TODAY FOR TOMORROW
- Founded in 1971 as a reform university
- Focus on sustainability since 1975
- Fields of competence Nature – Technology – Culture – Society
- Pioneer in the introduction of innovative degree programmes
  (Organic farming, STEM, and others)
As an open, unconventional university, we create knowledge today for responsible action tomorrow. In research, teaching and transfer, we stand for a socially just, ecologically and economically sustainable future.

Students at the University of Kassel come from different countries, different families and have different educational biographies; with us they receive support and individual freedoms. We work cooperatively and across disciplines in regional and international networks.
Predecessor institutions include the Académie de Peinture et de Sculpture (1777), the Polytechnic School (1832) and the State Library (1580).

Impulses for science and society, e.g. in renewable energies, education reform, ecological agricultural sciences.

Twice film students won an Oscar (1990 and 1997).

In 2021, the university celebrated its 50th anniversary.

40 additional professorships in the coming years.
The university in figures (2023):
- Total budget from state funds: 233.2 million euros
  Third-party funds: 79.4 million euros
- Students: 21,898 (WS 23/24)
- Employees: 3,304
thereof professors: 315
(excluding visiting and substitute professors)
- Proportion of professorships held by women (W2 and W3) 33%.
  Nationwide: 28% (2022)
- completed doctorates: 154 (2022)
10 departments as well as the School of Art and Design as a semi-autonomous department

- Faculty of Human Sciences
- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Social Sciences
- Faculty of Architecture, Urban Planning and Landscape Planning
- Faculty of Economics and Management
- Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
- Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences
- Faculty of Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
- Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- School of Art and Design
SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

- 14 interdisciplinary workshops
- Students: 957 (WS 22/23)
  Graduates: 101 (2022)
- Award-winning Exhibition Area (as of 2022)
- Graduate School for Moving Image: Analog Realities, Digital Materialities
2 focal points in research*

- Multifunctional Matter and Multiscale Systems
  a.o. DFG-SFB ELCH, DFG-GRK Clocks

- Sustainable Transformations
  a.o. LOEWE-Focus GreenDairy, LOEWE-Center emergenCITY, DFG-research group rural-urban transformations, DFG-research group urban expansion, first LOEWE professorship, LOEWE-Focus TRIO

* According to the strategy concept
RESEARCH

Scientific centers

- Kassel Institute for Sustainability
- Center for Interdisciplinary Nanostructure Science and Technology (CINSaT)
- Internationales Zentrum für Hochschulforschung Kassel (INCHER)
- Wissenschaftliches Zentrum für Informationstechnik-Gestaltung (ITeG)
- documenta Institute as a non-university research institution (with the city, state and documenta GmbH) (in the process of being established)
Kassel Institute for Sustainability

- Founding phase completed in 2023
- Research and teaching along SDGs
- Up to 17 new professorships
- 4 core professorships for nature, technology, culture, and society
- New study programmes
- New Hansa-Haus building: relocation by 2027
STUDYING AND TEACHING

- Serial winner of the Hessian University Award for Excellence in Teaching: 19 awards in 15 competition years
- Good grades from students: Almost two-thirds of students are (very) satisfied with their studies (Surveys 2020, 2018, 2017)
- Nationwide unique service center for teaching to support students and teachers
STUDYING AND TEACHING

Member of the network "Digitally Supported Teaching and Learning in Hesse" since 2018

Successful in the programme "Strengthening university teaching through digitalization" 2021
137 Study programmes (2023)

- teacher training programmes 46
- Bachelor's degree programmes 36
- Master's degree programmes 52
- artistic courses of study 3
- pilot study programme „plusMINT“
  (studium generale in STEM fields)
- Around 70 study programmes and over 200 courses with a sustainability focus
STUDYING AND TEACHING

- Around one in five students studies to become a teacher
- Teacher training programmes for all school types
- 20 “Studienwerkstätten” as a unique training setup for future teachers
- Repeated successes in the nationwide quality initiative for teacher education
STUDYING AND TEACHING

Dual study (Bachelor) possible in

- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Computer Science
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechatronics
- Organic Agricultural Sciences
- Industrial Engineering
- Economics
PROMOTION OF YOUNG SCIENTISTS

- Junior staff concept and support agenda
- Graduate programme and graduate academy
- Success in the federal-state programme 2019: 13 tenure-track professorships
INTERNATIONALIZATION

- 534 partnerships worldwide (2024)
- Example CALAS Center: One of the most extensive projects on Latin America research in Germany – www.calas.lat
- Share of international students: 13.9 % (WS 23/24)
IMPACT ON THE REGION

Transfer of knowledge

- 2003 Foundation of UniKasselTransfer
- 2015 Opening of the Science Park Kassel, where transfer activities are bundled
- Success in the "Innovative University" programme: establishment of the SDG+ Lab for the transfer of sustainability-related knowledge to the region as of 2023
- Significant contribution to the dynamic development of the city of Kassel
- More than 400 start-ups since the university was founded
- 58.3 percent of company representatives in the region find the university to be a good or very good cooperation partner (Mann 2013)
IMPACT ON THE REGION

Connected to the region

− Numerous partnerships with companies and institutions
− Joint applications centers, Management School, MINT Hub, ...
− Strategic partnerships with reform schools in teacher education, among others
− Germany's leader in service learning, learning through engagement
− In dialogue with citizens, for example at the campus festival or in the UNI:Lokal
IMPACT ON THE REGION

In dialogue with the region

UNI:Lokal in the pedestrian zone as a link to society

At the same time SDG+Lab as a laboratory for sustainability
UNI IN THE CITY
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- Expansion and modernization of various sites
- Relocation of the natural sciences to the central campus at Holländischer Platz
- Start of 1st construction phase 2026, completion planned for 2031
Kassel, dynamic city

- Among the top 15 most economically dynamic cities *(Wiwo-Rankings 2019)*
- Second greenest city in Germany *(Statista 2019)*
- Northern Hesse one of the ten most innovative regions in Europe *(EU-Kommission 2016)*
Witzenhausen, lovable town in the Werra valley

- smallest university town in Germany
- rural setting and international students
- in the idyllic Werra Valley, center of one of the largest and oldest cherry-growing areas in Germany
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