

The University of Münster (WWU) – A Short Portrait

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With approximately 45,000 students, the University of Münster (WWU) is one of the largest universities in Germany. The University draws students, scholars and researchers from around the world – and not only because of its broad range of degree programmes and multifaceted research profile, but also the atmosphere and quality of life in Münster. In contrast to modern campus-based universities, the University of Münster was not created all at once but has historically grown over the space of two centuries. Institutes and departments are located in some 240 buildings throughout the city.

Over 120 subjects in 280 degree programmes

The University of Münster offers more than 120 subjects in the humanities, social sciences, medicine and natural sciences. Highly distinguished disciplines such as law, economics, philology and medicine attract several thousand students to Münster every year. But the University of Münster is also famous for many smaller subjects that can be studied only at a few universities, for example Islamic studies, geoinformatics and landscape ecology. In addition to this, the University of Münster offers a wide range of international master's programmes, graduate schools and doctoral programmes.

Cutting-edge research

As a research-oriented university, the University of Münster oversees pioneering research in the fields of the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, life sciences, business and economics, and law. Some 570 professors and 4,700 academic staff members teach and conduct research in 15 faculties. Two clusters of excellence, 16 collaborative research centres (SFBs), several research training groups and independent junior research groups, 26 interdisciplinary research centres and numerous research projects provide the foundation for inter- and transdisciplinary collaborations and excellent individual research at the disciplinary level. The University supports cross-disciplinary research partnerships especially in its profile areas. These include battery research, cell dynamics and imaging, nanosciences, and the clusters of excellence "Religion and Politics" and "Mathematics Münster. Dynamics – Geometry – Structure". The fields of evolutionary research and neural systems hold great potential for excellence in the coming years.

International orientation

Researchers in Münster maintain professional contacts all over the world. Through official partnerships and cooperation agreements, the University of Münster has cultivated ties with more than 550 universities and scientific institutes worldwide. Around 3,200 international students from more than 100 countries are currently enrolled at the University of Münster, and 700 visiting international researchers teach and research here.

Profile

45,000 students, 120 subjects, 15 faculties, 7,500 graduates per year, over 7,000 employees including some 570 professors and 4,700 academic staff, five DFG research training groups, 16 collaborative research centres, two clusters of excellence.