



The International
HEINRICH HEINE UNIVERSITY
Düsseldorf



Christian Johann Heinrich Heine (1797 – 1856) was a German poet, journalist, essayist, and literary critic. He is best known outside of Germany for his early lyric poetry, which was set to music in the form of ‚Lieder‘ by composers such as Robert Schumann and Franz Schubert. Heine’s later verse and prose are distinguished by their satirical wit and irony. He is considered part of the Young Germany movement. His radical political views led to many of his works being banned by German authorities. Heine spent the last 25 years of his life as an expatriate in Paris.



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Creating knowledge. Sharing knowledge.



In a nutshell

Five strong faculties, Business and Economics, Arts and Humanities, Law, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, and Medicine are home to 33,000 students, 340 professors, and 3,500 academic and non-academic staff members. The University Hospital treats about 200,000 patients each year both as in- and out-patients and employs 5,700 staff members. A wide range of attractive study programs and excellent research conditions make the university a sought-after institution by international students and researchers.

The university proudly bears the name of Heinrich Heine (1797 - 1856), the famous 19th century poet and native son of Düsseldorf. Following his ideals, HHU strongly supports intellectual freedom, cultural pluralism, racial and religious tolerance, and gender equality.



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You may ask yourself ...



Prof. Dr. Anja Steinbeck
Rector of the Heinrich Heine University
The Rector runs the university in collaboration with the members of the rectorate and represents it both internally and to the public. She cultivates important contacts to sponsors and partners of the university ranging from academics to businessmen, politicians and members of the community.



Prof. Dr. Andrea von Hülsen-Esch
Vice President for International Relations
Of primary concern to the Vice President are the strategic and long-term internationalization of research, teaching and administration as well as an increase in profile of the Heinrich Heine University on an international level.

...why should I plan a stay at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf?

There are many reasons: as a campus university in the state capital of North Rhine-Westphalia, the Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf (HHU) offers a beautiful environment in which to study and research. Students can choose from a broad range of courses and degrees, and also attend the student academy to go beyond the chosen field of study and raise their personal profile. Comprehensive support services make living and studying here pleasant and easy. The lively campus culture is centered around diversity, cosmopolitanism and tolerance, and promotes dialog and interdisciplinary cooperation between students, teachers and researchers. Researchers will find HHU's internationally renowned research institutes in the five Faculties of Medicine, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Law, and Business Administration and Economics. Each of these faculties enjoys an outstanding reputation thanks to the numerous special research areas, graduate schools, and the Cluster of Excellence in Plant Research CEPLAS.

As a civic university, it is our duty to ensure all research is of high relevance to society and scientific findings are translated into application. We achieve an integration of science and society through modern forms of science communication, extensive start-up funding, and close cooperation with regional companies and the City of Düsseldorf.

We look forward to meeting you in person at HHU and helping to organize your study or research stay, and truly wish you a positive and enriching time here at HHU.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anja Steinbeck".

...why we are looking forward to your stay at the Campus of Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf?

HHU sees itself as an interculturally open university that is globally networked and ideologically neutral, and wishes to expand its international networks and relations for the university community. We cooperate at the faculty and university level with universities and research institutes around the world. We invite you to become a part of our network and to continue your research as international guest scientists, doctoral students and postdocs on our campus!

Our Welcome Center is there to back you up with comprehensive services so that you can concentrate fully on your research and teaching during your stay at the University and in Düsseldorf. It can give you and your family all the information you need; and a Tutor Service accompanies you to all the necessary authorities and agencies. Once a semester, you will have the opportunity to network across even more disciplines at a "come together" of international guests!

We are forever systematically expanding our range of foreign language courses, and we look forward to greeting even more international students in future, each of whom our International Office will be received with a special Welcome Program. Take the opportunity at an International Summer School to learn what benefits studying at our Campus University holds in store for you!

We look forward to all our future encounters with you, to everyone getting to know each other, to all the interesting discussions, and to all the joint scientific projects!

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea von Hülsen-Esch".



“ I like HHU because there are so many activities and opportunities for students. For me, that's not only a place to learn but also where I can meet new students and talk about their countries, cultures and goals.”

Diane Tatiana Ngobo, Cameroon



Düsseldorf ...

The state capital of Düsseldorf is one of Germany's strongest economic regions and is also outstandingly successful with regard to international ties. However, these dynamics, important when it comes to jobs, is only the economic side of this city on the Rhine: The other is its role as a region worth living in. Top rankings in various studies on the quality of life offer tangible proof: Düsseldorf provides a particularly pleasant environment – with both Rhenish warmth and urbane opportunities for education and leisure.

Düsseldorf stands for internationality, diversity and openness. Great emphasis is placed on living together peacefully in the city. Citizens from around 180 nations live in the State capital. With so many different cultures to discover in the city, Düsseldorf is an exciting city, for both young and old.

... and its university

Young, dynamic and innovative, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf (HHU) regards itself as a university that is open to other cultures, globally networked and ideologically unbiased. It nurtures its international networks and relationships in support of the university community, strengthening them to the benefit of that community and the Düsseldorf region. HHU is no ivory tower: As a citizen's university (“Creating knowledge. Sharing knowledge.”), it makes a tangible impact on both the region as well as the whole of North Rhine-Westphalia and maintains strong links to external stakeholders from business, culture and society.

The citizens are also strongly committed to their university: they have organized themselves into the Society of Friends and Promoters of the Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf e.V. (GFFU) - the leading private institution for the promotion of science in the Düsseldorf region. The GFFU manages the greatest property of all German universities and uses it to support excellent research at HHU.

“ Since HHU is a university which is neither too small nor too big, it can offer students intensive supervision but at the same time freedom and a lot of scope. There are many opportunities at HHU for us international students to get to know the campus as well as Düsseldorf as a whole.”

Yiliqi Yiliqi, China





The Bürgeruniversität

The *Haus der Universität* (House of the University) has the primary goal of bringing university life into the city and is one of the major outreach activities of HHU. The citizens of Düsseldorf and the surrounding area are welcome to visit and participate. From 1897 the palace in the heart of Düsseldorf was transformed into a representative and likewise resident-friendly representation of HHU and serves as a place of information and advice, as well as the exchange of research, culture and education.



Heinrich-Heine-University sees itself as Bürgeruniversität – a university for citizens – and thus as a dialog-oriented and transparent institution for research and education that actively seeks the exchange between science and society. It offers numerous public science events, promotes the civic engagement of its staff, and gets private citizens and representatives of economics, politics, and culture involved in research and teaching. In keeping with its namesake Heinrich Heine and the educational concept of Enlightenment, HHU promotes perception and reflection in all people who come into contact with it, and to be a responsible part in the shaping of social, cultural, and political change processes.

One of many platforms for this is the renowned Heinrich Heine Visiting Professorship, which is awarded for one year to internationally renowned personalities. Previous Heinrich Heine visiting professors are Marcel Reich-Ranicki, Richard von Weizsäcker, Helmut Schmidt, Joschka Fischer and Joachim Gauck. Through this professorship, the Heinrich Heine University creates the opportunity for experts and citizens to enter a discourse on current and critical topics.

In a time when knowledge is an indispensable basis for solving future problems and when valid insights are repeatedly lost in a turmoil of rapid change, it becomes clear how important it is to pursue lifelong learning, hold critical discourse and build the trust of citizens in science. As a Bürgeruniversität, HHU wants to make a contribution towards upholding a free, responsible and tolerant society that lives by the ideals of cosmopolitanism, education and the striving for reason.

"We are convinced we can boost the trust in science and acceptance of research results by open dialog with the citizens." Prof. Dr. Anja Steinbeck, President of HHU



Campus Life



The HHU campus is an attractive world in itself, where the faculties, specialized libraries and ULB University and State Library are in easy reach of each other. The campus is also housing a lot of artworks by international renowned artists. In summer, especially, its green spaces beckon you to spend time out in the open – learning, chatting with friends or just plain enjoying the sunshine between lectures. If you have a little more free time, you can also spend it on the banks of the Rhine nearby. Or, you can take a stroll through the University's Botanical Gardens and rediscover the native flora as well as a diversity of exotic plants. On colder days, you can seek the warmth and pleasant studying atmosphere of group-work and carrel rooms, or expand your knowledge and education on special e-learning computers. All year round, there is a dynamic campus life of workshops, lectures, summer schools, and festivals organized by students for students.



Front foyer of the Medical Faculty, featuring the world-wide largest painting by the Pop Art artist Roy Lichtenstein.

Dynamic and well-rooted

The History

Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf is one of the younger higher education institutions in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, founded in 1965. Since 1988 our university has carried the name of one of the city's finest sons. Today around 33,000 students study at a modern campus under conditions ideally suited to academic life.

Our university departments enjoy an excellent reputation due to an exceptionally high number of collaborative research centres. Moreover, the state capital Düsseldorf provides an attractive environment with a high quality of life.



A campus for everyone

The concept of the campus university is an almost perfect response to modern challenges in research, teaching and innovation. While short routes make life easier for researchers and students, the close proximity of the individual faculties creates first class conditions for interdisciplinary research.

Cross-disciplinary study programmes, such as Medical Physics, Arts and Cultural Management, Toxicology and Business Chemistry, can optimally run in the framework of a campus university. And not only are the faculties located on campus, so too are the University Library, all specialist libraries and the University Hospital.



Faculty of Law

The faculty, which was only established in 1992, is known for its practice-based and internationally oriented teaching and research. This is made possible by close cooperation with over 70 judges, public prosecutors and lawyers who assist in teaching as lecturers and honorary professors. Our students regularly score top positions in international moot courts like the Willem C. Vis Moot Court in Vienna.

Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Over 850 scientists are involved in research and teaching in the subjects of biology, chemistry, informatics, mathematics, pharmacy, physics and psychology. With over 15,000 students, it is the largest faculty. Core areas of research include physics and life sciences. Since 2012, HHU has been home to CEPLAS – a project in the area of plant research and a cluster of excellence funded by the Excellence Initiative.

Faculty of Medicine

Through direct proximity to the University Hospital, the transition from theory to practice for some 3,500 students is a natural transition by design. Interdisciplinary teams, networked learning and innovative research projects on current topics are the key to medical progress. Translational approaches ensure that results from basic research are quickly adopted in clinical applications.

The Faculty of Arts and Humanities

About 25 different study programs in the humanities and social sciences are offered by the faculty's twelve institutes. With about 10,000 students, the Faculty of Arts and Humanities is the second largest at HHU. Programmes are research-based and characterised by excellent teaching, thus the best possible foundation for later career entry.

Faculty of Business Administration and Economics

Competitive research is central to the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics which offers courses in business economics, political economy and business chemistry. The well-balanced ratio of staff to students provides an excellent environment for studying compared to other overcrowded conditions at other universities.

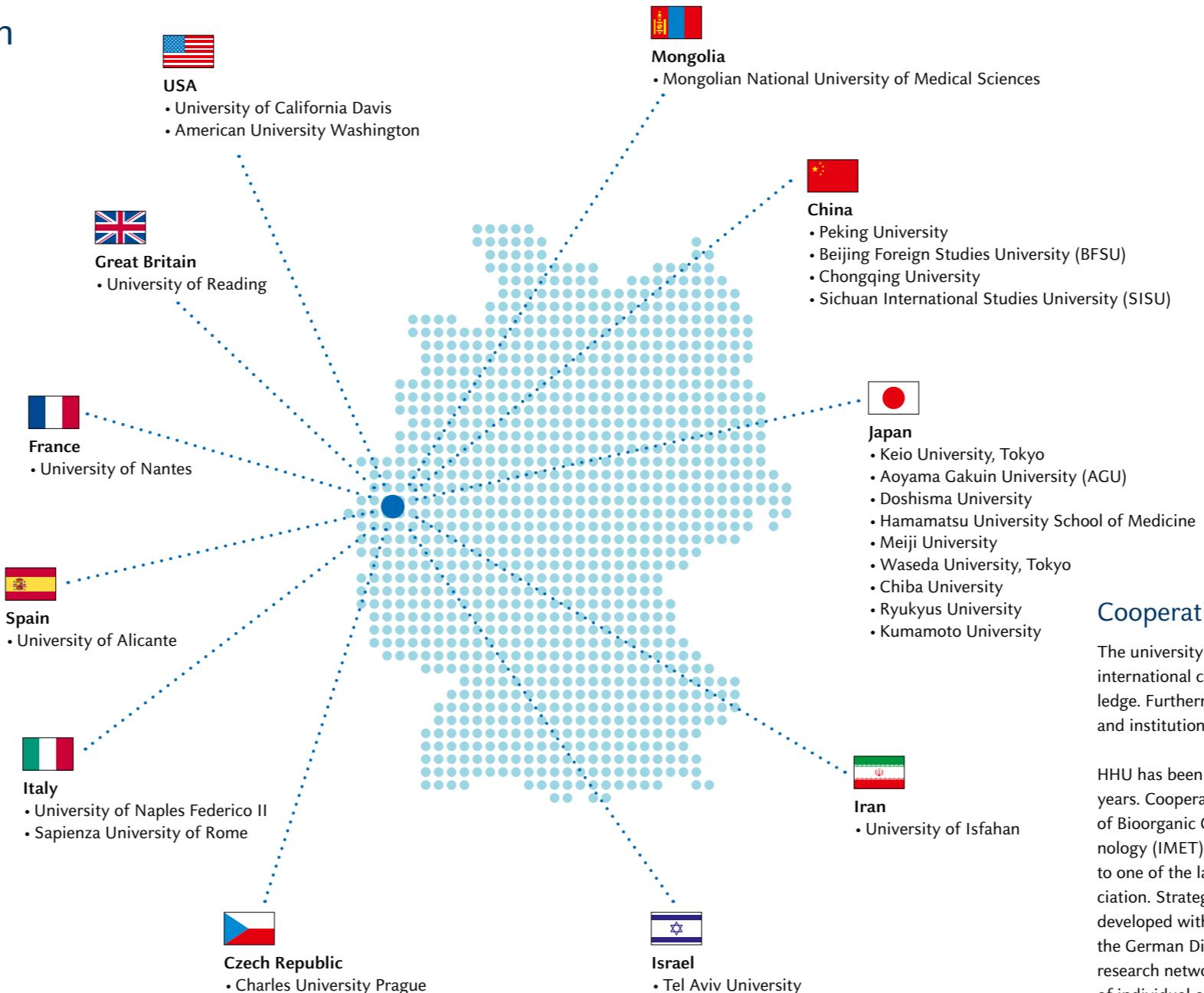
Working together for better research

Internationally renowned

HHU is nationally and internationally renowned for its outstanding research centers in the areas of life sciences, physics, chemistry, language and social sciences. The university has an established tradition of inventions, patent applications, and technology transfer. A considerable number of highly successful spin-off companies were created on the basis of HHU research. For many years, the Forschungszentrum Jülich has been a strong partner of HHU. Longstanding collaborations with associated Research Institutes, such as the German Diabetes Center (DDZ) and the Leibniz Research Institute for Environmental Medicine (IUF), perfectly supplement the university's research portfolio. The University Hospital and Faculty of Medicine enjoy a remarkable international reputation for the integration of clinical service and research.



NMR spectrometer at FZ Jülich: Optimal conditions for structural biological research



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RESEARCH FOR GRAND CHALLENGES

Cooperation with external partners

The university's involvement in cooperative projects worldwide supports international collaborative research and facilitates the exchange of knowledge. Furthermore, HHU maintains numerous partnerships with universities and institutions abroad.

HHU has been working together with Forschungszentrum Jülich for many years. Cooperation is so close that some of the facilities, such as the Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry (IBOC) and the institute of Molecular Enzyme technology (IMET), are even located in Jülich. Forschungszentrum Jülich belongs to one of the largest research organizations in Europe: the Helmholtz Association. Strategic projects initiated at HHU are often explored and further developed with other universities and research institutions as, for example, the German Diabetes Center Düsseldorf of the Leibniz Association. These research networks offer the opportunity to combine the specialist expertise of individual organisations to enhance success.

Research Profile



Plant Sciences and Membrane Biology

Plants are an essential basis for human life: they provide food, medicine and drugs, and raw materials for clothing, housing and energy production. As the climate changes and the human population grows, however, arable land, water and nutrients are becoming scarce.

CEPLAS, our Cluster of Excellence, a joint project between the University of Cologne, the Forschungszentrum Jülich and the Max Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research, is therefore investigating how plants adapt to changing environmental conditions and how these findings can be used to the benefit of agriculture. Their mission is to decode the fundamental mechanisms of agriculturally relevant traits that have a strong impact on crop growth, harvest yields and the use of existing resources. Through their research, they aim to create a basis for the sustainable cultivation of food, feed and energy crops, and to help face the future challenges of a growing population and increasing shortage of raw materials.

The Identity and Dynamics of Membrane Systems are the core subject of research in Membrane Biology. HHU scientists apply a unique spectrum of methods that combines structural, biochemical, and cellular techniques to explain the molecular and cellular processes in different membrane systems.



Research Profile



Language and Cognition

How do we conceive of the world? How do we represent categories, individuals or meanings of sentences in our minds? The special research area "Structure of Representations in Language, Cognition and Science" is an interdisciplinary collaborative research center at HHU. It addresses the general theory of conceptual representations. It combines a research focus in linguistics with projects from philosophy, psychology, psychiatry, neuroscience, and the history of philosophy. The researchers want to develop a theory of frames as a universal theory of representations.

Competition Economics and Law

Business Administration focuses on entrepreneurship in a competitive environment whilst Economics concentrates on competition in markets and its terms of reference. The Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics (DICE) is a leading institution in Europe for teaching, researching and advising on matters of competition and regulatory economics. Scientists at the Faculty of Law complete the research profile considerably within the framework of commercial law with their great expertise in competition law. The recently founded independent Institute for Energy Law offers a forum for the dialog between science and practice.



Internet and Society

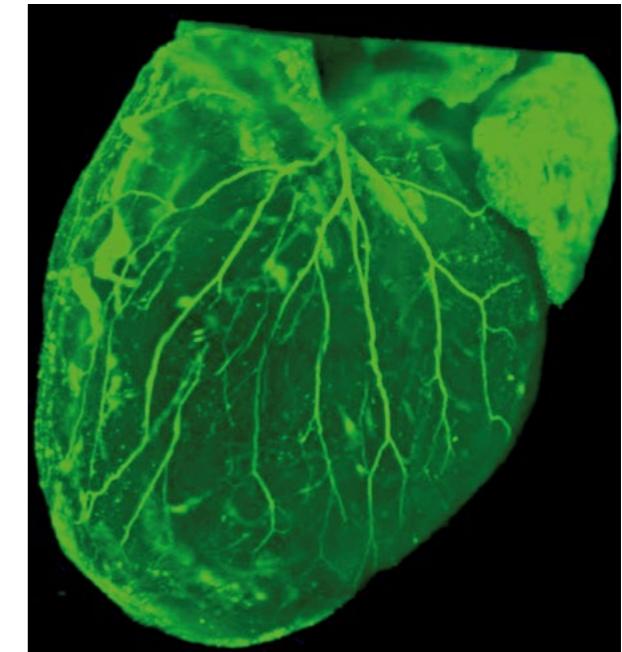
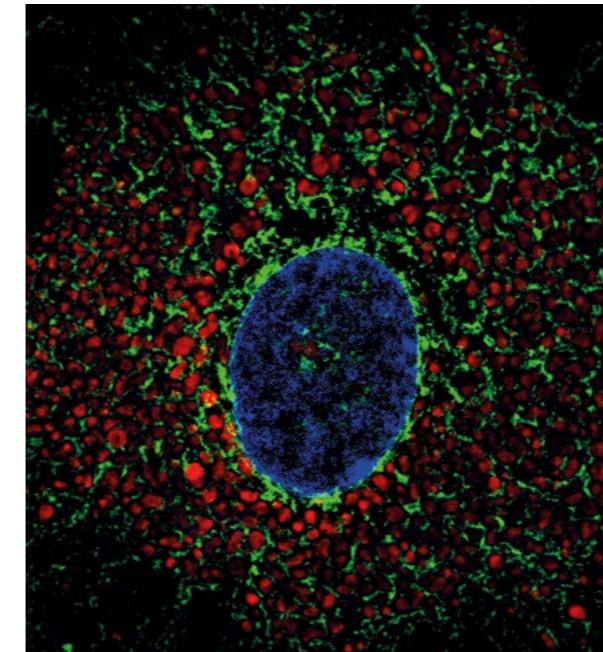
Research on internet and society at HHU aims at playing an active role in the shaping of the rapid social, political and economic changes brought about by digitalization and is dedicated to promoting an ongoing dialog between science and society. Research focuses on challenges and opportunities of digitalization as well as on developing a normative framework for life in a digital society.



Hepatology and Cardiovascular Research

The Medical Faculty of the HHU offers outstanding research, translation of results into clinical practice and an excellent medical education. The clinic has an excellent national and international reputation for both clinical research and basic research in hepatology, and cardiovascular research. With the help of basic scientific methods, the mechanisms and communication structures of liver damage and regeneration are investigated in hepatology, as well as the effects on other organ systems in terms of systemic relevance. Research results obtained here are frequently published in high-ranking scientific journals. Numerous prizes and honors attest to the faculty's scientific excellence. Basic research and clinical research are inextricably linked here, thus ensuring research results will always be translated into clinical practice.

Another research focus of the Medical Faculty at the HHU is Cardiovascular Research. Two research programs investigate pathomechanisms in myocardial infarction and interorgan communication in cardiovascular disease including comorbidities such as diabetes and anemia. These emerging topics of high medical impact are in part addressed in a transatlantic research network in collaboration with the Cardiovascular Research Center of the University of Virginia, USA.





International Profile

The university's involvement in cooperative projects worldwide supports international collaborative research and facilitates the exchange of knowledge. Furthermore, HHU maintains numerous partnerships with universities and institutions abroad. With a broad range of different study programmes, HHU is highly attractive for international students, who come from more than 100 different countries in Europe (48%), Asia (32%), Africa (15%) and the Americas (5%). The European Union, Japan, Israel and the USA constitute regions and countries of focus.

Furthermore, HHU even offers its own international courses such as Biology (with Michigan State University, the University of Western Australia and Purdue University, India); the German-French course in the Faculty of Law, which leads to a double degree; Modern Japan; and even Translational Neuroscience.



“I saw immediately from the rankings that HHU has an excellent reputation. There are many opportunities for personal and professional development.”

Valentina Dilova, Bulgaria



Heine Research Academies

The Heine Research Academies are a joint academic institution formed by the graduate schools of the faculties (iGRAD, medRSD and philGRAD) and the Junior Scientist and International Researcher Center (JUNO). Heine Research Academies support the research work of junior scientists by a complementary programme of transferable skills and workshops. Networking events encourage a discourse on career-relevant topics and help young researchers to get in contact on campus. The graduate schools are open to doctoral students, postdocs and junior research group leaders as well as to supervisors of graduate research work that do research at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf.

The graduate academies' objectives:

- To foster graduate education throughout the university in the framework of internationally recognised quality standards
- To strengthen the interdisciplinarity and internationalization of graduate education
- To provide a cross-disciplinary education and training programme
- To support young researchers in their career development
- To foster qualification and vocational training of postdocs at HHU





The Botanical Garden not only serves research and teaching, but is also open to visitors throughout the year and offers a varied programme of exhibitions, tours and lectures. The garden's impressive centrepiece is an 18 m tall geodesic dome. This is an over 1,000 m² cold greenhouse accommodating plant species from regions with warm, dry summers and rainy winters. Along with the characteristic vegetation of the Mediterranean and the Canary Islands, plants from Chile, Australia, New Zealand, Asia and California are on show here. The dome is supplemented by an ensemble of modern greenhouses. South African plants, particularly from the Cape region, are contained in the 335 m² greenhouse.

Programmes for Intercultural Exchange

The buddy program Mate-For-You brings newly arrived students from abroad together with experienced students from HHU. The idea behind it is for everyone to learn from each other and get a lively intercultural exchange going. The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) Düsseldorf is a local student Erasmus+ Initiative whose mission is to make living in Düsseldorf a little easier for new exchange students. Again, focus is on promoting intercultural exchange with events, leisure activities and an additional mentoring program.

www.hhu.de/mate-for-you
<http://duesseldorf.esn-germany.de/en>



Language courses

The Language Center offers you the chance to acquire the foreign language skills that are commonly demanded on the job market today, and those that are required for teaching and researching in a globalized world. As a student of Heinrich Heine University, you can take free general language or specialized courses for around 20 foreign languages and even acquire language certificates. We will also help you find a suitable language tandem so that you quickly feel at home here in Düsseldorf.

<http://www.spz.hhu.de/en.html>

Scholarships

Apart from the Erasmus+ cooperatives with many partner universities, which allow students from abroad to complete a semester at HHU, there are other paths for PhD students, postdocs and full-time scientists to take at HHU. You will find a comprehensive overview on the website of the Junior Scientist and International Researcher.

Center (JUNO) of HHU.
<http://www.juno.hhu.de/en/research-funding.html>

Housing



The city of Düsseldorf and its suburbs offer many accommodations, however housing market and availability can be competitive., but the housing situation is tight. When preparing for your stay in Düsseldorf, make sure to look for appropriate accommodation as soon as possible, ideally already from your home town or country. In order to simplify your search for a permanent apartment, it might be possible to get an apartment at university housing for the first 3 months. Please contact us before your arrival and we will be happy to assist you with finding an accommodation.

For families

The Family Support Centre at Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf is an advisory and service centre, which aims to make it easier for members of the university and university hospital to balance work and family life. The Centre offers parents support in all matters related to family life, provides information on the various options for child care, helps to find the right solution for individual child care problems, accompanies them in exceptional, and emergency situations and offers child care during school holidays. In case your family accompanies you during your research stay it is advisable to arrange child care prior to arrival, since the places for daycare are limited. In Germany you have the choice between two kinds of child care. You can make use of in-home daycare providers or daycare centers (Kindergarten).



For active explorers

HHU's campus life is characterized not only by academic work but also by social events and leisure activities. Modern student housing on or close to campus makes it easy to stay in touch even after work, and the City of Düsseldorf, with all its attractions, is just a few minutes away.



Always well-attuned – The University Orchestra

The university's outstanding orchestra not only manages to fill Düsseldorf's Concert Hall time and again, but also performs for international audiences on trips abroad. It has already performed in renowned concert halls in China, Israel, and Spain. Its professional sound can be credited to HHU students, staff and alumni.

UNICHOR

UNICHOR is equally dedicated to sacred and secular music. With a repertoire that spans five centuries and a variable line-up from 30 to 120 or more singers, the choir stands out as rather unique in the Düsseldorf choir scene. Among other places, tours have already taken the choir to Canada, Japan and South Korea.

The big picture on campus: The Film Festival

Started by students, HHU's film festival is today one of the most famous short film festivals in North Rhine-Westphalia, with 2,000 visitors in 2014 alone. Students of Media and Cultural Sciences work together with the Düsseldorf Film Museum to stage the event.

Almost 100 ways to clear your head: Student Union Sports

American football, slacklining, lacrosse, tai chi, salsa, historical sword-fighting, Japanese taiko drums – the list goes on. From extravagant to classic, the University offers almost 100 different types of sport and recreation.



Far more than just Altbier and Old Town: Düsseldorf

Visitors will find plenty of top places and squares in the city. Among the most popular of these are the Old Town, Königsallee and the Media Harbour. Düsseldorf's 50 districts all have their own charm and attractions. Düsseldorf's culture can be found throughout the entire city, whether in churches and palaces, as street art in the urban landscape or in the countless art galleries. It is not without reason the State capital is also often referred to as the Culture City. Museum fans are in for a treat: from art history to literature and city history. In addition to its colourful museum landscape, the city offers numerous theatres and stages, an opera house, as well as a large and small playhouse. Music also plays an important role in Düsseldorf; the Music Hall and the Opera House are just two of the many ports of call.

No chance of boredom

When it comes to recreation, the State capital has a wide range to offer: Düsseldorf, the Garden City, is thus perfectly suited for going on a trip into nature and unwinding for a while. Do you prefer more action? The customs – from the Carnival to the Biggest Funfair on the Rhine – ensure that there is no chance of boredom. Restaurants, bars and clubs are the perfect places to spend time in the evenings. Düsseldorf's scene comprising the Art Academy, University of Applied Sciences, Academy of Music and municipal cultural institutions, all of which are closely linked to our campus culture, are significant for the surrounding region too.

Up and down the River Rhine

Düsseldorf is one of Germany's most important economic and cultural centres. 39,000 enterprises are based in Düsseldorf alone, with over 100,000 in the region. The Rhine-Rhur region, of which the federal state capital is part, comprises one of the five largest conurbation areas in Europe. Airport, intercity rail and motorways connect the city to the rest of the world.

The heart of the West

Düsseldorf's location in the Rhine-Ruhr-Main region is an advantage of inestimable value. The city unites a rich cultural heritage with vibrant city life, economic productivity and excellent international accessibility. The rivers Rhine and Main connect the state capital Düsseldorf to pulsating metropolises like Cologne and Frankfurt, and other livable cities like Bonn and Duisburg.

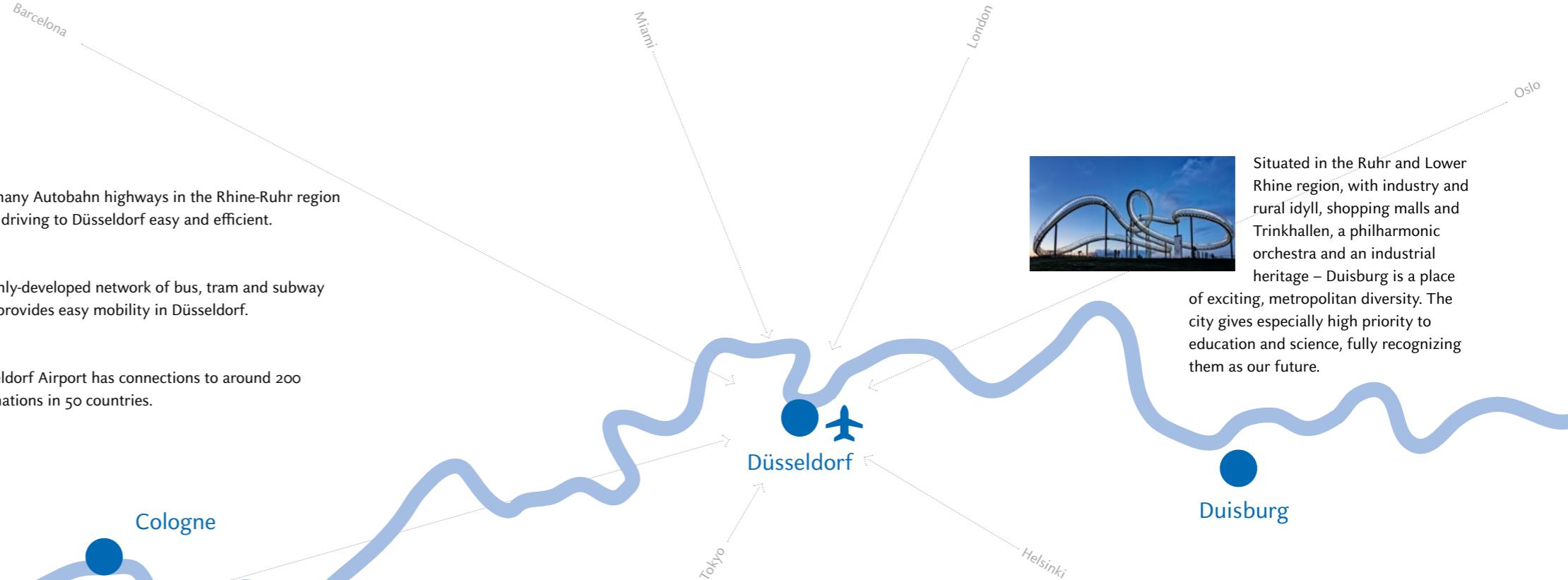
Bonn

The lively, loveable city of Bonn is Beethoven's birthplace and the cradle of democracy of the Federal Republic of Germany. The Bonn Region has a well-established tradition of hosting world-class research and science institutions and is part of many regional and supra-regional networks.



Cologne

Cologne, the 2,000-year-old city on the Rhine, is famous for its cathedral and Romanesque churches, its museums and galleries, its vitality, the carnival and the Kölsch pubs. As an economic and cultural metropolis, Cologne has international significance and is one of the most important media locations in Germany.



Situated in the Ruhr and Lower Rhine region, with industry and rural idyll, shopping malls and Trinkhallen, a philharmonic orchestra and an industrial heritage – Duisburg is a place of exciting, metropolitan diversity. The city gives especially high priority to education and science, fully recognizing them as our future.



Heinrich Heine University Teaching Prize

What's special about this prize: there is no "closed shop" of university committees at work here – the right to make nominations for this prize lies solely with the students. This way, teaching personnel who show an exceptional level of commitment are acknowledged for their ceaseless support of quality and innovation in academic teaching. This prize honors outstanding achievements in teaching (not in doctoral studies). All teaching personnel at Heinrich Heine University (including visiting lecturers) may be nominated.

Deutsch als Fremdsprache (DaF)

During a stay at Heinrich Heine University, subscribed international students can take part in the extensive extracurricular program "Deutsch als Fremdsprache" (German as a Foreign Language), which comprises courses from basic to advanced level on grammar, phonetics, vocabulary and the skills of listening, speaking and writing. Other courses, such as on the history and culture of the City of Düsseldorf with excursions around the city, round off the German course program.

Service Learning

Aside from the theoretical bases, HHU also offers Service Learning to teach practical skills that could later be of benefit in one's professional career and life. The Faculty of Law offers support for those seeking advice on legal issues (German-language service on German law, available only in Düsseldorf). As part of the "Legal Counselling for Students" service, advanced-level law students help you with your legal problems under the guidance of lawyers qualified to hold the office of judge.

JUNO – Junior Scientist and International Researcher Center

JUNO is the central contact and service point for international doctoral researchers, postdocs and visiting scientists at HHU. They are taken care of through the Welcome Service for international researchers, especially offering help with administrative affairs while at HHU. The events and activities of the "GetConnected@HHU" cultural programme and the "Good to know Germany" information series give international researchers insights into important topics of their host country and link the international scientists with their colleagues. This way, international researchers are easily integrated and have the best conditions to pursue their scientific goals at HHU.

The interdisciplinary training programme for postdocs, young research group leaders and junior professors offered by JUNO supports the early scientific autonomy of young researchers and supports them accordingly.

International Office for Students

The International Student's Office fulfills diverse functions concerning the internationalisation and international relations of Heinrich Heine University. We inform and advise students and researchers of HHU on study stays, research, and internships abroad, inform and advise ERASMUS students and guest students of partner universities on their stay at the HHU Düsseldorf and organize their enrollment, offer a variety of welcome events and support services for international students (e.g. FEEL AT HOME, Buddy Programme), maintain and establish international partnerships with universities worldwide, and work on the internationalisation strategy and international marketing strategy of HHU (→International profile).



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and its Rhine Terraces

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