

## University of Siegen

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### *History*

The heritage of Siegen as a home for education and research dates back to the 16th century. In 1536, William the Rich assigned to Saxon educator and theologian Erasmus Sarcerius the task of reconstituting a Siegen-based Latin school to establish what we call today a high school. During the period 1595 to 1599 and 1606 to 1609, the "Universa Schola Nassovica Sigenensis" was established, the "High School" for the Land of Nassau, within the city's walls.

### *"Wiesenbauschule"*

"Wiesenbauschule", a landscaping school established in 1853, of renown well beyond its local area, laid the foundation for the University of Siegen. Following World War Two, its focus was shifted towards civil engineering and, in 1962, it was renamed "Staatliche Ingenieurschule für Bauwesen" (State School of Civil Engineering). The mechanical engineering department, meanwhile, has its roots in the "Fachschule für Eisen- und Stahlindustrie" (Iron and Steel Technical College), which was established in 1900.

### *Foundation of the University*

With the foundation of "Pädagogische Hochschule Siegerland" (Educational University Siegerland) in 1964, Siegen's academic heritage saw a revival. In 1972, the merger of the technical college and educational university paved the way for the establishment of University of Siegen (in the form of a comprehensive university). The new university started by offering a total of nine university programs. The mission of the five comprehensive universities which were simultaneously founded at that time in North Rhine-Westphalia (Siegen, Wuppertal, Essen-Duisburg and Paderborn) was to bring together theoretical and practical training, to implement enhanced permeability and equality of opportunity in the educational system while driving a more regional approach to study programs and research.

18,604 students are currently enrolled at the University of Siegen, studying at four faculties in 105 different study programs in total. The University offers jobs for 2,196 people, including 255 professors and 1,248 scientific assistants and teachers.

The University of Siegen's motto is "Creating a humane future". This philosophy implies responsibility towards individuals as well as society beyond the university campus. Research and teaching activities at the University of Siegen are dedicated to this end. The ideas and visions of students and young academics and scholars will decisively influence the future. In particular, they single-mindedly pursue their main interest: the opportunity to develop their skills and potential. At the University of Siegen we offer this opportunity.

At the University of Siegen, our committed interdisciplinary approach has a lasting impact on teaching and research. This facilitates numerous collaborative projects at Siegen. On a daily basis, our activities integrate contributions from different faculties and academic subjects. Collaborative projects involving the so-called MINT subjects (mathematics, informatics,

natural sciences, technology) as well as the humanities, social sciences and economics are further advanced. At the same time, basic theoretical and applied research is combined to achieve common goals. These interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary studies inspire the intellectual mobility of all university members to deliver exceptionally innovative results.

As an internationally established medium-sized research university, we also consider teaching as a research-based process. We offer our students support as they pursue academic careers and enter professions outside the university. Vocational subjects can be selected at various stages of academic degree courses, and from the winter semester 2012/13 all University of Siegen degree programs will result in a Bachelor's or Master's degree qualification. We make a substantial contribution to the formation of a European university and are cooperating closely at an international level with well over two hundred universities worldwide. The university's international profile is thus established and consolidated through its commitment to international collaborative projects, research networks, partnerships and exchanges for visiting scholars and researchers. Such activities strengthen the University of Siegen's orientation to global standards and ensure it to remain competitive.

### ***Faculty of Arts and Humanities at the University of Siegen (Faculty I)***

<http://www.uni-siegen.de/phil/>

The Faculty of Arts and Humanities at the University of Siegen is the biggest of the four faculties. Currently, 5,720 students are enrolled and the faculty offers 24 study programs.

The Faculty was established by a fusion of the departments History, Social Sciences, Philosophy, Protestant Theology and Catholic Theology with the departments for Language-, Literature- and Media studies. Even before the fusion, the departments of arts and humanities were the profile defining parts of the University, with a special focus on teacher training, European regional research and media studies.

Internationality and Internationalization have a high significance for the Faculty of Arts and Humanities. Optimizing internationality in all regions of study, teaching and research, both external (mobility, international cooperation in research and teaching) and internal (internationalization at home) is a core task of the faculty. The faculty has a broad international network and organizes more than 90 Erasmus-partnerships in all of Europe. Additionally, there are many lively partnerships with universities outside of Europe, as in North- and South America as well as Asia.

The faculty offers an international and interdisciplinary master program called "Roads to Democracy(ies)", taught entirely in English. Its aim is to provide students with knowledge of and insights into the development of democracies, to trace political, cultural, social and economic aspects of the emergence of democratic ideas, institutions, and structures and to provide students with a broad, comparative understanding of the mechanisms behind democratic transitions from the perspective of history and the social sciences.

Link to the Webpage of this study program:

<http://www.uni-siegen.de/phil/studium/studiengaenge/master/roads/?lang=de>

### ***The School of Economic Disciplines at the University of Siegen (Faculty III)***

<http://www.wiwi.uni-siegen.de/dekanat/index.xml.en?lang=en>

The School of Economic Disciplines consists of the departments Economics, Business Administration, Business Informatics, and Business Law. During the winter term 2012/13, 3,652 students were enrolled.

Since the beginning the School of Economic Disciplines has offered courses of study in Economics and Business Management. Business Information Systems has been offered since the winter semester 1998/1999 and Business Law since the winter semester 1999/2000.

The School of Economic Disciplines organizes its activities within the frame of the concept of the University, "creating a humane future". Its work and its self-image are based on four columns: Interdisciplinarity, excellency in research and teaching, a combination of research and implementation, and internationality of research and teaching. The School has 37 Erasmus-partnerships in Europe and many more partnerships outside of Europe, including North America and Asia.

The School of Economic Disciplines offers an internationally oriented master program taught in English, called "Master in Economic Policy". It is designed to prepare its students for the challenges which an increasingly globalizing economy imposes on businesses, economic policy and society. It endows its participants with the economic competence and analytical skills for a successful career in administration, government, national and international associations and global business. To achieve this goal the MEPS program not only offers a profound training in economic theory and econometric techniques but also enables its students to independently analyze questions of practical and political relevance empirically.

Link to the Webpage of this study program:

<http://www.meps.uni-siegen.de/>

A second internationally oriented master program offered at the School of Economic Disciplines is „Deutsches und Europäisches Wirtschaftsrecht“ – German and European Business Law. The study program provides deeper knowledge of Business Law, business management, and economics with specializations in German and European company law as well as European and International economic law including its methods and theories.

Link to the Webpage of this study program:

<http://www.wiwi.uni-siegen.de/dewr/subject/master/?lang=de>

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