The one thousand year old city of Leipzig presents itself as a young and dynamic metropolis with over 500,000 inhabitants. Almost 350,000 people from all over the world study, research and work in several universities and around 200 university research institutions. Famous worldwide ranks 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 to logistics as well as many young startups from the health industry and biotechnology, energy and environmental technology, media and creative industries have chosen Leipzig as their location for their business.

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

800 places are available in the Auditorium Augusteum in the New Augusteum.
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With over 100 study programmes Leipzig University offers a diverse range of subjects which is unique in Saxony. Alongside study programmes with Bachelor’s and 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 Sobotica Studies and Ancient Near Eastern Studies are also well-established.

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

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 patient care. It is among 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.

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 in further 34 international study programmes, which are part of foreign education, the University is also the focal point for future students and young scientists. 3,100 students from over 120 countries submit 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.

Leipzig University has enriched the intellectual and cultural life of the city of Leipzig for six centuries. Founded in 1386 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, especially engineering from Leipzig. As the State University Leipzig has made an important contribution to the development of the region. The University has gained in 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 in its work.

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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 Busch 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 Dave Telepanski 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.

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

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

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