SEMINAR SCHLOSS BOGENHOFEN

Take Steps to Jesus

... in the Heart of Europe

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Located in the heart of Europe, Seminar Schloss Bogenhofen is a Seventh-Day Adventist institution with an excellent Christ-centered education. It currently offers five secondary and university level programs: a Secondary School, a Department of Theology, a Bible school, a Language Institute and a School of Evangelism.

Bogenhofen is a place of peace in the middle of beautiful nature. It is a culturally diverse international community where different age groups join to learn, grow and develop a vision for the future. Our mission statement is found in our Latin school crest and reads “In order that the spreading of the light around this globe will go forth more speedily.” (Johann Amos Comenius)

In Bogenhofen we pursue a holistic Christian-Adventist approach to education. Our educational philosophy concentrates not only on academic instruction, but also on spiritual development. We encourage our students to build a personal relationship with God through daily devotions, prayer, and Bible studies. It is our goal to prepare young people for productive lives of useful service to God, the church and society.

You are invited to discover the unique atmosphere and the educational experience offered on this campus. On behalf of our entire team – welcome!

Dr. Christoph Berger
President

History of Bogenhofen

- In 1874, J. N. Andrews, the first official Seventh-day Adventist missionary, was sent to Basel, Switzerland to foster the small Adventist mission in this part of the world.

- An active group of Seventh-day Adventist's from Austria and Switzerland rallied at a youth conference in 1948 and made a strong plea for a missionary training center in Austria.

- Then, in 1949, Schloss Bogenhofen was purchased in the vicinity of Braunau and in the same year classes began with 22 students and two teachers. Since 1949 Schloss Bogenhofen has offered continuous theological education and today looks back to a legacy of theological training that continues what J. N. Andrews began.

- The "German language school" opened its doors at Bogenhofen in 1951 for those whose mother tongue is not German

and who want to learn German and become familiar with the German-speaking culture and mindset.

- In 1959 Bogenhofen also opened a Seventh-day Adventist boarding academy. It is the only Adventist academy in all of Austria and Switzerland and only one of two academies in all German-speaking countries. Since 1984, Bogenhofen offers a state recognized Matura which enables students to enter university studies at any university in all of Europe.

- Since 2011, Bogenhofen successfully started a “School for Evangelism” called “Plant Academy”, offering one year of practical training with a focus on mission and church growth.

❶ Castle

3rd Floor: Guest rooms
2nd Floor: Secondary School, Language School,
1st Floor: Office Dean of Theology, Plant Academy

❷ Cafeteria, Administration Building

2nd Floor: Administration, International Biblestudy-Institute
1st Floor: Cafeteria, Kitchen, Sauna

❸ Women's Dormitory

3rd Floor: Apartments 3-7, Rooms 26-30
2nd Floor: Apartments 2, Rooms 13-25
1st Floor: Dean's office, Apartment 1, Rooms 2-12
Basement: Library

❹ Men's Dormitory

3rd Floor: Apartments 2-7
2nd Floor: Rooms 12-27
1st Floor: Dean's Office, Apartment 1, Rooms 1-10
Basement: Theology Department

❺ Pickhardteum

2nd Floor: Music Practice Rooms
1st Floor: Bogi-Shop, Saftladen, Guest reception,

❻ Old Chapel

2nd Floor: Chapel
1st Floor: Secondary School, Language School

❼ Church Building

2nd Floor: Elementary School, Seminary room, Gallery
1st Floor: Sanctuary, Elementary School

⑧ Shed
⑨ Gymnasium
⑩ Garbage Disposal Site
⑪ Heating Facilities
⑫ Fireplace
⑬ Apartments
⑭ Former baptismal
⑮ Apartments
⑯ Shop
⑰ Pergola
⑱ Apartments
⑲ Soccer Field
⑳ Greenhouses
㉑ Apartments
㉒ Apartments
㉓ Beach Volleyball Court
㉔ Fun Court
㉕ Baptismal

Recreation

Apart from the sports facilities on campus, the area around Bogenhofen offers various opportunities for recreation. There are two famous spas not far away and local swimming pools and ponds can be easily reached by bike.

The Inn, the border river between Austria and Germany, provides the surroundings of Bogenhofen Campus with astonishing and beautiful nature: reservoirs, river channels and floodplain forests merge with meadows, fields and woodlands to create a countryside perfect for walking and cycling. Every year thousands of water birds migrate through the area, partly protected by the state preserving the habitat for birds, amphibians, dragonflies, beavers, and numerous other species. On the banks of the Inn, a short walk from campus, you also find Hagenau Castle.

Bogenhofen is situated within a short driving distance of three famous European cities: the Mozart and festival city of Salzburg with its medieval fortress and exuberant baroque buildings, the old city of Burghausen, which rests along a ridgeline as the longest castle in Europe, and finally the so-called city of three rivers Passau, whose cathedral houses the largest baroque organ in the world.

Educational Philosophy 11

Rooted in the educational philosophy of the Seventh-day Adventist church the following aims are essential for us:

- To create an atmosphere on campus where genuine and friendly encounters are possible
- To foster a biblically balanced view of God which makes a relationship with him desirable
- To instruct towards an independent and unprejudiced study of the Bible
- To encourage students to actively do something for other people, on and off campus
- To help students develop a positive character through honest and loving communication with them
- To discover the potential of the individual in intellect and character and to cultivate this potential through mental

stimuli (classes, assemblies, etc.) and through personal conversation and counseling

- To teach students to have a positive view of physical activity, be it by way of healthy recreation or constructive labor
- To instruct students how to spend their free time creatively
- To encourage students to become familiar with a healthy lifestyle and to exercise balance and temperance in all areas of living, according to the principle: enjoy the good in moderation, avoid the harmful altogether

The team of faculty and staff at Bogenhofen are committed to reach these educational goals in their own lives and the lives of those who have been entrusted into their care.

Department of Theology 13

Bogenhofen Seminary is a senior college of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and offers a four-year Theology degree. It is one of only two schools preparing pastors for their work in the German-speaking fields.

Bogenhofen Seminary is recognized by the Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA) of the General Conference and has received highest recommendations. It is well known for its clear Adventist identity where the Bible is affirmed as the inspired word of God and the writings of Ellen G. White are respected as authoritative counsel given to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Bogenhofen Seminary and its faculty are known for its quality education and unreserved commitment to the Seventh-day Adventist message and mission. Since 2004 Bogenhofen also hosts the first Ellen G. White Study Center in the German-speaking fields.

During his/her studies, every theology student has ample opportunity to gain valuable practical insights from various evangelistic and other church-related programs. Besides the four-year Theology degree, Bogenhofen Seminary also offers one year of Biblical Studies.

Biblical Studies

This program is integrated in the Department of Theology and offers the opportunity for interested people of all age groups to increase their biblical and theological knowledge without obtaining a diploma.

The course aims at personal spiritual growth and at increasing the understanding of God in His word. Many take advantage of this offer to prepare for another degree or to be better equipped for involvement in their local church.

The program lasts from September to June and the participants in this course have a wide variety of classes to choose from. If a student wishes, he or she can then transfer to the department of theology and obtain the Theology degree.

Plant Academy

Plant Academy is a school of evangelism with the goal of inspiring a lifestyle of Adventist mission. Its aim is spiritual and personal growth as well as missionary training.

We are convinced that mission is not simply about the right methods and content, but about an altered life in the fellowship of Jesus Christ. Mission does not happen by chance, but needs planning and preparation.

The training period is divided into three trimesters that build on each other in content. The participants can choose to take three (plant BASIC), six (plant INTENSE) or nine (plant COMPLETE) months. The program does not only focus on sound Bible- classes, but the student also needs to apply his/her knowledge in regular practice.

All students who complete the nine-month Plant Academy program are equipped with all necessary tools and a wealth of experience to be able to reach today's world.

Secondary School

The Secondary School (Oberstufenrealgymnasium Bogenhofen) provides a state recognized degree that enables its graduates to continue their education at any university within the European Union and beyond. At Bogenhofen, education is more than merely imparting knowledge. True education has to do with the whole human being. Therefore we believe in the harmonious development of the physical, mental and spiritual powers so that the student is prepared to joyfully serve God and fellow men with distinction and dedication. Part of our educational philosophy is the high priority that is given to fostering a spiritual atmosphere in all areas of campus life as well as the special emphasis on good music and a sound knowledge of health education. Our students are expected to assist in regular duties on campus, thus learning to carry responsibility.

The Secondary School educates its students to think with discernment, to believe with insight and commitment and to act with confidence as well as compassion. Instruction in the classroom and practical and social activities integrate faith and learning and are governed by a distinctive Christian Seventh-day Adventist point of view.

German Language Institute 21

The German language school at Bogenhofen is situated in the center of Europe, right at the border to Germany and its picturesque Bavaria. Bogenhofen is not far from Munich International airport and just 38 miles north of Salzburg and the breath taking Austrian Alpine Mountain Range.

Students from more than fifteen nationalities attend the different programs on campus and give Bogenhofen a truly international flavor. More than 50 years of experience have made Bogenhofen an ideal environment for learning a new language and immersing oneself in a new culture. Part of learning the German language is getting to know its culture and history through many interesting study tours to various historic places. This broadens the personal and academic horizon.

One can study German at the German language school during the regular academic school year (from the second week in September through the end of May) or join the six-week summer intensive course from mid-June to the end of July. Students have the opportunity to learn and improve their German skills at beginner or advanced levels in a very safe environment. Bogenhofen is surrounded by beautiful nature and is not far from a bird sanctuary and nature preserve. American college and academy students can earn credits through our affiliation with Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA). All language students have the opportunity to obtain an internationally recognized language diploma of German language proficiency.

When we look back to our humble beginnings we cannot but give thanks to God for His continued support throughout the years. He alone deserves the glory. Given the fact that less than two hundred churches with only six thousand members give their financial support to this school, it becomes clear that we are most thankful for the additional support we receive from donors who have a special interest in the well-being of Seminar Schloss Bogenhofen Seminary.

Without this support, Seminar Schloss Bogenhofen would not be what it is today.

We are very grateful that God has always given support to our mission projects and has helped us in the moments of the school's most urgent needs.

In 1954 a company named “Optimo” was founded on campus to enable students to earn their school fees. With the help of this highly successful company, much of the necessary infrastructure on campus was built: the women’s dormitory in 1990, the men’s dormitory in 1997, the renovation of the castle in 1999 and the construction of the church building including an elementary school in 2003. Also the new dining hall and administration building was constructed in 2009 with funds from “Optimo“, the Austrian Union, the Inter-European Division, and especially with the help of many loyal donors.

Of course, it is not the buildings that create the unique atmosphere at Bogenhofen, but the people who receive their training here. The changes they experience in their lives are probably the most beautiful miracles we can mention.

Special Projects

Generous donations have made it possible to launch a media production ministry. With the help of modern technology over 300 sermons, weeks of prayer, concerts and seminars have been recorded and produced in recent years and are now broadcast via Hope Channel to reach thousands of people. This is another way to fulfill our missionary task to radiate light into the world.

In the upcoming years, an extension of the library is planned. In addition, housing for staff and students, as well as classrooms for the Department of Theology are needed. Although our projects today appear to be merely a dream, we are sure that God will open doors in His time.

Donations

We are very grateful for all the encouraging experiences of the past and we invite you to become a part of this miracle - experiencing the blessings involved.

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