1.1 | Communicative – Innovative – Unique

Since it was founded some 50 years ago, TU Dortmund University has been cultivating its own special profile. Thanks to the uniquely organised interplay of its 16 faculties, ranging from science and engineering to social sciences and cultural studies, it has generated an academic spirit of genuine interdisciplinarity, interaction, communication and cooperation.

The university currently has about 34,200 students and 6,200 members of staff, including 300 professors. It is Dortmund’s largest educational and research institution as well as one of the city’s major employers.
Research
Research at TU Dortmund University excels nationally and internationally, in particular in its four profile areas:

In the profile area “Production and Logistics”, TU Dortmund University researchers develop innovative concepts for materials processing and create management models for commodity flow and production processes in cooperation with experts at the Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics.

The second profile area “Chemical Biology and Biotechnology” thrives on the collaborative efforts of several strong partners: Germany’s largest Faculty of Biochemical and Chemical Engineering, the Dortmund-based Max Planck Institute for Molecular Physiology and the Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Biology as well as other institutions.

In the third profile area “Modeling, Simulation and Optimisation of Complex Processes and Systems”, computer science, mathematics, statistics, engineer- ing and economics work together to model technical processes and economic developments.

Our fourth profile area “Youth, School and Education Research” gives widely acclaimed impetus to national and international educational policy.

Teaching
Our comprehensive portfolio of courses includes about 80 degree programmes. In addition to the classical canon of subjects, we also offer numerous innovative and interdisciplinary courses.

Our new degree course “bioengineering”, for example, is as unique and novel in Germany as our degree courses in spatial planning, statistics, journalism and rehabilitation sciences. The “Dortmund Model of Civil Engineering” uses teaching projects to train students of architecture and civil engineering together.

Furtherm, TU Dortmund University is one of only a few universities in Germany offering the full range of teacher training, encompassing 30 subjects for all types of school.

TU Dortmund University is a bricks and mortar university which incorporates e-learning as a meaningful addition to its standard courses. Depending on the subject, teaching employs a broad variety of different formats – ranging from large-scale lectures, via interactive seminars and lab experiments, to one-to-one music lessons.

Overarching strategies
Support for junior researchers
Each year, more than 250 junior researchers obtain their Ph.D. from TU Dortmund University. As an investment in the future of science, the university considers it part of its mission to provide the best possible conditions for training young researchers through structured Ph.D. programmes and graduate schools as well as a variety of other services.

Internationalisation
TU Dortmund University has a global mind-set with numerous international programmes to promote academic and student exchange. One in nine students hails from abroad. In addition, joint liaison offices promote the University Alliance Ruhr on three continents (see Chapter 1.3). To complement our international collaborations, our concept of “Internationalisation at Home” provides opportunities to experience internationalism right here on the campus, for example at our International Meeting Center or in degree courses taught in English.

Gender and Diversity Management
It is TU Dortmund University’s strategic objective to recognise personal and cultural diversity, ensure equal opportunities and prevent discrimination of any kind. The university therefore implements measures and structures to achieve gender equality, cultivate a family-friendly university, support university members with disabilities and chronic conditions, and more.

Research
Teaching
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Campus
TU Dortmund University has a main campus (North Campus) and an adjacent site (South Campus), which are connected by an automatic suspension railway system called “H-Bahn”. The university also maintains an inner-city presence at the “Campus Stadt”, located on the university floor of the Dortmunder U building.

Teaching and research facilities, student residences and other university-related infrastructure, including green spaces, are located between the districts of Barm and Eichlinghofen in the immediate vicinity of the TechnologieZentrum Dortmund.

Many everyday errands can be done right on campus, which has branches of the two banks Sparkasse and Volksbank, insurance offices and a bookshop as well as several copy shops and a travel agency.

The campus has good public transport connections with destinations such as Dortmund city centre and the main railway station.
1.2 | Organisation

University leadership & bodies

University Council
The University Council advises the Rectorate and supervises its governance. Its main tasks include participating in the University Election Assembly to elect members of the Rectorate and endorsing the draft of the university’s agreement with the federal state of NRW as well as the economic plan. Members of the University Council are not members of TU Dortmund University.

Senate
Four university groups are represented in the Senate: university teachers, academic staff, technical and administrative staff, and students. Amongst other tasks, the Senate participates in the University Election Assembly to select members of the Rectorate and issues a statement on the annual Rectorate’s Report.

Rectorate
The Rectorate governs the university. Its main executive tasks cover continuous university development planning, including the courses of study, research focus areas and university organisation. In this capacity, the Rectorate follows Senate-approved planning principles and takes account of the faculties’ development plans. The Rectorate is composed of the Rector, Chancellor and Pro-rectors.

Faculty Conference
The Faculty Conference advises the Rectorate and the University Council on matters pertaining to research, art, teaching and studies if they affect the entire university or its central facilities, or are otherwise of fundamental importance. The Faculty Conference is composed of the Deans.

General Students’ Committee (AStA)
The General Students’ Committee AStA represents the student body at the university and is thus effectively the “student government”. Its representatives are elected by the student parliament. AStA offers a variety of services such as counselling on BAföG (student loans), and legal and social matters, as well as an online housing and job agency and reduced-price copying facilities.

Faculties
The 16 faculties at TU Dortmund University encompass science and engineering as well as social sciences and cultural studies. The faculties cooperate extensively on both research and teaching.

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Rectorate of TU Dortmund University
www.tu-dortmund.de > English
> Organisation > Hochschulleitung > Rectorate
Senate of TU Dortmund University
www.tu-dortmund.de
> Organisation > Hochschulleitung > Senat

AStA AT TU DORTMUND UNIVERSITY
www.asta-dortmund.de

FACULTIES AT TU DORTMUND UNIVERSITY
www.tu-dortmund.de
> English > Faculties

CENTRAL SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS AT TU DORTMUND UNIVERSITY
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> English > Central Scientific Institutions
University administration

The university administration carries out TU Dortmund University’s planning, administrative tasks and legal business. It also conducts the administrative business of the university’s institutions and bodies. The university administration is headed by the Chancellor, who is also a member of the Rectorate.

Departments

- Department 1: University Development and Organization
- Department 2: Human Resources and Legal Affairs
- Department 3: Student Services
- Department 4: Finance and Procurement
- Department 5: Construction and Facility Management
- Department 6: University Marketing
- Department 7: International Office
- Department 8: Internal Auditing
- Department 9: Research Support Services
- Department 10: University Communications
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Offices

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- Office 2: Research Support Services
- Office 3: University Marketing
- Office 4: International Office
- Office 5: Internal Auditing
- Office 6: Controlling and Risk Management
- Office 7: Occupational Safety, Environmental and Health Protection
- Office 8: German and European Education and Higher Education Policy
- Office 9: Data Protection, Committees, Allowances
- Office 10: Central Equal Opportunity Officer
- Office 11: Psychological Counseling for Staff
- Office 12: Data Protection Officer
- Office 13: Anti-Corruption and Compliance Officer
- Office 14: Representative of the Severely Disabled
- Office 15: Senate Representative for Students with Disabilities
- Office 16: Staff Council for Scientific and Artistic Staff
- Office 17: Representation of Scientific Staff for Any Matters Relating to University Policy

Representation

TU Dortmund University has various representatives, delegates and ombudspersons to represent the interests of its members and to assist them on questions of employment law, equal opportunities and data protection.

Personnel representatives

Generally, the Staff Councils monitor whether all members of a given department are treated fairly and equitably. Staff Councils can request certain measures for the benefit of the institution and its members. They ensure compliance with any current legislation and regulations, collective bargaining agreements, works agreements and administrative orders that are designed to protect employees.

Academic staff at TU Dortmund University is represented by:

- Staff Council for Scientific and Artistic Staff
- Representation of Scientific Staff for Any Matters Relating to University Policy

Representatives & ombudspersons

The following representatives and ombudspersons can be contacted at TU Dortmund University:

- Central Equal Opportunity Officer
- Psychological Counseling for Staff
- Data Protection Officer
- Anti-Corruption and Compliance Officer
- Representative of the Severely Disabled
- Senate Representative for Students with Disabilities
1.3 | Non-university Environment

Affiliated and associated research institutes

**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**
- Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA)
- Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics (IFL)
- Fraunhofer Institute for Software and Systems Engineering (IST)
- Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development (ILS)
- INVITE GmbH
- LogistikCampus
- Max Planck Institute of Molecular Physiology (MPI)

TechnologieZentrumDortmund

Located in the immediate vicinity of the campus, the TechnologieZentrumDortmund and Germany’s most successful technology park demonstrate how knowledge can be transferred to industry and business via a highly effective commercial application of scientific ideas.

University Alliance Ruhr (UA Ruhr)

Under the motto “three universities, one community, endless opportunities”, TU Dortmund University, Ruhr University Bochum and the University of Duisburg-Essen have joined forces in the University Alliance Ruhr (UA Ruhr). Since 2007, the three large universities in the Ruhr Area have been pooling their skills and enhancing their performance potential. The figures are indicative of the partners’ collective diversity and strength: 120,000 young people and 1,200 professors study, do research and work in a network that spans three universities and a broad range of subjects embracing all disciplines, including the humanities and social sciences, the natural sciences and engineering as well as medicine. The Stiftung Mercator provides support for this collaboration within UA Ruhr.

Its thirteen Collaborative Research Centres financed by the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgesellschaft, DFG), one Cluster of Excellence, numerous graduate schools and research groups make the University Alliance Ruhr one of the largest and highest performing science locations in Germany. A total of five universities, a university of the arts, 16 universities of applied sciences and numerous non-university research institutions bear witness to the Ruhr Area’s transformation from a former coal and steel district into a new and unique powerhouse of science.

And this powerhouse is just firing up for instance, the three universities in the Ruhr Area operate the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut, KWI) in Essen and they maintain a presence in the United States, Latin America and Russia with their joint liaison offices in New York, Rio de Janeiro/Sao Paulo and Moscow in order to promote scientific exchange with the Ruhr Area and build a global network for the alliance.

The TechnologieZentrumDortmund is located in the immediate vicinity of the campus where the University and Surroundings General Information can be found. The TechnologieZentrumDortmund website can be accessed at www.tzdo.de/en.htm. The University Alliance Ruhr (UA Ruhr) is a collaborative network of three universities: the University of Dortmund, Ruhr University Bochum, and the University of Duisburg-Essen. The focal point of UA Ruhr is the University Alliance Ruhr website at www.uaruhr.de/en. It is described as one of the largest and highest performing science locations in Germany, supported by the Stiftung Mercator. Further details about UA Ruhr can be found at www.uaruhr.de/en. The TechnologieZentrumDortmund is an important part of the University and Surroundings General Information, as it showcases how knowledge is transferred to industry and business.
Alumni

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Alumni associations

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With their various activities, alumni associations are the home of all former Dortmund students who wish to maintain academic contact with their former faculty.

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Association of Friends of TU Dortmund University

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