

## **The University of Münster – A Short Portrait**

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With approximately 44,500 students, the University of Münster is one of the largest universities in Germany. The University draws students, scholars and researchers from around the world – not only because of its broad range of degree programmes and multifaceted research profile, but also due to 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 course of two centuries. Institutes and departments are located in some 240 buildings throughout the city.

### **148 subjects in 286 degree programmes**

The University of Münster offers 148 subjects in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and life 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 institution, the University of Münster oversees pioneering research in the fields of the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and life sciences. Some 640 professors and 4,960 academic staff members teach and conduct research in 15 faculties. Two clusters of excellence, “Religion and Politics” and “Mathematics Münster. Dynamics – Geometry – Structure”, 18 collaborative research centres (SFBs), several research training groups and independent junior research groups, numerous interdisciplinary research centres and 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 four “Impact Areas”: “Dynamic Societies”, “Healthy Individuals”, “Conceptual Foundations & Emerging Technologies” and “Sustainable Futures”.

### **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 3,400 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**

Approximately 44,500 students, 148 subjects, 15 faculties, some 7,240 graduates per year, over 7,500 employees including some 640 professors and 4,960 academic staff, three DFG research training groups, 18 collaborative research centres, two clusters of excellence.