



The AKA philosophy – Success based on competence, science and passion

The focus of the AKA is to serve professional horse trainers and

instructors as well as the enrichment of science and vocational training. The research results based on intensive practical work, as described by Humboldt, are an integral part of the teaching content of the course of study. Emphasis has been consciously placed on an interdisciplinary exchange between the individual modules. The economic focus of the course assures future prospects in the job market. Graduates are able to take over innovative positions of responsibility in today's equine industry. After their studies, they are also entitled to partake in regular continuing education and development by participating in progressive research projects.

Equine economic factor

There are 1.7 million active riders and 11 million interested in horse-riding in Germany. Approximately 300,000 people earn a living directly or indirectly in or from the horse industry. Approx. 10,000 companies have a turnover of more than 5 billion €. According to Ipsos, out of 200 companies questioned, 65% would employ an AKA qualified educational riding instructor, 52% an operations manager and 39% a horse consultant.



Admissions procedure

The admissions procedure begins with the fulfilment of the formal requirements. All applicants must produce either a certificate of higher education entrance, university of applied sciences entrance qualification or secondary school level 1 certificate with proof of the vocational trade in equine studies as proof of eligibility of admission. The German riding badge III (bronze) is a prerequisite. After a compulsory application interview and general language, riding and sports assessment, all applicants must successfully complete a 4-week internship to be eligible to study at the AKA.

Career prospects for the graduates

The professional main focus of graduates lies in the areas of: modern operations manager, professional rider and trainer, educationally trained riding instructor and seminar leader as well as the doctor of Equinology.



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLEGE



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Study at the University of Equinology

For the best start in the horse industry

Teaching is not the filling of a vessel, but the kindling of a fire.
Aristophanes

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Andrea Kutsch

Andrea Kutsch was the first pupil of legendary horse expert Dr.h.c . Monty Roberts. She is a bestselling author and holds teaching positions at various faculties. She founded the University of Equinology and its practical based course of study because, up to that point, the German horse industry offered no tertiary course of studies. The educational goal is to ensure, using scientific methods, a species appropriate and non-violent handling of horses.

Insist on performance – species appropriate and professional

Lecturers from international universities and noted horse experts support the AKA within the scope of this new form of training and continuing education. The interdisciplinary study contents increase the awareness of expert, academically sound and economically efficient methods. The students learn training methods based on the interspecific communication system of the horse. This enables them to command performance from the animals that is species appropriate, ethically correctly and conforms to animal welfare.



The AKA - your solid partner for successful study.

The AKA (Andrea Kutsch Academy) was founded in 2006 by Andrea Kutsch and has been continuously developed since then to achieve accreditation as a university of applied sciences in Equinology. This globally unique course of study in "Equine communication, riding and training" lasts 6 semesters and culminates in a Bachelor of Science degree. Cooperation with the freie Universität Berlin, the faculty of veterinary medicine of Zurich, as well as the European University Viadrina, enable the graduates, upon completing their studies, to pursue a masters program as well as a scientific career in a suitable specialised field.



Modern facilities for the highest demands.

The campus boasts a modern riding and training facility which meets the highest demands. Apart from the stables built in 2006 with a box capacity for 90 horses, the campus offers a 25 m x 65 m indoor riding arena, two outdoor arenas, as well as an off-site riding area. The facilities at the AKA are complete with countless kilometres of trails, 13 pastures and paddocks, a horse walker, a roofed area for trotting in hand and five round pens.



Responsible, economically sound

With a unique mixture of theory and practise, the AKA follows the current developments of a constantly changing market. The AKA takes part in various research projects in close contact with the horse industry, breeders, horse owners and veterinary medical facilities. The graduates learn to handle the horse in a responsible, economically efficient way. Creative thinking, independent action and respect for the animal are just as important as honesty, clear communication and self-disciplined, solution-oriented action.



Cooperation with studs and top-class teaching horses

Paul Schockemöhle, with one of the biggest studs in the world in Lechwitz, is a regular partner of the University and offers top class teaching horses. Practise and theory are closely linked. This means that apart from horse and training assessment, the students also learn the practical implementation of professional work with the horse. The cooperation of international equitation experts ensures riding lessons on horses of top-class blood lines.

7 subject areas, 34 modules – the course of studies at the AKA: EQUINE SCIENCE Equus, husbandry / feeding, ethology I-II, Breeding EQUINE PRACTISE sport and nutrition, horse riding I-VI, soil work, riding in of young horses, equitation training, problem horse training VETERINARY MEDICINE general medicine, musculoskeletal system I-II, CNS, Prophylaxis, sports medicine COMMUNICATION AND INTERACTION Communication and interaction I-II, English TEACHING AND LECTURING lesson planning, adult education, lessons with children BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND LAW management I-II SCIENTIFIC WORK work techniques I-III FINAL THESIS Bachelor thesis