

The University of Münster – A Short Portrait

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With approximately 43,000 students, the University of Münster is one of the largest universities in Germany. It draws students, scholars and researchers from around the world – not only for its broad range of degree programmes and multifaceted research profile, but also the vibrant atmosphere and high quality of life in Münster. In contrast to modern campus-based universities, the University of Münster has grown and evolved over the course of two centuries. Its institutes and departments are dispersed across some 240 buildings throughout the city.

150 subjects of study in 290 degree programmes

The University of Münster offers instruction in 150 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 at only a handful of universities, such as Islamic studies, geoinformatics and landscape ecology. The University also offers a wide range of international master's, graduate 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 4,950 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 3,440 international students from more than 100 countries are currently enrolled at the University of Münster, and 700 visiting international scholars teach and research here.

Profile

Approximately 43,000 students, 150 subjects, 15 faculties, some 7,250 graduates per year, over 7,500 employees including some 640 professors and 4,950 academic staff, three DFG research training groups, 18 collaborative research centres, two clusters of excellence.