

The Faculty introduces itself

Nationwide is the great reputation of the University of Leipzig. A high Standard in teaching is granted by having good equipment and teachers highly recommended to their subjects. The faculty is surrounded by an own library, a track and field place, an landing stage for boats and a swimming hall, where even international competitions take place.

Several gyms are placed in a huge building, which is the main faculty of sports science. Some of the Profs are former Competitors in World championships or even the Olympic Games. Who does 'not want to get toughed by somebody who fought in an Championship final? Only a few German Universities have an own faculty instead of an single institute. One of the biggest Faculties is the Sport science faculty at the University of Leipzig. 1223 Students are matriculated in Sommer semester 2007. Since last semester the Faculty offers Bachelor and Master degrees, which are new at German Universities as well, and according to this new offer, 148 Bachelor and Master students signed in. Even with this high number of students we have a familiar atmosphere and 'Newcomers' don't need to be afraid of getting lost in the masses. One main reason for that is the well constructed and organised campus – as mentioned before, all the gyms, the swimming hall and the track and field place are located at one Campus, so there is no need in travelling the whole city for attending classes. So it will happen that somebody known appears while walking around the campus. The Campus is located approximately 5 minutes by bike or 3 Stations with the tram from the city centre. Close to the Campus is the Arena Leipzig, a huge Gym where regular famous Sport events take place as well as international Concerts. Next to the Arena Leipzig is the Zentralstadion. This stadium was used for the Championship in Soccer in 2006. Also Musicians use this huge stadium, so it might happen, that during lessons on the track and field place, Paul Mc Cartney or Bands like Depeche Mode are preparing for their gigs in the evening and this can be heard very well.

There is a wide range of subjects to be choosen from. Next to classes usual for an German University Leipzig offers also Sailing or Rugby. This good conditions attract many different Sportsmen and Sportswomen to that University. Due to that fact we have popular sport students and top class sport students like Annett Böhm and Janina Kristin Götz (successful Competitors at the Olympics). Foreign Students also to be found in large numbers in Leipzig and at the faculty. Students from overseas (e.g. from Southamerica, Africa or Asia) are coming to the International Trainer Kurs (ITK) to complete their Studies, for years. Next to ITK there are huge amount of ERASMUS and SOKRATES Students. Some of the German Students also take place in such programs to study in Places all over the World. Therefore it is not that difficult for foreign students to find a partner in their mother tongue for solving problems. For official questions about beginning an semester abroad at the Sport Science Faculty at the University of Leipzig is the academic Auslandsamt (<http://www.uni-leipzig.de/~akadem/>).

The Students Live is not only based on attending classes. Whoever is interested in any kind of sports might find something in the huge offers from the centre of University Sports. Soccer, Volleyball and Athletics as well as Ultimate Frisbee, trampoline and Street dance are only a small choice from about 100 different sports. During the Year there are many parties at the Campus for the Students of Leipzig University. The 'Campus Cup' is a 2 day lasting Sports and Music festival, bands from all over Germany playing and competitions in Soccer, Volleyball and Frisbee are held as well. Famous nearly all over Saxony is the Carnival festival, known for great atmosphere and big fun. Next to offers by the Faculty the City has great opportunities to spend spare time.

About the History

The sport science faculty of the University of Leipzig is not only one of the biggest in Germany even at a proud tradition can be looked on. In 1921 already the University had a Gymnastic Institute. A chair in sports came 4 years later to the University and Professor Dr. Hermann Altröck was appointed to the chair of education and gymnastics. Under his direction the Institute succeeded and Altröck himself was until his death known as one of the most popular Sport Scientists worldwide.

Nowadays the Campus is placed in the area of the former 'Deutsche Hochschule für Körperkultur' (DHfK). Between the founding in 1950 and 1990 many successful eastgerman Sportsmen were brought up. Nowadays some of them are still working as teachers at the faculty.

About Leipzig

Leipzig is to be found in the state of Saxony and with around 500.000 inhabitants one of the most expanding Cities in east Germany. In 1409 the university was founded, is one of the oldest in Germany, and has a nearly 600 years old tradition. Friedrich von Schiller or Johann Wolfgang von Goethe studied in Leipzig or attended school. At present there are around 50.000 Students in Leipzig. Properties are cheaper to get than in any other University town and so it is not a big thing to get a cheap place to live. Many libraries ensure a great study condition. Besides the University and the City the national Library is to be mentioned, which covers nearly every appearing German literature.

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