University of Tübingen: Facts and figures

Excellence counts
with other institutions of higher education, with research institutes and with industry. The university’s excellence in research offers optimal study conditions to students who come to Tübingen, combined with the opportunity to emphasize individual interests along the way. The attractive study environment is reinforced by many additional services, such as the Language Centre, interdisciplinary lectures in the Studium Generale and the state-of-the-art University Library.

Innovative. Interdisciplinary. International. Since 1477. These have been the University of Tübingen’s guiding principles in research and teaching ever since it was founded. With this long tradition, the University of Tübingen is one of the most respected universities in Germany.

Recently, its institutional strategy was successfully selected for funding in the Excellence Initiative sponsored by the German federal and state governments, making Tübingen one of Germany’s eleven universities distinguished with that title of excellence. Tübingen has also proven its status as a leading research university in many national and international competitions – in key rankings Tübingen is listed among the best universities for the Humanities and Social Sciences as well as for Science and Medicine.

With its broad spectrum of subjects, the University of Tübingen provides a wealth of opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration. And such close cooperation on research extends beyond the university and around the world. The University of Tübingen has joint research projects at all levels.
Winter semester 2014/15 | Winter semester 2013/14
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Number of students | 28,481 | 28,467
Female | 16,487 | 16,516
Beginners | 5,392 | 5,951
International students | 3,672 | 3,551

Faculty (4,419) | Staff (2,184) | University’s hospital (8,863)
Over 280 degree programs are offered in 130 subjects, ranging from Egyptology to Cellular Neurosciences.

Innovative degree programs | e.g. Medical Technology, Molecular Medicine, Environmental Sciences, Geosociology, Nanoscience, Media Informatics, Sport Management, Islamic Theology

International degree programs | e.g. Neurological and Behavioural Sciences, Applied Environmental and Geosciences, Computer Linguistics, International Economics and Business Administration

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| | Protestant Theology | Catholic Theology | Law | Medicine | Humanities | Economics/Soc. Sciences | Science | Total |
| | Degrees granted | | | | | | | |
| Female | 107 | 71 | 156 | 453 | 1,208 | 730 | 759 | 3,426 |
| Male | 36 | 36 | 122 | 294 | 522 | 422 | 745 | 2,170 |
| | 12 | 6 | 34 | 252 | 43 | 45 | 259 | 651 |
| Female | 3 | 12 | 149 | 22 | 20 | 110 | 319 |
| Male | 9 | 3 | 22 | 103 | 21 | 25 | 149 | 332 |
Budget

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<td>508.1</td>
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Third-party funding according to source (incl. medicine) for budget year 2014 in mil. Euros:

- DFG German Research Foundation: 70.2 (42.4%)
- Donors etc.: 38.5 (23.3%)
- Federal Government: 26.8 (16.2%)
- Business: 18.1 (10.9%)
- EU: 9.3 (5.6%)
- State of Baden-Württemberg: 2.7 (1.6%)
6 collaborative research centers (SFB)
5 transregional collaborative research centers (TR SFB)
5 research training groups funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)
174 projects in the 7th European Framework Program and Horizon 2020 including
  11 ERC Starting Grants
  3 ERC Advanced Grants
  3 ERC Consolidator Grants

Research at the University of Tübingen (sample)

Center for Human Evolution and Palaeoenvironment Tübingen (HEP)
Fraunhofer Institute for Interfacial Engineering and Biotechnology (IGB, Stuttgart)
Friedrich Miescher Laboratory of the Max Planck Society
German Center for Diabetes Research (DZD)
German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE)
German Cancer Consortium (DKTK)

German Center for Infection Research (DZIF)
Interfaculty Center for Pharmacogenomics and Drug Research (ICEPHA)
Knowledge Media Research Center (KMRC, Leibniz Association)
Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics
Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology
Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems
Water & Earth System Science Competence Cluster (WESS)

Partners in Tübingen – and beyond (sample)
In keeping with the motto „Partnering for a better world“ the Matariki Network of Universities (MNU) connects research universities on several continents. The partner universities strive to intensify exchange among researchers and students, initiate cooperative programs and projects in research and education and develop common degree courses for example in postgraduate studies:

**International branches**

European Center for Chinese Studies (ECCS), Peking University, Bejing, China
Tübingen Center for Korean Studies at Korea University, Seoul, South Korea
Tübingen University Center for Japanese Studies, Doshisha University, Kyôto, Japan
and others.

**International partners**

In North America 159 partners in Canada and the USA

- Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, USA; Dartmouth University, Durham, Great Britain; Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada; University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand; University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia; Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

In Latin America 37 partners in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru and Venezuela

- University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia; Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, USA; Durham University, Durham, Great Britain; Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada; University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand; Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

In Europe 457 partners in almost all European countries

- European Center for Chinese Studies (ECCS), Peking University, Bejing, China
- Tübingen Center for Korean Studies at Korea University, Seoul, South Korea
- Tübingen University Center for Japanese Studies, Doshisha University, Kyôto, Japan
- and others.

In Asia 133 partners in various Asian countries, among them China, India, Japan, Korea, Thailand and Taiwan

- Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, USA; Durham University, Durham, Great Britain; Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada; University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand; University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia; Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

- European Center for Chinese Studies (ECCS), Peking University, Bejing, China
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In Africa 17 partners in Botswana, Egypt, Senegal, South Africa, Togo and Uganda

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In Oceania 28 partners in Australia and New Zealand

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- and others.
The Excellence Initiative of the German Federal Government aims to promote cutting-edge research and enhance the international appeal of Germany’s top universities. As one of only 11 universities, Tübingen has been successful in all three funding lines of the Initiative:

- **Graduate School “Learning, Educational Achievement, and Life Course Development” (LEAD),** 5.27 mil. Euros total funding 2012-2017
- **Excellence Cluster “Centre for Integrative Neuroscience” (CIN),** 28.11 mil. Euros total funding 2012-2017

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