



Porträt der Universität (englisch)

University of Stuttgart

University of Stuttgart – A Research University of International Standing
The University of Stuttgart lies right in the centre of the largest high-tech region of Europe. We are surrounded by a number of renown research facilities and have such global players as Daimler or IBM as our neighbours. It was founded in 1829 and over the years this technical institution has developed to the research intensive university that it is today. The main emphasis of the Universität Stuttgart is on engineering and the natural sciences. However, combining these areas with the humanities and the social sciences adds something special to its profile.

Indicators of the excellent status are the two projects that were successful in the recent "Excellence Initiative" sponsored by both the Federal and the State governments. One project is the Cluster of Excellence "Simulation Technology" and the other, the Graduate School "Advanced Manufacturing Engineering". We are also involved in a number of Collaborative Research Centres and Research Training Groups. The research activities are concentrated around eight interdisciplinary areas, "Modelling and Simulation Technology", "New Materials", "Complex Systems and Communication", "Concepts of Technology and Technology Evaluation", "Energy and the Environment", "Mobility", "Integrated Product Design and Production Organisation" as well as "Building and Housing". The Universität Stuttgart is going to strengthen its research through interdisciplinary networks of cooperation in order to continue to expand the cutting-edge position in these fields.

The Universität Stuttgart is going to increase its international presence and concentrate on themes that are of central importance to the future. Behind this lies the vision of undertaking research on the whole life-cycle of a product. This begins with the molecular model, continues through the material and process levels on through design, production and utilization, and ends with the recycling process. This involves not only the technical engineering implementation but also the evaluation of the sustainability of the technical innovations.

The Universität Stuttgart has become one of the most popular education institutions world-wide for the offered subjects. Around 27.000 students are enrolled in the courses offered by the 150 institutes in the 10 different faculties.

We offer some 140 degree programs, included 13 international MSc-degree programs that are taught entirely in English. In addition, we offer numerous activities that are tailor-made for our international partners including double-degree programs with top universities in France and Spain or the Enhanced Summer Semester Program.

The International Centre offers a "Welcoming Service" for international freshman as well as an "Orientation Week" at the beginning of each semester. New students are picked up on arrival and taken to their accommodation, they are accompanied when they go to the German authorities and are shown around the campus and the city of Stuttgart. They are also given information on excursions and other social activities. The International Centre also offers intensive German language courses for persons wishing to gain entrance to one of our degree programs but who do not fulfil the language requirements.