAA)**

Based on the aforementioned documentation (Switzerland as case, other countries have comparable regulations) the EEAA accepts completion of secondary education (Abitur OR recognized Vocational Education and Training) as entrance qualification for studies at the Bachelor level (see EEAA Manual p. 43). European Bachelor-programs do not contain any general education components since this is fulfilled already in the requirements. Thus a European BA is only 3 years in length and focuses exclusively on the discipline (i.e. Bible/Theology).

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