

## **State Examination (*Staatsexamen*)**

For the *Staatsexamen*, the state officially acts as the examiner. Upon its completion, one finishes the degree programme in medicine, law, pharmacy, and teaching. Depending on the subject, the standard period of study averages between **eight and twelve semesters**. The training and examinations are standardized statewide and nationwide. Training is concluded at the university with the first *Staatsexamen*. For lawyers and teachers, the traineeship that takes place outside of the university is completed with a second *Staatsexamen*.