



Welcome to Germany,
Welcome to the University of Wuppertal
Find out what it's like to study, work, and live here.



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Why Germany?

Germany is one of Europe's most dynamic countries with connections worldwide. Home to more than 83 million people from various cultures, it offers a welcoming environment for students, researchers, professionals, and families from around the world.

Excellent education and research

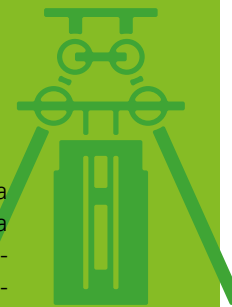
Germany is internationally recognised for the quality of its schools, universities, and research institutions. Students benefit from innovative learning environments, strong academic standards, and close links between education, science, and industry. Whether you are pursuing a degree, conducting research, or building new skills, Germany offers outstanding opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Opportunities for the future

As one of the world's leading economies and a hub for innovation, Germany provides access to a wide range of career paths across science, technology, business, culture, and the creative industries. International talent is valued, and many graduates choose to start their careers in Germany or build global networks here that last a lifetime.

Quality of life

Germany has vibrant cities, beautiful natural landscapes, and excellent public infrastructure. Reliable public services, modern healthcare, efficient transportation, and a high standard of living help to create an environment where people can focus on learning, working, and achieving their goals.





This is North Rhine-Westphalia

North Rhine-Westphalia is a dynamic region at the heart of Europe and home to more than 18 million people. With cities such as Düsseldorf, Cologne, Bonn, Essen, Dortmund, Bochum, and Wuppertal, the federal state offers excellent career opportunities in innovative industries and global companies. Future growth is driven by a strong economy, leading universities, and a skilled workforce drive. Besides modern cities, North Rhine-Westphalia has charming towns and beautiful natural landscapes. Its rich cultural scene comprises world-class museums, theatres, festivals, music and dance performances. People enjoy diverse leisure activities, from outdoor adventures to vibrant nightlife. The region provides high-quality infrastructure and outstanding international connections. Families benefit from outstanding education, excellent healthcare services, and a high standard of living. With its openness, diversity, and creativity, NRW welcomes talents from around the world. North Rhine-Westphalia is a place where business success and quality of life come together.



The many facets of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW): urban charm in Cologne (left) and Düsseldorf (top right), and cosy small towns. Unspoilt nature in forests and along rivers, and industrial heritage steeped in history. NRW has something for everyone.

Welcome to Wuppertal



The city has more than 360,000 inhabitants with 45 % of diverse cultural backgrounds. Its central location in North Rhine-Westphalia makes it a perfect base for studying, working, and living. Major hubs such as Cologne, Düsseldorf, and Dortmund offer easy access to cultural and social opportunities. The Rhine-Ruhr area is Europe's largest metropolitan region right on Wuppertal's doorstep. At the same time, the cost of living in

Wuppertal is lower compared with larger German cities such as Berlin, Munich, Düsseldorf, or Cologne. Set amidst the hills and forests of the 'Bergisches Land,' with more than 500 kilometres of footpath and woodland tracks, Wuppertal is one of Europe's greenest cities. It is home to the world famous suspension monorail. Opened to the public in 1901, it is a symbol of the progressive engineering tradition in the region.





The University of Wuppertal

Facts & Figures*

Founded in	1972
Students	20,653
incl. international	14 %
Staff	3,837
Professors	278
Schools	9
Departments	31
Research institutes	45
Degree courses	113

* As of winter semester 2025/26



Schools:

- // Humanities
- // Human and Social Sciences
- // Schumpeter School of Business and Economics
- // Mathematics and Natural Sciences
- // Architecture and Civil Engineering
- // Electrical, Information and Media Engineering
- // Mechanical Engineering and Safety Engineering
- // Art and Design
- // School of Education

International profile

Since its founding, the University of Wuppertal has established itself as a reliable partner within an innovation-driven economic region that is connected with partners worldwide. The university is characterised by a wide range of academic disciplines, interdisciplinarity, and a practical focus, and is defined by a spirit of collegiality within an inspiring environment for learning, working, and research. Internationality is an integral part of academic life, and at the same time, a key prerequisite for our university's profile in a globalised world.



Key facts:

- // 10 % international students from more than 100 countries.
- // More than 70 partner universities worldwide and approx. 200 Erasmus cooperations.
- // International publications account for 60 % of all the university's publications.
- // Compared to similar universities in Germany, a larger percentage of projects with the German Research Foundation (DFG) involves international partners.
- // Research areas with the highest proportion of representatives are: Physics, Engineering, Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer Sciences, and Materials Sciences
- // Strong focus on scientific excellence with: 47 EU Horizon (2020) projects, 9 ERC grants, 10 Marie-Sklodowska Curie Actions



Student services and campus life

Join a vibrant international community and benefit from a wide range of support services, activities, and opportunities designed to help you feel at home. Make connections, and thrive both academically and personally – starting from your first day on campus until graduation.

The university provides:

- // social evenings, get-togethers and excursions in the region arranged by the International Students Team,
- // welcome Events at the start of every semester organized by the International Center,
- // a Buddy Programme with a mentor at your side,
- // university sports with 60+ types of sports, a student health and fitness centre, and
- // a university church with social gatherings open to all confessions.

Information and services for bachelor students

From application to graduation, we provide comprehensive guidance, practical support, and financial opportunities to help international students successfully navigate every stage of their studies.



We offer:

- // advisory and support services throughout the entire student life cycle,
- // admission via TestAS, therefore it is not necessary to attend a 'Studienkolleg',
- // application via uni-assist,
- // no tuition fees, only a semester fee of approx. 340 Euros (including the 'Deutschland-Ticket' (D-Ticket) – a Germany-wide ticket for local public transport),
- // preparatory and accompanying courses in German as a foreign language of all levels, also online,
- // student counselling services with individual consultations and workshops on time management, self-management, and stress management, examination anxiety, concentration techniques and much more, and
- // opportunities for funding through student jobs, the Deutschlandstipendium or doctoral grants.



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Information and services for master's students

Enhance your academic profile and prepare for an international career through English-language degree programmes, professional networking opportunities, and strong connections to regional employers and industry partners.

Students benefit from:

- // several degree programmes taught in English, such as Smart Materials and Systems or Computer Simulation in Science,
- // intercultural and job trainings, an annual recruiting day, monthly excursions and a strong network of local businesses,
- // a service team from the city of Wuppertal that places international students in training or work, and
- // a local start-up that connects international professionals in our region with get-togethers and events.

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Information and services for doctoral students

The Center for Graduate Studies (CGS) is a central service of the university. It serves as a contact point for students interested in pursuing a doctorate and supports the research activities of the university's doctoral students. The CGS is an interfaculty body that supports doctoral researchers from admission to career development.

The university has approximately 1,000 doctoral candidates. 173 doctorates were completed in 2025.

International doctoral researchers have access to:

- // onboarding measures and admission guidance,
- // individual advisory sessions,
- // coaching sessions,
- // financial support measures (e.g., funding for conferences and specific projects), and
- // a community. They work among researchers from all schools and (international) backgrounds.

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Information and services for researchers

The university offers welcome services for international researchers and visiting lecturers include information on visa processes, insurances, housing, legal conditions, issuing of hosting agreements, and more.

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Teaching and research profile:

- // Profile line a) Building blocks of matter, experiment, simulation and mathematical methods
- // Profile line b) Education, knowledge and culture in social contexts
- // Profile line c) Health, prevention and movement
- // Profile line d) Language, storytelling and editing
- // Profile line e) Environment, Engineering and Safety
- // Profile line f) Entrepreneurship, innovation and economic change

Interdisciplinary focus research areas:

- // Technologies Towards Zero-Waste and Zero-Carbon
- // Next Generation Learning, Teaching, Knowledge Transfer
- // Shaping Sustainable Societal Transformation
- // Artificial Intelligence for Empowering the Future





More about:

// Information on studying in Germany:
study-in-germany.com



// Information on researching in Germany:
research-in-germany.org



// Information on working in Germany:
make-it-in-germany.com/en



// Get to know North Rhine-Westphalia:
nrw-tourism.com



// Get to know Wuppertal and its neighbour
cities: bergisch-mal-drei.de/en



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