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TU Dortmund University:  
A University with a Unique Profile  

Since its founding 51 years ago, TU Dortmund University has developed a special profile, encompassing 16 faculties ranging from science and engineering to social sciences and cultural studies. The university currently has circa 34,500 students and 6,300 staff members, including 300 professors. The curriculum is comprised of around 80 programs of study, both traditional and innovative, some even unique to this university. A broad teacher training program is also offered for all school types. The various scientific disciplines share a common university spirit in which interdisciplinarity, communication and cooperation are not only taught, but lived and experienced. This interaction creates an environment conducive to technological innovation and fosters advances in methods and knowledge.

Faculties

Faculty of Mathematics  
Faculty of Physics  
Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Biology  
Faculty of Computer Science  
Faculty of Statistics  
Faculty of Biochemical and Chemical Engineering  
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering  
Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology  
Faculty of Spatial Planning  
Faculty of Architecture and Civil Engineering  
Faculty of Business and Economics  
Faculty of Education, Psychology and Sociology  
Faculty of Rehabilitation Sciences  
Faculty of Human Sciences and Theology  
Faculty of Cultural Studies  
Faculty of Arts and Sports Sciences
Central Scientific Institutions
Center for Teacher Training (DoKoLL)
Social Research Center Dortmund (sfs)
Center for Synchrotron Radiation (DELTA)
Center for Higher Education (zhb)

Affiliated Institutes
Leibniz Institute for Analytical Sciences (ISAS)
Leibniz Research Centre for Working Environment and Human Factors at TU Dortmund University (IfADo)
Research Association for Gerontology/Institute for Gerontology at TU Dortmund University (FfG)
German Institute for Civic Art (DIS)
Research Institute for Technology and Disability (FTB)

Associated Research Institutes
Max Planck Institute of Molecular Physiology (MPI)
Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics (IML)
Fraunhofer Institute for Software and Systems Engineering (ISST)
Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA)
Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development (ILS)
INVITE GmbH
Special Strength in Four Profile Areas of Research

Research at TU Dortmund University is highly visible both nationally and internationally in four profile areas. Research projects in these fields contribute for approximately two thirds of the external funding.

Materials, production technology and logistics
Here researchers at TU Dortmund University are developing innovative concepts for material processing and – together with experts from the Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics – are designing how the flow of goods and production processes shall be managed.

Chemical biology, drug research and process engineering
In this field the Faculty of Biochemical and Chemical Engineering (Germany’s largest), the Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Biology and the Max Planck Institute of Molecular Physiology (also located in Dortmund) are collaborating with other institutions.

Data analysis, modeling and simulation
In this profile area computer science, mathematics, statistics, the engineering and the economic sciences are collaborating on the modeling of technical processes and economic developments.

Education, schooling and inclusion
The findings of the research area provide direction for national and international educational policy. The empirical research results form the basis for developing concepts for the entire breadth of pre-school, school and vocational education.
Excellence Strategy
Excellence Cluster RESOLV, Ruhr Explores Solvation, together with Ruhr University Bochum

Collaborative Research Centers (CRC) and Transregional Collaborative Research Centers Funded by the German Research Foundation

CRC 823: Statistical modeling of nonlinear dynamic processes
CRC 876: Providing information by resource-constrained data analysis
CRC/transregio 160: Coherent manipulation of interacting spin excitations in tailored semiconductors
Transregio 188: Damage controlled forming processes
Participation (deputy spokesperson) in CRC/transregio 63 together with TU Berlin and University of Magdeburg: Integrated chemical processes in liquid multiphase systems – InPROMPT
Participation (deputy spokesperson) in CRC/transregio 73 together with FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg and Leibniz University Hannover: Manufacturing of complex functional components with variants by using a new sheet metal forming process – Sheet-bulk metal forming
Participation (deputy spokesperson) in CRC/transregio 142 together with Paderborn University: Tailored nonlinear photonics: From fundamental concepts to functional structures
Participation in CRC 749 together with Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München: Dynamics and Intermediates of Molecular Transformations
Participation in CRC 803 together with University of Göttingen: Functionality controlled by organization in and between membranes
Participation in CRC 969 together with University of Konstanz: Chemical and biological principles of cellular proteostasis
Participation in CRC 1309 together with Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München: Chemical Biology of Epigenetic Modifications
For 2018, the third-party expenditures of TU Dortmund University amounted to €72.3 million, four fifths of which were from public funds.

Many young researchers earn their doctorates at TU Dortmund University: 266 doctorates were awarded in the calendar year 2018.
Since 2007, TU Dortmund University has been collaborating closely and strategically with Ruhr University Bochum and the University of Duisburg-Essen in the University Alliance Ruhr (UA Ruhr).
More than 6,300 people work at TU Dortmund University, including around 300 professors. TU Dortmund University is thus one of the biggest employers of the city.

Gender Equality
TU Dortmund University is well positioned in terms of gender equality. Already in 2013, the German Research Foundation ranked the university’s research-oriented gender equality standards in the top category. The proportion of women shall be further increased according to the cascade model.

- Percentage of female professors 2018: 25%
- Percentage of doctoral degrees awarded to women 2016 – 2018: 33%
- Percentage of master’s degrees awarded to women 2016 – 2018: 49%

- 45% female students
- 44% female employees
At TU Dortmund University approx. 4,500 students completed a degree in the examination year 2018, among them about 2,200 bachelor's and master's degrees each.

International Students

Around 12% of the students come from outside Germany. They represent approximately 110 different countries.
As of the winter semester 2018/2019, approximately 34,500 students were enrolled at TU Dortmund University, including around 6,100 new students. The number of students has been increasing steadily for years: since 2008 there has been an increase of 57 percent.

Around 60 percent of the students are enrolled in the various science and engineering programs, and around 40 percent in the cultural studies and social sciences programs. One fifth of them are studying to become teachers.
1984
The H-Bahn (suspension railway) begins operation and connects the North Campus with the South Campus.

1994
The Auditorium Maximum, or Audimax for short, is opened. The university now has more than 25,000 students.

2007
The Senate decides to rename the university. German name: Technische Universität Dortmund. English name: TU Dortmund University.

2010
The University Floor in the Dortmunder U is opened in the year of the European Capital of Culture RUHR.2010. It forms the City Campus.

2018
Celebration of the 50th anniversary of TU Dortmund University with a colorful anniversary program and a ceremony in the Dortmund Concert House.
TU Dortmund University celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2018. This timeline highlights important milestones in the university’s history: from the founding of the Association of Friends, the integration of the Ruhr Teacher Training College to the renaming of the university.

1958
The Association of Friends is founded to advocate the establishment of a technical university in Dortmund.

1968
The University of Dortmund is inaugurated on December 16th in the presence of the German Federal President Lübke in a ceremony in the Dortmund Opera House.

1974
All eleven faculties of the University of Dortmund have begun their teaching activities. Construction is underway for the North Campus.

1980
The Ruhr Teacher Training College is integrated into the University of Dortmund, doubling the number of students to around 15,000.