

# LEIPZIG

The one thousand year old city of Leipzig presents itself as a young and dynamic metropolis with over 500,000 inhabitants. Almost 50,000 people from all over the world study, research and work in seven universities and around 20 non-university research institutions. Famous worldwide thanks to the Leipzig Trade Fair and many publishers, the city, where the Peaceful Revolution of 1989 began, has developed into an innovative business location. Renowned companies from the automobile and supply industry or logistics as well as many young start-ups from the health industry and biotechnology, energy and environmental technology, media and creative industries have chosen Leipzig as the location for their business.

The diverse cultural scene, lively neighbourhoods, many sport and freetime activities and the excellent transport links make Leipzig the ideal place to work and study. A particularly cultured attitude towards life is brought to the city by writers, musicians, actors, artists and designers. World class art and culture such as the Gewandhaus Orchestra and the St. Thomas Choir influence the cultural life of the city along with the German National Library and the Literaturhaus Leipzig as well as many cabaret shows, theatres, cinemas and museums.

The University also enriches the cultural life of Leipzig with its over 450 year old University Library, the University Archive, the Art Collection and the German Creative Writing Program Leipzig (Deutsches Literaturinstitut Leipzig). Many visitors are attracted by the oldest botanical garden in Germany, the University's three museums and the teaching collections. The University Orchestra, the University Choir and the Unibigband entertain thousands of visitors each year.



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municipal parks and green spaces such as the Johanna-park are very popular among students and make Leipzig the third greenest city in Germany



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cooperation projects with businesses and many other transfer activities stand for the relevance of research and development at the University. Research into future-oriented topics also takes place at the Centre for Biotechnology and Biomedicine

## CAMPUS AUGUSTUSPLATZ

The main University buildings have been situated on the Augustusplatz since 1543 which have been reconstructed over the centuries after the takeover of the Pauline Monastery by the University.

Today the New Augusteum with the Auditorium maximum and the Paulinum characterise the face of the University in the heart of Leipzig. The form of the Paulinum is reminiscent of the University Church of St. Paul which was destroyed in 1968. Important university events, concerts and church services take place in the assembly hall and University Church. The building of the Faculty of Economics and Management Science fits in harmoniously with the shopping area in the pedestrian precinct in Grimmaische Straße. Directly in the centre of the city there are therefore favourable studying conditions in particular for the Humanities.

In order to encourage a relaxed study atmosphere there are two underground bicycle parks with 2,200 bicycle spaces, the 24 hour Campus Library and the modern university canteen Mensa am Park.



8,000

meals are prepared daily in the Studentenwerk canteens of the University

### FACULTIES

- Faculty of Theology
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of History, Arts and Oriental Studies
- Faculty of Philology
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Social Sciences and Philosophy
- Faculty of Economics and Management Science
- Faculty of Sport Science
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science
- Faculty of Biosciences, Pharmacy and Psychology
- Faculty of Physics and Earth Sciences
- Faculty of Chemistry and Mineralogy
- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

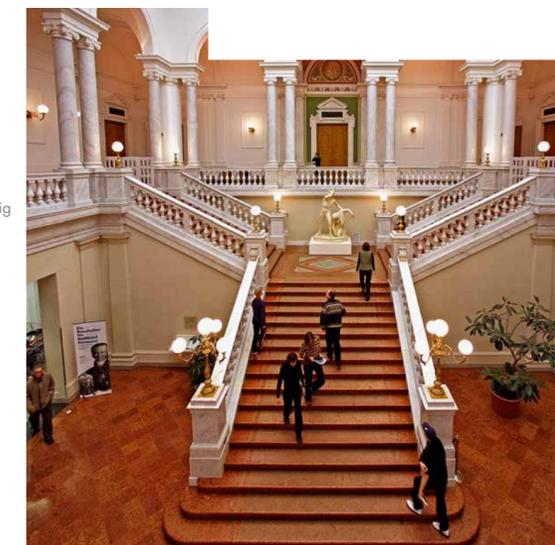
### CENTRAL INSTITUTIONS

- Centre for Biotechnology and Biomedicine
- German Creative Writing Program Leipzig (Deutsches Literaturinstitut Leipzig / DLL)
- German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig
- Higher Education Didactics Centre Saxony
- Kustodie (Art Collection)
- Leipzig University Music
- Research Academy Leipzig
- Language Centre
- Saxon Preparatory Courses (Studienkolleg Sachsen)
- Translational Centre for Regenerative Medicine Leipzig
- University Archive
- University Library
- University Computer Centre
- Centre for University Sport
- Centre for Teacher Training and School Research
- Centre for Media and Communication

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# ALMA MATER LIPSIENSIS



**800** places are available in the Auditorium maximum in the New Augusteum



**1661** was the year Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (1646–1716) registered at Leipzig University. The monument in the Leibniz Forum commemorates the great universal scholar



**5,000,000** volumes and 6,000 periodicals are included in the inventory of the University Library

# UNIVERSITAS LITTERARUM

Leipzig University has enriched the intellectual and cultural life of the city of Leipzig for six centuries. Founded in 1409 it is the second oldest university in Germany with uninterrupted teaching and research programmes. Numerous personalities of worldwide renown have taught or studied here, with important sources of inspiration for the development of the sciences repeatedly originating from Leipzig. As the State University of Saxony it has made an important contribution to the development of the region. The University has gained a national and international reputation thanks to its wide range of subjects and particular emphasis on the Humanities, Natural Sciences and Life Sciences. The University draws on these great traditions with its motto:

## A TRADITION OF CROSSING BOUNDARIES

Today Leipzig University is striving for a leading position amongst German universities as a university which is both steeped in tradition while at the same time being a modern comprehensive university. The 14 faculties with their 150 institutes place emphasis on cross-subject and cross-faculty cooperation in research and teaching.

Furthermore the development of the University is defined by cooperation with other research institutions and regional businesses along with increasing internationalisation.

An important objective of the University is the close and pronounced cooperation with regional business and other universities in Saxony. The requirements of the revitalised metropolis of Leipzig – a city of banking, insurance, trade and trade fairs as well as the media, books and culture – are being increasingly reflected in the new specialisations within proven study programmes which can only be found in this form in Leipzig. Examples include Insurance Information Technology and Medical Informatics, Banking and Stock Market Law, Environmental and Planning Law or Book Studies / The Economy of Publishing and an emphasis on cultural studies in many disciplines of the Humanities.

For a greater interdisciplinary and international orientation the University offers Master study programmes such as Global Studies, European Integration Law, Small Enterprise Promotion and Training or the English-language International Physics Studies Program (IPSP).

# INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

As a comprehensive university Leipzig University offers a wide research spectrum in the Life Sciences, the Humanities and Social Sciences and the Natural Sciences. It carries out interdisciplinary basic and applied research and has developed into a partner for knowledge and technology transfer at a regional, national and international level. The particular strengths of Leipzig University are found in the fields of Global Interaction, Biomedicine, Intelligent Materials, Biotechnology, Mathematical Sciences and Biodiversity.

The University has further enhanced its profile thanks to its networks with non-university research institutions in Leipzig – including the three Max Planck Institutes, the Fraunhofer Institute, the three Leibniz Institutes, the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ) and innovative companies of the BioCity Leipzig – and in the university network Halle–Jena–Leipzig. Nine profile areas bring together the research strengths of the University and the aim is to make the University competitive internationally:

- **Global Connections and Comparisons**
- **Contested Order**
- **Language and Culture in a Digital Age**
- **Brain Dynamics**
- **Molecular and Cellular Communication in Therapy and Diagnostics**
- **Modern Diseases: Causes and Consequences**
- **Sustainable Systems and Biodiversity**
- **Complex Matter**
- **Mathematical and Computational Sciences**

Opened in 2006, the Research Academy Leipzig devotes itself to the support of young academics and brings together all cross-faculty postgraduate programmes of Leipzig University. The PhD candidates, one third of which originate from abroad, can enjoy excellent working conditions, a wide network of international cooperation and the opportunity to achieve a joint doctorate with a binational PhD at a foreign university.

International cooperation, for example with the Vanderbilt University / USA and Stellenbosch University / South Africa, provides evidence of the worldwide research network of Leipzig University. Its scientific excellence is also confirmed by a multitude of smaller internationally-recognised projects in what are known as exotic subjects. The Alexander von Humboldt Chair of Digital Humanities also contributes to the scientific profile of the University.

“Research, Teaching, Healing – a Tradition of Innovation” is the motto of the Faculty of Medicine, which will celebrate its 600th anniversary in 2015. In close cooperation with the University Hospital it achieves excellent results in research, teaching and nursing the sick. It is amongst the largest medical research institutions in the region and maintains interdisciplinary cooperation with other faculties and non-university institutions. It has particularly close cooperation with the Heart Centre Leipzig.

# STUDY

With over 150 study programmes Leipzig University offers a diverse range of subjects which is unique in Saxony. Alongside study programmes with Bachelor’s or Master’s degrees such as American Studies, Computer Science and Economics there are study programmes with a state examination such as Teacher Training, Medicine and Law. Exotic subjects such as Sorbian Studies and Ancient Near Eastern Studies are also well-established. Leipzig University is increasingly developing into a centre for teacher training in Saxony.

The great tradition, which the University has in the area of German as a foreign language, is continued by the Herder-Institute, the Studienkolleg Sachsen (Saxony Preparatory Courses) and interDaf.

Students and those interesting in studying are given advice in all aspects of study in a Student Service Centre.

The University has reacted to the challenges of lifelong learning with an extensive programme of postgraduate scientific further education. Examples of this are the range of subjects offered by the Higher Education Didactics Centre and the vocational study programme “Clinical Research & Translational Medicine”. For companies in the region the University is a partner for the planning of their further education measures. At the end of their active working life many people take advantage of the College for Senior Students and the range of subjects on offer in the range of studies for seniors.

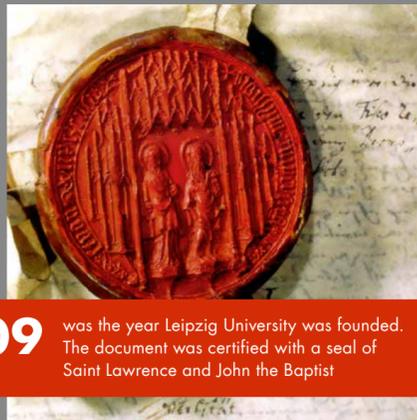
# INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Leipzig University is characterised by a large number of contacts from abroad, its high level of mobility and its international network of teaching. With two EU-funded Erasmus Mundus study programmes, three Erasmus Mundus Mobility Networks and a further 34 international study programmes, which in part are offered in English, the University is also the focal point for future students and young scientists. 3,100 students from over 120 countries stimulate the seminars and lectures through their own cultural experiences. This enables Leipzig University to preserve its tradition as a classic Central European University of international standing which has grown over the centuries and strengthens its role as an international teaching and research institution for the exchange between East and West, North and South.

Diverse cooperation of the University with 300 European Erasmus universities and in 50 worldwide university partnerships, study structures which promote mobility as well as the credit point system and internationally compatible qualifications encourage high international mobility for students and academics. Study programmes in English and many guest academics, who are housed in two university guest houses, characterise the international flair of the old trade fair city of Leipzig. There are particularly intensive relationships with the Universities in Wrocław and Prague and with Stellenbosch University in South Africa and Ohio University Athens in the USA.

As a university of European standing the ALMA MATER LIPSIENSIS has attracted scholars of international renown over the centuries such as Christian Thomasius, Johann Christoph Gottsched, Christian Fürchtegott Gellert, Wilhelm Wundt, Wilhelm Ostwald, Paul Flechsig, Theodor Litt, Ernst Bloch and Werner Heisenberg. Students at Leipzig include famous personalities such as Ulrich von Hutten, Thomas Müntzer, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, Gotthold Ephraim Lessing, Johann Wolfgang Goethe, Johann Gottlieb Fichte, Robert Schumann, Richard Wagner and Friedrich Nietzsche.

Today the list of significant alumni continues with Angela Merkel und Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Maybrit Illner, Kristin Otto, Clemens Meyer and Uwe Tellkamp and many others. 150,000 alumni act as ambassadors of Leipzig University at home and abroad. More than 14,000 are registered in the interdisciplinary alumni network of the University.



**1409** was the year Leipzig University was founded. The document was certified with a seal of Saint Lawrence and John the Baptist

**150,000** Leipzig University alumni can be found all over the world



**1,400** scientists carry out research at the Leipzig University and cooperate with 17 non-university research institutes in Leipzig



**2,718** 281828459045235... is "Euler's number" found at the lecture hall of the Faculty of Chemistry and Mineralogy



**28,000** students are supported by 450 professors and 1,400 academic employees



**3,100** foreign students attend Leipzig University