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WWU Münster: an overview



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WWU Münster: short profile

- Germany's fourth-largest university
- > 280 courses of study,
15 departments, 7 faculties
- 43,790 students
- 7,850 staff, with
 - 548 professors
 - 70 junior professors
 - 5,000 research assistants
 - 2,000 further staff
- 220 university buildings,
integrated into the city of Münster
- Budget in 2015: € 628.7 million





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1. Research



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Facts and figures

- 2 Clusters of Excellence :“Religion and Politics“ and “Cells in Motion”
- 7 Collaborative Research Centres (CRCs), participation in 4 further CRCs
- 10 Leibniz prize winners
- 2 DFG (*German Research Foundation*) research groups, 2 DFG priority programmes
- 4 national, 1 international DFG research training group
- 26 scientific centres, 12 associated institutes
- Cooperation with the Max Planck Institute of Molecular Biomedicine, the Fraunhofer Institute of Molecular Biology and Applied Ecology (IME) and the Center for NanoTechnology (CeNTech)
- Third-party funding received in 2015 (incl. medicine): € 149 million

Main areas of research

- **Life sciences**

- Cell dynamics and imaging
- Inflammation and infection research
- Cardiovascular medicine
- Neuroscience

- **Natural sciences**

- Energy research
- Evolutionary research
- Planetology
- Nanosciences

- **Mathematics**

- Mathematics in interaction

- **Humanities and social sciences**

- Religion and Politics (Excellence Cluster)
- Classical and ancient studies
- Talent research
- Edition research

- **Economics and law**

- Network research





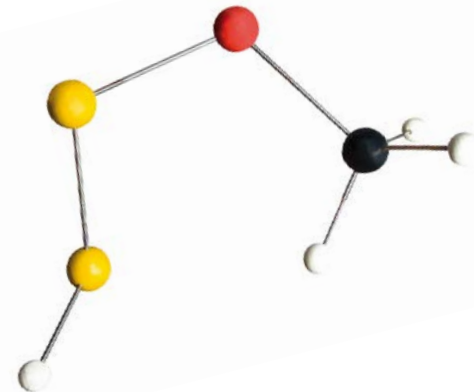
Promoting junior academics

- one of the five most important institutions in Germany for training junior academics
- 5 Research Training Groups funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)
- 9 internal Graduate Schools
- 1 Research School
- 1 Max Planck Research School
- Scholarships and PhD prizes for outstanding performance
- 750 doctoral degrees awarded annually



Prizes and awards

- 10 Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prizes (in history, mathematics [4!], medicine, theology, cell biology, chemistry, Islamic studies)
- 6 Max Planck Research Awards (3 in chemistry, in mathematics, 2 in medicine)
- 6 ERC Advanced Investigators Grants (2 in medicine, 2 in chemistry, in mathematics and in physics)
- 6 ERC Starting Grants (in geoinformatics, chemistry, cell biology, communication science, mathematics)





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2. Studying and teaching



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Facts and figures

- 120 subjects, > 280 courses
- 15 departments, 7 faculties
- 43,790 students
- 7,450 graduates in 2014
- 3rd place nationally in number of degree examinations taken
- Above-average rate of degrees obtained and short length of study
- Top marks in the CHE (Centre for Higher Education) university rankings





Faculties and departments

- Faculty of Protestant Theology
- Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology
- **Faculty of Law**
- Faculty of Economics
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Humanities
 - Education and Social Studies, Psychology and Sport Studies
 - History/Philosophy, Philologies
- Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
 - Mathematics and Computer Sciences, Physics, Chemistry and Pharmacy,
 - Biology, Geosciences
- Music Department





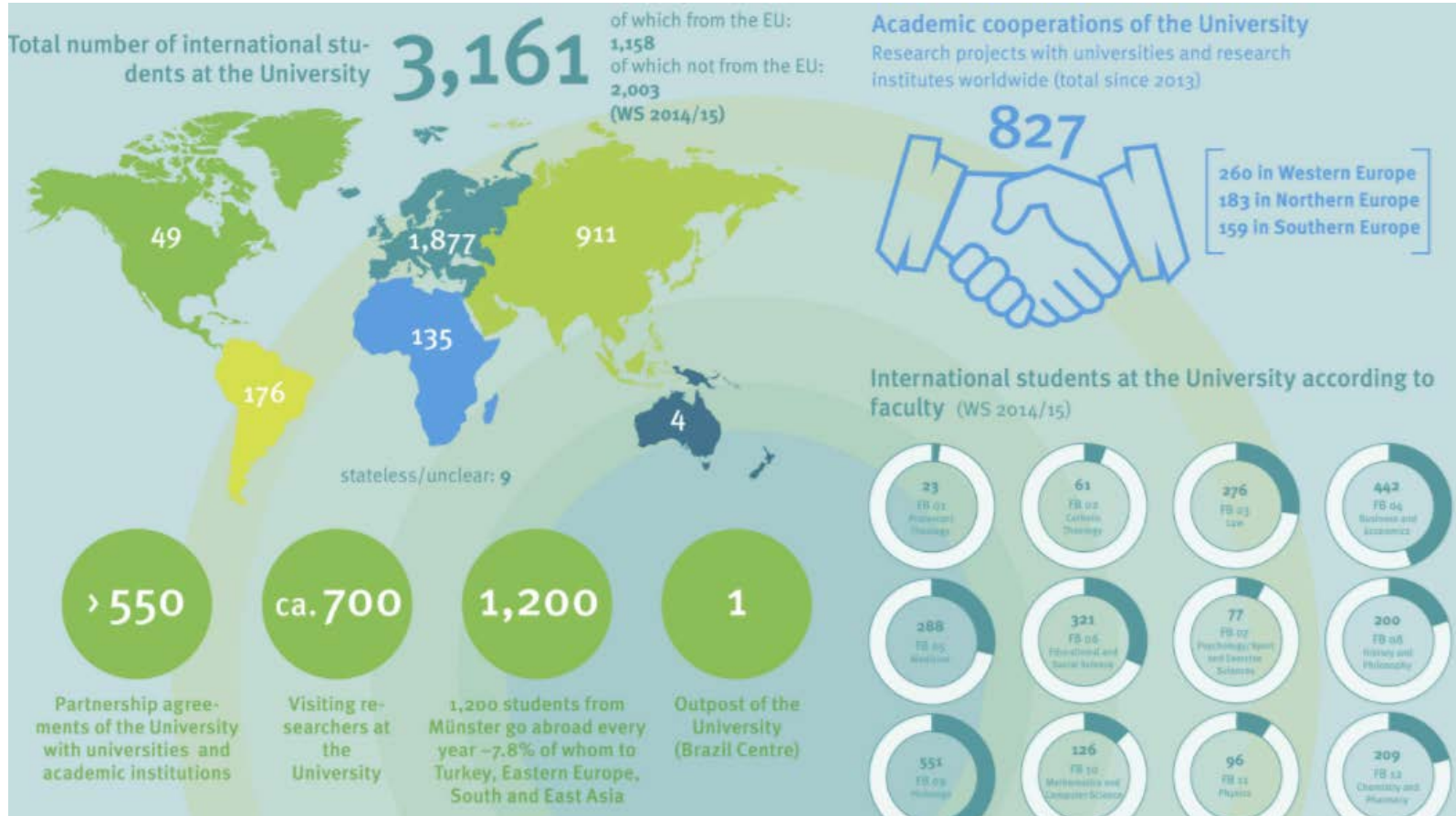
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3. Internationality



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Internationalisation

- Top position in the EU' s ERASMUS mobility programme
- English-language and international courses of study, bi-national double degrees, PhD opportunities with an international orientation
- Individual advice, support and services provided for international guests
- An increasing international orientation and global networking is embedded in the University' s overall strategy
- Internationalisation as a cross-disciplinary approach affecting all areas of the University: studying, teaching, research, administration and services



Studies

- WWU offers attractive English-language and other international courses:
 - Bachelor and master courses
 - PhD courses with a certain international orientation
 - double degrees in many subjects
- Students' stays abroad – both in Europe and worldwide – for the purpose of study or of gaining practical experience
- International services offered to both incoming and outgoing students – before studies even begin
- During studies, international and intercultural togetherness are a matter of course for German and foreign students, both in working together and in sharing free-time activities





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4. Faculty of Law



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- 1588: Jesuit College
- 1774: Foundation of the Faculty of Law
- 1780: Foundation of the University
- 1902: full university status;
Faculty of Law and Political Economics



Facts and Figures

today

- one of the largest and most popular law faculties in Germany
- ranked as one of Germany's leading law faculties
- ~ 5.200 students
- 600 students finish their first state exam each year, predominately with results well above average
- 38 professors
- over 100 assistant lecturers



Curriculum

- All of the main areas of law are taught at Münster University, including *i.a.*
 - Administrative law
 - Comparative law
 - Constitutional law
 - Corporate law
 - Criminal law
 - Environmental law
 - Labour law
 - Local community law
 - Private and international public law
 - Social law
 - Telecommunication and media law



International cooperation

- More than 100 partnerships and student exchange agreements with other universities and legal faculties worldwide
- More than 100 incoming exchange students per year
- Including agreements with 4 Japanese universities:
 - **Chuo University** – since 1986!
 - Niigata University
 - Osaka University
 - Ritsumeikan University
- 5 Japanese exchange students study at Münster University at the moment (June 2017)





Cooperation with Chuo University

- Long-term cooperation based on lecturer exchange
- Student exchange agreement since 2016:
 - Program designed for one-year stay (2 semesters)
 - Two students eligible per year
 - Preparatory intensive German language course provided



Wide range of activities

- Numerous activities are available
 - beyond the confines of studies or work.
 - University sport:
partner university for top-level sport,
over 100 types of sport,
international competitive sport
 - Wide-ranging engagement:
joint initiatives, music, theatre,
dance and art





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5. People and living



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Wide range of activities

- The University lives through the people who study, research, teach and work there
- Numerous activities are available to them – beyond the confines of their studies or their work.
 - University sport: over 100 types of sport , from aikido to mountain biking and yoga
 - The arts: a cappella choirs, instrumental ensembles, debating clubs, theatre workshops etc.
 - University groups: Numerous groups and initiatives represent a broad spectrum of voluntary work e.g. the “Nightline Münster” telephone helpline or the campus radio station
 - Family & career: Family service bureau, Dual Career Service, Equal Opportunity Office
 - Alumni Club Münster and Friends of the University





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6. High quality of life – the city of Münster





- > 300,000 inhabitants
- the City where the the Peace of Westphalia was signed in 1648
- 19 million visitors per year
- Most liveable city in the world (LivCom Award)
- Most cycle-friendly city in Germany
- Leading position in nano- and biotechnology
- 3rd place nationally in development of economic strength between 2006 and 2015
- International location for congresses