

EBERHARD KARLS

UNIVERSITÄT  
TÜBINGEN



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In 1477, Eberhard im Bart, Count and later Duke of Württemberg, established the founding tenets of the University of Tübingen, which the institution has followed to this day. Eberhard-Karls-Universität has distinguished the intellectual life of the State and, with its internationally recognized achievements, has helped to foster and shape the country's life and development.

Tightly interwoven with the University's history is the "Evangelisches Stift", founded in 1536 as a Protestant Seminary to which many famous names have added distinction. Johannes Kepler studied here in 1587; other members included the poets Hölderlin, Hauff, and Mörike and the philosophers Hegel and Schelling.

By the beginning of the 19th century Eberhard-Karls-Universität experienced an impressive academic upswing, and, through its eminent professors became well known beyond the borders of Württemberg. After a Catholic Theology and a State Economics Faculty had been added to the original four in 1817 Tübingen became Germany's first university to establish a Faculty of Natural Sciences in 1863. The first University Hospital was installed in 1805, in the "Alte Burse", which is the oldest building of the University, constructed in 1478 and still in use today.

Today, the institution's character is marked by an awareness of tradition and a cosmopolitan atmosphere.

ATTEMPTO - "I'll try it": This was Count Eberhard's motto after he returned from his pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 1468, instructing the new University after its foundation in 1477 to "help dig the well of life and eternally enable all corners of the world to drink comforting and healing wisdom and thereby extinguish the pernicious fire of human ignorance and blindness".

### The University Today

Tübingen's contemporary appearance is characterized by 20000 students living in a comparatively small city of 85000. While the majority of the liberal arts departments and institutions are located in the old part of Tübingen, the modern Science Center was built thirty years ago on the hills overlooking the town. The University's academic reputation is determined by the research achievements of more than 450 professors and about 2000 academic assistants. At their disposal is not only the latest technical equipment, but also extensive library facilities. The latest results of scientific research flow directly into the University's curriculum, thus guaranteeing an up-to-date education.

Until well into the 19th century the financial needs of the University were covered by its own endowment. Today, however, research is predominantly financed by the State of Baden-Württemberg and the Federal Government. Additional funds and donations add up to another EUR 70 million.

The University, with almost 10000 employees, is the biggest employer of Southern Württemberg and has a budget of about EUR 650 million. The University Hospital's turnover alone makes up for more than half of that amount. An additional EUR 25 million is spent on building and construction.

Faculties: Protestant Theology, Catholic Theology, Law, Economics and Business Administration, Medicine, Philosophy and History, Social and Behavioural Sciences, Modern Languages, Cultural Sciences, Mathematics and Physics, Chemistry and Pharmacy, Biology, Geosciences, Informatics.

#### **Research**

The tradition of the old universitas scientiarum, encompassing a wide variety of fields from Theology, Jurisprudence, and Philosophy to Economics, the Social Sciences, Languages, Cultural Studies and to Medicine, Mathematics, and the Natural Sciences, is conducive to an effective interdisciplinary cooperation between these fields.

The achievements of Tübingen's scientists are demonstrated by the establishment of seven Collaborative Research Centers f.i., namely

Linguistic Data Structures – On the Relation between Data and Theory in Linguistics, Mechanisms of Cell Behaviour in Eukaryotes,

Methods and Algorithms for Simulating Physical Processes on Super Computers,

Stem Cells and Antigen Recognition in the Hematopoietic System – From Hematopoietic Stem Cells to Immunotherapy,

Recognizing – Localizing – Acting: Neurocognitive Mechanisms and their Flexibility, Cellular Mechanisms of Sensory Processes and Neuronal Interactions,

War experiences. War and Society in Modern History.

Research in the liberal arts has traditionally been a matter of singular approach. Its results have always had an impact on the history and culture of mankind and can only continue to be of utmost importance for the decisions of the future. At Eberhard-Karls-Universität, interdisciplinary approaches embrace questions concerning the history of the occident as well as the conditions of life in modern society.

The University's research is carried on in close cooperation with the Max-Planck-Institutes. The University Office for Research Contacts makes the results of research accessible to an interested public and acts as a mediator between society and the University.

#### **The University Hospital**

More than thirty specialized hospitals form a centre of modern medicine dealing with research, teaching and patient care. The combination of these functions is a prerequisite for the academic pursuit of current medical problems. There are 6000 faculty and staff who provide medical care for over 60000 inpatients and 200000 outpatients per year and this, as a rule, in particularly difficult cases. The Hospital guarantees, in close cooperation with the Institutes of Theoretical Medicine, an up-to-date education for 3000 medical students, about 400 nurses

and over 200 technical assistants.

In 1998 the New Medical Center with 500 beds was completed on the Schnarrenberg. It ensures new possibilities for development in medical research and patient care.

Tübingen's Interdisciplinary Tumor Center, provides facilities of national importance and furthers cooperation in cancer-diagnosis, therapy and the out-patient care.

### Courses of Instruction

American Studies	Informatics
Applied Environmental Geoscience	Iranian Studies
Art History	Islamic Studies
Biochemistry	Japanese Studies
Bioinformatics	Korean Studies
Biology	Languages
British Studies	Languages and Cultures of the Christian
Business Administration	Orient
Catholic Theology	Law
Chemistry	Mathematics
Chinese Studies	Media Studies
Classical Archaeology	Medicine
Classics (Greek)	Mineralogy
Classics (Latin)	Musicology
Comparative Linguistics and Literatures	Neural and Behavioural Science
Computer Linguistics	Nordic Languages
Dentistry	Old Oriental Studies
Earth Sciences	Paleo-Anthropology
Economics	Peace Studies and International
Economics with Regional Studies	Politics
Education	Pharmacy
Egyptology	Philosophy / Ethics
Empirical Culture Studies	Physical Education
English Language and Literature	Physics
Ethnology	Political Science
European Studies	Protestant Theology
General Linguistics	Psychology
General Rhetoric and Literatures	Religious Studies
Geo-Ecology / Ecosystem Management	Romance Language and Literature
Geography	Semitics
German Language and Literature	Slavic Languages
History	Sociology
Indology	Stone Age Archaeology

### Studium generale

With the Studium generale, the University offers students from all disciplines, as well as the general public, the opportunity to follow higher educational courses and become acquainted with comprehensive inquiry on a academic level.

Studium generale encompasses academic debates on contemporary topics, basic questions of human existence, intellectual discourse beyond the limits of the individual disciplines, and information on current issues of general interest.

Beyond this, the students are offered the opportunity to develop their musical abilities in several student orchestras, choirs, and chamber music groups. For those interested, the Art Center (Zeicheninstitut) is a place where they can develop their creative fantasy and skill. In addition, the Athletics Program offers a wide variety of sports activities to both students and staff. Programmes for the Studium generale are issued in a booklet at the beginning of each semester.

## **Useful Links**

### **Home Page**

<http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/uni/qvr/e-30/m30-01.html>

### **Instructions and application forms (admission & housing) for international students**

<http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/intrel/linkdat/applica-e.html>

### **Information for international students**

<http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/intrel/linkdat/studinfo-e.html>