History

The University of Siegen is a young university. It was founded in 1972 as one of five new comprehensive universities in North Rhine-Westphalia and in 2003, the Siegen Comprehensive University was named the University of Siegen. But: however brief the history of the university appears to be at first glance, Siegen’s tradition as the site of notable educational institutions extends back into the 16th century. In 1536, William the Rich, the Count of Nassau, delegated to the Saxon educator and theologian Erasmus Sarcerius the reconstitution of the Siegen Latin school, similar to a Gymnasium (university preparatory school) today. In the years 1595 to 1599 and 1606 to 1609, the “Universa Schola Nassovica Sigenensis,” the “High School” of the state of Nassau, was established within the walls of the city.

Meadow Culture School

The “Meadow Culture School,” which was founded in 1853 and known beyond state borders, laid the foundation for the later University of Siegen. After the Second World War, the educational focus shifted in the direction of civil engineering and the school was re-named “State School of Civil Engineering” in 1962. The Department of Mechanical Engineering, in turn, follows the history of the “Technical College for the Iron and Steel Industry” which was founded in 1900.

Research and teaching are closely connected

Today, the University of Siegen is a modern, medium-sized university in the center of the tri-state area of North Rhine-Westphalia, Hesse and Rhineland-Palatinate. It conducts high-quality basic research and knowledge-oriented applied research. External funding has been continuously increasing. A high level of teaching quality goes hand-in-hand with this, and it is characterized by close ties between theory and practice, and a good staff-student ratio.
University of Siegen – Creating a Humane Future

The University of Siegen is a medium-sized research university with an interdisciplinary approach. It has deep roots in the region of South Westphalia and an extensive national as well as international network.

With its research and teaching, the university aims at contributing to a future which is people-oriented and characterized by its responsibility to society. This is expressed in the central theme of the University of Siegen: Creating a Common Future.

To be able to best implement this central theme in interdisciplinary research, four distinguishing faculties were established in 2011 from twelve smaller departments: the School of Arts and Humanities, the School of Education, Architecture and the Arts, the School of Economic Disciplines, as well as the School of Science and Technology.

Four main areas of research have developed from the interdisciplinary faculties: Excellent culture and media research has been a tradition at the University of Siegen for many years. Another area of focus has been the field of “sensors and nanoscience.” In addition there are large-format projects in the areas of “inclusion” and “research on medium-sized organizations and enterprises.” In early 2016, the German Research Foundation established the “Cooperative Media” Collaborative Research Center at the University of Siegen. As a result, research in the field of media science is strengthened and developed on the highest level.

In the Research Center “Creating a Humane Future” (FoKoS), the central theme of the university is addressed in a very concrete way. In this college, scientists take an interdisciplinary approach to issues regarding future sustainability and shaping the future. The Research Center, part of an extensive international network, has proven to be extremely attractive to renowned guest scientists as well.

Research and teaching occupy positions of equal importance at the University of Siegen. Teaching is considered to be a research-based process, which also benefits the students. It calls for a high-quality and varied range of courses offered, along with very good mentoring. The introduction of the Bachelor’s and Master’s degree model additionally opens career options to students at various points during the course of study.

The University of Siegen cooperates with universities all over the world. In all areas, the focus is consistently on an international orientation, whether through worldwide research networks and English-language degree programs or through the support of international mobility of students and staff.

In accordance with its central theme, the university also assumes social responsibility in its immediate environment and drives innovation and development. For this reason, it maintains wide-ranging cooperations in the South Westphalia region and promotes an intensive transfer of knowledge.
Figures

Students
Winter semester 2016/2017
19,675
64 % within standard period of study
49 % female students
11 % international students
42 specialist degree courses
1 study concept (each with 3 study models Bachelors/Masters)
in the School of Arts and Humanities
9 teaching degree courses (based on the type of school, BA/MA),
split across 137 partial degree courses

Personnel
Total (per capita) 2,153
Professors 262
Research assistants 1,118
Staff in technical support and administration 773

Total budget 2017 101.6 million Euros
External funding revenue (2016) 41.5 million Euros
Floor area 2017 (As of: 07/2017) 117,420 sq.m.

University Library
Overall reserves (books) 1,166,000
Number of subscriptions to print journals 1,811
Number of subscriptions to e-journals 4,147
Access to the local online catalogue 4,267,487
Number of book loans 572,283
Active users 14,089

International partnerships 2016 161

An international focus

The University of Siegen is an international university with more
than 2,000 foreign students, most of whom graduate in Siegen
and thus influence university life decisively. The English-language
master programs in Roads to Democracy(ies), Economic Policy,
Human Computer Interaction, Mechatronics, Physics, Computer
Science, Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, and Chemistry are
particularly popular among foreign students.

The department “Student Admission, Registration and Training in
German” (STARTING) is responsible for the complete application
process for foreign students who are planning to obtain a degree
at the University of Siegen. Here, all interested students from
abroad can obtain information, as well as submit their applications.
STARTING also offers preparatory German language courses for all
levels, and performs the German Language Examination for Higher
Education (DSH).

The International Office (IO) maintains the numerous university
cooperations of the University of Siegen. It serves foreign students
at the University of Siegen and helps students, doctoral students
and scientists who have any questions concerning studying and
living in Siegen. The affiliated Welcome Center particularly supports
international guest scientists of the University of Siegen in all
non-academic questions concerning their stay. The service of the
Welcome Center also includes offers of information and networking
of international scientists. In addition, the International Office
maintains foreign university cooperation, exchange programs
for students, and the international exchange of researchers. In
cooperation with the machine manufacturer Waldrich Siegen, the
University of Siegen maintains an international presence in the PRC
in Beijing.

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# Study and degree options at the University of Siegen

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+ subject also as dual study program
+ only as advanced major subject
+ probably beginning Wintersemester 2018/2019 in English

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Main areas of research

Culture and media research
Cultural and social media research has a long tradition at the University of Siegen and is nationally and internationally recognized. Siegen is among the most visible university sites in comparative media and social research in Germany. Over the years, the transdisciplinary Siegen media research, which had also always had an eye on the sociological and media-technology developments of the use of media, in addition to the aesthetic and media-theory aspects, has been consistently developed further. Digital media are recognized in the newly established German Research Foundation (DFG) Collaborative Research Center as “Cooperative Media.” Since the start of 2016, investigations have been performed in numerous subprojects on how digital developments determine our everyday life and which social consequences arise from this as a result. Within the “Locating Media” Graduate School, junior scientists are trained on a high level and benefit from the shared networking of both excellence programs.

Medium-sized organizations and enterprises
For several years, research on medium-sized organizations and enterprises has been another area of focus of the University of Siegen. Understanding and shaping modern economic processes requires interdisciplinary collaboration between economics and business informatics, commercial law and economic didactics, and these areas in turn cooperate closely with regional medium-sized enterprises. Supported by the Siegen Institute for Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMI) of the University of Siegen and the Institute for Medium-Sized Organizations in Bonn (IfM Bonn), current developments and problems of a digitized and globalized economic world and its effects on medium-sized enterprises are investigated.

Sensors and nano research
A prominent, long-standing area of research at the University of Siegen has been the research and development of multisensor systems and their application, especially in the field of chemical and biochemical sensors. The research on new methods and systems for micro- and nanochemistry forms the basis for innovative, intelligent microsystems and sensors, for example in the area of the lab-on-chip technology. Through the interdisciplinary collaboration between different working groups, the individual subsections range from the chip level to various algorithmic solutions and software to system solutions. It is used in a variety of fields: in life sciences and environmental technology, in intelligent material and structural sensors – or in innovative imaging techniques. In the DFG Post Graduate Program “Imaging New Modalities”, research is performed in the field of image sensors which is a central area of application for civil security: For example, the scientists are working on new methods for detecting hazardous substances at airports or which enable 3D reconstruction of a face based on 2D data.

Inclusion
Heterogeneity is a social reality. With the human-rights-based approach to inclusion, a reduction of barriers and a culture of integration and participation is to be promoted and experienced on the level of training and education as well as living and working. The topic of inclusion is studied in a multiperspective way at the University of Siegen: Inclusion through cultural training, inclusion by means of special education and inclusion as a (social) spatial strategy, for example in urban development. The research, which includes artistic along with scientific work, is collected under the interdisciplinary working title of “Räume bilden” (Creating Spaces), which takes into account the spatial as well as the cultural architecture of educational and social spaces.
May I introduce.... The university city of Siegen!

Siegen is a city undergoing transformation. The face of the university city has changed significantly and been rejuvenated. Because on the one hand, during the 2013 “Südwestfalen Regionale” structural development program and the “Siegen – zu neuen Ufern” (Siegen – New Riverside) project, the Sieg river underwent clearing and ecological restoration. New recreational areas have been constructed on its banks. On the other hand, with the new “Unteres Schloss” Campus, the university has arrived in the heart of the city. Siegen is the urban center of the region of South Westphalia. About 100,000 people live in the city, which was founded more than 800 years ago along the Sieg river. For centuries, the structure and development of Siegen were characterized by mining and metallurgy. Up to the present day, steel production and processing and mechanical engineering have been the pillars of economic life. Thanks to a number of innovative medium-sized companies, the city and the region occupy a leading position nationally with their labor market data.

But Siegen is not just an industrial location. For 600,000 people in the region, the city is also a center for retail and service, healthcare, education, culture and recreation. Plays and concerts are held in the Apollo Theater, major events are held at the Siegerlandhalle, and the cultural arts center Lyz is home to cabaret and smaller stage productions. The Siegen Museum of Contemporary Art is a highly ranked contemporary art museum and the collection of original paintings by Rubens in the Siegerlandmuseum is an art history treasure on a national level. The area is also host to a number of open-air events and many private cultural initiatives.

The Siegen-Wittgenstein region is also the most densely wooded area in Germany. This is where the Rothaar mountain bison live. Along the Rothaarsteig trail, hikers and mountain bikers enjoy pristine low-mountain landscapes.
Studying in the castle

In the middle of Siegen, a vision has become reality: The University of Siegen is lord of the castle. In the spring of 2016, Faculty III (School of Economic Disciplines) purchased the historic Lower Castle. The neighboring former regional hospital has been used by the University since the 2014/2015 winter semester. Both buildings were extensively refurbished and renovated and a total of 10,000 square meters of floor space is now available to the university. The character of the imposing castle, a registered historical structure, has been largely preserved: The slate roof and facade were refurbished according to a historical example. A wing from 1932 has been replenished with a state-of-the-art annex. The new “Lower Castle Departmental Library” with around 100,000 items from the fields of economics and law is located there. A reading garden has been created in the inner courtyard and next to the library is the historical castle garden. Together with the Schlossplatz, they invite students and staff at the new campus as well as local residents to come and relax for a while.

Around 3,500 “castle students” and 200 university staff study, work and research on the “Unteres Schloss” Campus.

Campus Modernization

In one of the largest modernization projects of all NRW universities, on the Adolf-Reichwein-Strasse Campus, the library, the cafeteria, the foyer and the two office and seminar buildings AR-H and AR-K are being completely renovated. This encompasses about 34,000 square meters, which is one third of the total campus space. The aim of the measure is to create sustainable working conditions for students and employees of the university. If everything goes according to plan, work should be completed by November 2019.

With the modernization, the heart of the campus gets a new face: in the cafeteria, service offers and accommodation possibilities are restructured in the foyer, while inside food displays and distributions are modernized. Also the building of the main library is renovated completely, windows, walls and floors are fully renewed. Through appropriate furniture and a new color concept, the quality of stay is improved and variable learning and working areas are created for students. Last but not least, the entire complex has a bright exterior façade made of sheet metal.

“This measure will make the location of Siegen much more attractive”, says university chancellor Ulf Richter. In the meantime, however, students and employees have to move a bit closer together. For nearly 300 offices, 30 seminar rooms, the library and the facilities of the Studierendenwerk, compensation will be provided for the duration of the construction period. Division 5, the “Building and Operating Technology” of the university has developed an interim solution and rented additional buildings. For the latest information on campus modernization, please visit www.uni-siegen.de/baut
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School of Life Sciences
On July 19, 2017, the University Senate decided to include a School of Life Sciences. This is the next step towards establishing a medical school in Siegen.

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Center for Developing Country Research and Knowledge Transfer (ZEW)
Center for Planning and Evaluation of Social Services (ZPE)
Center for Teacher Training and Educational Research (ZLB)
FoKoS Research Center
School of Media and Information (iSchool)
Siegen Center for Gender Studies (GestuS)

Scientific Centers and Institutions of the Faculties
Center for Economic Education in Siegen (ZöBis)
Center for Particle Physics Siegen (CPPS)
Center for Sensor Systems (ZESS)
DFG Collaborative Research Center 1187 “Media of Cooperation”
DFG Post Graduate Program "Imaging New Modalities"
DFG Post Graduate Program 1769 “Locating Media”
DFG Research Unit "Quark Flavor Physics and Effective Field Theories"
Institute for Advanced Materials and Structures (FIBB)
Institute for Information Systems (IWI)
Institute of Media and Communications Law (IMKR)
NRW Research School on Multi Modal Sensor Systems for Environmental Exploration and Safety (MOSES)
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