The Rectorate is the top managerial body of TU Dortmund University. The members of the rectorate are elected by the university elective assembly, a body consisting of the university council and the senate.

The university’s academic activities encompass 17 faculties ranging from science and engineering to social sciences and cultural studies. The faculties are represented by the deans in the faculty conference.

The faculties also cooperate with the central scientific facilities of the university and with a number of non-university research institutes in Dortmund.

The university administration and the central service facilities view themselves as service partners for research and teaching. Furthermore, the representatives for specific issues, the employee representatives and the standing committees contribute to shaping the university.