

What is the university system in your country like?

Pre-task:

Discuss with your partner how the university systems in your countries look like.

- Are there different types of universities?
- Are there (many) private universities?
- How are universities financed? Are there tuition fees?



Image 1

Task 1:

Discuss the following questions:

- What do you think are the strengths of the university system in your country? What works well? What could be improved?
- Do many young people in your country decide to go to university? What other options are there? Is it popular to do an apprenticeship?
- Have you had the chance to study at a university abroad? If so, which differences did you notice compared to your home university?
- Compare the study conditions at your home universities, e.g. with regards to module choice, number of students in a seminar, library opening hours, technical equipment in teaching rooms, etc.

Task 2:

Discuss your views on tuition fees. Below you can find some ideas for useful expressions:

I support the idea of tuition fees because...

Tuition fees should be abolished since...

Universities shouldn't charge fees because...

It depends on the amount of fees.

Follow-up activity:

Do some research to find out in which European countries there are tuition fees and how much they are. Discuss your results at your next tandem session.

Sources

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