3.1 | Continuing Education and Language Courses

Center for Higher Education (zhb)

The Center for Higher Education (Zentrum für Hochschulbildung, zhb) is divided into the four service sections, "Academic Teaching and Faculty Development," "Continuing Education," "Foreign Languages," and "Disability and Studies" which offer a varied programme of seminars, coaching and training. Three university chairs, which conduct extensive research on the topics offered, are closely associated with the sections. Those participating in zhb events thus benefit directly from the most recent research outcomes.

The Department of Foreign Languages at the Center for Higher Education offers students at TU Dortmund University courses in "Modern Foreign Languages," "German as a Foreign Language (DaF)," and "Ancient Languages." The Foreign Languages Section also provides opportunities for independent learning, and it is possible to acquire various language certificates such as the "German language test for access to universities for foreign applicants" (DSH) and "UNIcert," a foreign language certificate for the higher education sector.

In zhb's Department of Academic Teaching and Faculty Development (HDZ) teaching and learning are the subject of continuing education and advisory activities. Students, tutors and university teachers are all invited to choose from the diverse portfolio of continuing education courses. Students and university teachers can learn how to improve their own teaching and learning performance, and use the time at their disposal more intensively.
The Department of Continuing Education (ZfW) offers an extensive programme of high-quality courses for professionals. The formats range from one-day seminars to qualifying Master’s courses, targeting in particular educational leaders, school teachers, managers and works councils from companies as well as employees of TU Dortmund University.

The Department of Disability and University Studies (DoBuS) offers advice and concrete services for students and teaching staff with the aim of creating equitable conditions for chronically ill and disabled students to study. In ongoing projects building blocks for a "University for All" are developed and evaluated.

In cooperation with the International Office, the Department of Foreign Languages usually offers a programme of German courses for international doctoral candidates funded by the DAAD.

Whether as part of research projects and teaching modules or in the form of concerts, exhibitions, festivals and many other events – in all its facets, TU Dortmund University’s cultural life is firmly established. If you keep your eyes open as you move around campus you can discover cultural activities in the most unexpected places. The International Meeting Center might turn into a concert hall or the Rudolf Chaudoire Pavilion into the venue for a reading. However, tu | kultur also extends well beyond the campus. Children participating in TU Dortmund University’s ‘KinderUni’, for example, can often be found in various churches in Dortmund where they can investigate the art treasures at events specially designed for children.
Many of TU Dortmund University's cultural activities take place on the university’s floor in the “Dortmunder U” building. The “Campus City” (Campus Stadt) offers students and staff the opportunity to show visitors how varied the connections between science and culture can be.

In order to drive this interaction, the tu | kultur team was set up, a group of experts with an open ear for ideas, initiatives and projects revolving around the theme of culture. The team deals with applications for funding from the culture budget to promote public outreach events and also helps plan and design activities for the university’s floor in the “Dortmunder U”.

Media

unizet
What’s new on campus at TU Dortmund University? The university newspaper “unizet” has been regularly delivering news, reports and features on research, teaching and administration since 1980. “unizet” promotes internal communications between members of the university, fosters contact with alumni and is a source of information for the local press. If you have a suggestion for an article in your field, the editors will be pleased to hear from you by phone or email.

mundo
“mundo” (Lat.: in the world) is TU Dortmund University’s science magazine. Each issue focuses on a certain theme, providing insights into the world of science at TU Dortmund University whilst not just addressing specialists. The information, reports and features are, therefore, presented in a way that makes complex scientific relationships easy to understand. The “minimundo” section is designed to spark young readers’ curiosity in scientific topics.

nrwision
Since 2009, the teaching channel, “nrwision”, has been on air. The programme is both varied and creative: film and television makers from across North Rhine-Westphalia, including budding media professionals, amateur film-makers, active citizen desks and many training newsrooms at universities and colleges in NRW participate with their own productions. “nrwision” is funded by the Media Authority of North Rhine-Westphalia. Responsibility for the programme lies with the Institute for Journalism at TU Dortmund University which develops and operates the teaching channel under the leadership of Professor Michael Steinbrecher. As part of the curriculum, this is where students learn about working on an editorial desk. “nrwision” also provides opportunities to develop skills behind and in front of the camera. The teaching channel team is also supported by trainees at TU Dortmund University. Prospective media designers in sound and image ensure that “nrwision’s” television programme is broadcast and disseminated without any hitches – not just across NRW on digital TV but also around the clock on nrwision iPlayer with thousands of broadcasts, films and features for all tastes!
3.3 | University Sports

Students and staff at TU Dortmund University and FH Dortmund benefit from a wide range of university sports with over 65 different types of sport from “A for Aikido” to “Z for Zumba” as well as some 150 courses. This comprehensive programme covers specific sports, health-related courses, fitness, sports for fun and competitive sporting disciplines. In addition to the courses, the health and fitness centre houses a modern fitness studio (“Fitnessförderwerk”) where students and staff can keep fit directly on campus.

In order to take part in nearly all the courses on offer and register for the register-only courses you will need a “sports card” which can be purchased via the university sports website using direct debit or from the University Sports Office by debit card. You can find the entire sports programme in a brochure or online under University Sports. Most sports facilities are located on TU Dortmund University’s North Campus around the Sports Building on Otto-Hahn-Straße (entrance 27).

The website contains all the important information about university sports, events, competitions and course availability. If you click on “Anmeldung” (registration) you will find a detailed description of how to acquire a personal sports card as quickly as possible. Registration for university sports always starts at the beginning of the semester and the university holidays.

3.4 | Regular Events

Summer Celebration

Shortly before the end of the summer semester, TU Dortmund University holds its summer fete. On this day, all the students, staff and friends of TU Dortmund University and their families can enjoy a varied programme stretching from Martin-Schmoller-Platz to Emil-Figge-Straße.

International Reception

The International Reception is held every year in autumn and is traditionally the occasion for the university management to officially welcome new, international members of the university to TU Dortmund University in a relaxed atmosphere. Interested German and international researchers and students have an opportunity to share ideas and make contacts. To receive your personal invitation, contact the International Office.

Open Day

On one Saturday in autumn TU Dortmund University showcases itself in all its diversity. Visitors can choose from a wealth of opportunities to get to know all 16 faculties and peak behind many doors.

Annual Anniversary Celebration

On 16 December, TU Dortmund University celebrates the anniversary of its foundation. Award ceremonies form the heart of the celebrations, which are held at the invitation of the Rectorate and the Association of Friends of TU Dortmund University. There is also a varied stage programme.
### 3.5 | Catering

On campus at TU Dortmund University you can find the most diverse selection of places to eat run by “Studierendenwerk Dortmund”.

**Lunch**

Some facilities focus on serving lunches. In the main university refectory, which includes the restaurant “Calla” and “Vital” on the North Campus, and the south refectory, you can choose from various menus with vegetarian options and, in some cases, self-service buffets.

**Snacks**

In addition, you can also find “Galaxia” and the “food-fakultät” on the North Campus and “Archeteri@” on the South Campus which offer a selection of snacks, rolls, salads, pastries as well as hot dishes all day until the early evening.

**Concessions**

In order to benefit from concessions for students and staff, you have to show a UniCard (students) or UniCard Personal (employees). Otherwise you will have to pay the amount charged to visitors. You can pay everywhere in cash or with the UniCard/UniCard Personal, provided that the chip has been activated and you have enough credit (see Chapter 2.2).

Eating at the refectory is free for children under the age of ten, if the adult accompanying the child purchases a complete lunch and the child has a TU Dortmund University children’s ID.

**Menus**

- [www.stwu.de/gastronomie/]
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- [TU app (see Chapter 3.2)]

**Studierendenwerk Dortmund**

“Studierendenwerk Dortmund” is the service provider for more than 57,000 students at the universities in Dortmund, Hagen, Mülheim, Detmold, Osnabrück and Lüdenbach. It is particularly well-known as a provider of varied and cheap university catering. However, it also advises and assists students in how to finance their studies in addition to social activities. "Studierendenwerk Dortmund" runs the “4 Jahreszeiten” day-care facility and also builds and operates cheap living accommodation for more than 2,800 students in student residences.

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