

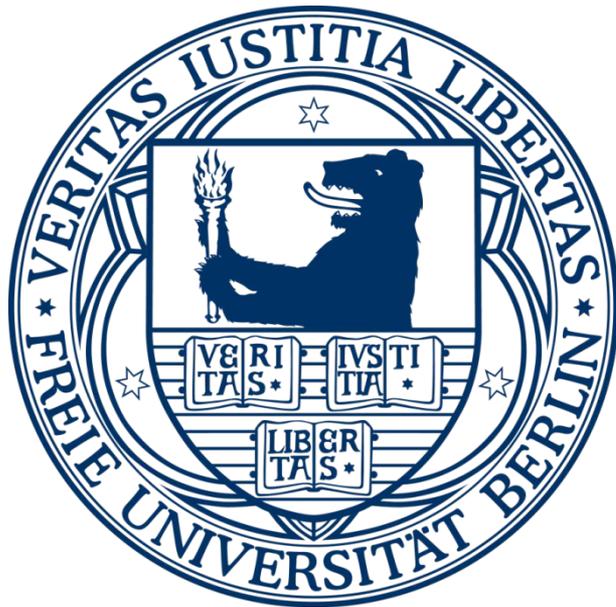
Freie Universität Berlin

International Network University

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Who we are



Committed to excellence in research and teaching

- 1948: Founded with international support
- Motto: Veritas – Iustitia - Libertas
- Scholarship across national, social and ideological barriers
- University of Excellence

First rank among German universities

- No. of projects in the Excellence Initiative
- International exchange & doctoral students
- Gender equality
- Research funding through German Research Foundation
- Internationalization funding by DAAD

Among the best German universities

- Competitive funding per professorship
- Collaborative Research Centers (SFBs)
- Spin-off companies

Freie Universität in numbers 2015

- **11** Departments plus Charité – University Medicine Berlin
- **66** bachelor's -, **110** master's programs, **23** structured doctoral programs
- **Students** 34,170
- **Professors:** 325 tenured professorships plus 47 tenured joint appointments with non-university research institutes, 82 junior professors and 46 temporary professors



People

- **34,170** students overall:
 - undergraduate: 19,657 (including 4,845 students aiming for a “state examination”)
 - Master’s: 8,333
 - doctoral: 4,506
 - Non-degree: 1,674
- about **4,300** other staff members
- At Freie Universität Berlin, there are individuals from **125** different countries who are studying as graduate and undergraduate students, working on their doctorate, conducting research, or teaching.

Departments

- Veterinary Medicine
- Biology, Chemistry, Pharmacy
- Physics
- Mathematics and Computer Sciences
- Earth Sciences
- Psychology and Educational Science
- Economics
- Law
- Philosophy and Humanities
- History and Cultural Studies
- Political Science and Social Anthropology
- Joint Medical School Charité with Humboldt University



Focus Areas at FUB

- CAS – Center for Area Studies
- DHC – Dahlem Humanities Center
- DynAge - Disease in Human Aging
- NanoScale – Functional Materials at the Nanoscale
- DCPS – Dahlem Center of Plant Sciences

Excellence Initiative 2007/2012

11 Universities of Excellence in total:

- **6 from the first round:** FU Berlin, Aachen, Heidelberg, Konstanz, LMU and TU Munich
- **5 new ones:** HU Berlin, TU Dresden, Cologne, Bremen, Tübingen



-  ausgezeichnet als Exzellenz-Universität (3. Förderlinie)
-  mit Exzellenz-Bewerbung 2012 gescheitert
-  Exzellenz-Status verloren

International

Currently from countries outside Germany:

- **17 %** of the students in master's programs
- **30 %** of the doctoral candidates
- **10 %** of the professors

- In Germany the first choice for fellows of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
- More than **100** partnerships with universities around the world in **67** countries
- About **340** agreements within the European exchange programs

Internationalization at Freie Universität

Guiding Principle

Internationalization is a **basic orientation** guiding all activities in teaching and research and a **tool** to further advance the university's performance and academic excellence.

Specific Goals

- Recruit and retain excellent students as well as promising researchers, university teachers from abroad
- Foster international mobility of all university members
- Develop innovative programs and projects in research and teaching
- Make efficient use of networks and cooperations
- Focus on selected, mutually beneficial partnerships

Students from your countries

Country	Students overall	Doctoral Students
Austria	183	34
Belgium	50	5
China	513	433
Czech Republic	48	9
Denmark	35	6
Egypt	49	32
Estonia	23	4
Finland	25	1
France	249	24
Greece	164	36
India	93	66
Ireland	24	1
Israel	76	20
Italy	392	94
Lithuania	42	4
Luxemburg	49	3
Macedonia	9	5

Students from your countries

Country	Students overall	Doctoral Students
Malta	1	0
Netherlands	77	19
Poland	259	34
Portugal	19	9
Slovakia	23	1
Slovenia	11	2
Spain	158	25
Sweden	37	8
Switzerland	106	24
United Kingdom	153	22
United States of America	451	33

International Affairs: Key Units

Center for International Cooperation (predominantly strategic)

- running the liaison office network
- establishing and developing strategic partnerships and networks
- advising on and providing financial support for new international projects
- strategic advising on profile raising – think tank

Division for International Affairs (predominantly operative)

- student and staff mobility including Erasmus
- partnerships, contracts, and financial support (DAAD)
- welcome services
- alumni (German & International)
- Studienkolleg

Global Network of Liaison Offices



Tasks of the Liaison Offices



Strategic Partnerships – Means to an end, not an end in itself

Objectives:

- Deliver additional quality & opportunities for research and teaching
- Deliver complementary strengths
- Promote sustainable research cooperation
- Provide attractive options for students, early-career researchers and established faculty
- Increase international co-publications
- Increase FUB's global visibility and attractiveness

Current Strategic Partnerships: Bilateral

First phase non-EU/overseas:

- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2011)
- Peking University (2011)
- St. Petersburg State University (2012)
- University of British Columbia (2014)
- **University Alliance for Sustainability (2015)**

Second phase: stronger focus on Europe:

- Consultations with approx. 2-3 more potential strategic partner universities

Some General Challenges in Internationalization

Teaching

- Increase the number of outgoing students (goal: 50 %)
- Create Bachelor and Master programs with defined exchange windows
- Develop more programs with a specific international orientation

Research

- Increase the number of scientists from abroad
- Expand structured research cooperation as opposed to cooperation of individuals



“The Free University must be interested in turning out citizens of the world, men who comprehend the difficult, sensitive tasks, that lie before us as free men and women, and men who are willing to commit their energies to the advancement of a free society.”

President John F. Kennedy