

HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN



Thinking Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

The Modern Classic.
Since 1810.



The Modern Classic



- Berlin's oldest university
- Started in 1810 with 256 students and 52 professors
- 11 Faculties, offering all main disciplines of humanities, social and cultural sciences, human medicine, mathematics & natural sciences -- „everything but engineering“
- Approx. 35.000 students
- 6.000 students from abroad
- 5.000 new students each year
- Over 400 tenured professors

Wilhelm von Humboldt

A Modern Classic



- Philosopher & Politician
- Founded in 1810 by Wilhelm von Humboldt
- His idea: A new kind of university that guarantees
 - academic freedom / freedom of research
 - unity of the sciences in their disciplinary variety
 - reciprocal relationship of research and teaching
- The goal:
to realise the university's societal responsibility.

Alexander von Humboldt

A Modern Classic



- German naturalist and explorer
- Explorations in Latin America and Russia
- Inspired expansion / creation of Natural Sciences
- Public lectures “Cosmos”

- Pioneer of many subjects of the Natural Sciences



Important Tradition



- 29 Nobel Prize Winners
- Famous scholars: Einstein, Max Planck, Hegel
- Famous students: Bismarck, Karl Marx
- Jacob-and-Wilhelm-Grimm collection
- Winkelmann Institut

But also turbulent history in the Third Reich and the GDR

Post-Wall changes in governance, budgeting, personnel

Today, committed to reform, committed to critical distance from political influence, committed to equal opportunity and international participation

In the Heart of Germany's Capital



close to centers of
politics (city & federal),
media, culture

Open university – more
than 1.000 public
lectures, talks,
discussions each year

from Children's
university
to Senior Citizen's
University (Charité)

Humboldt Lectures on
Europe (European
Heads of State)



Central Campus In the heart of Berlin



Central Campus

Arts & Humanities

Adlershof Campus

Natural Sciences,
Mathematics &
Computer Sciences

Northern Campus

Life Sciences &
Sports Sciences,
Agriculture



Adlershof Campus

Close to Research & Business



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Northern Campus A New Home for Life Sciences



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Strength in Research



One of Germany's top research universities

- Highly successful in DFG grants and moneys from other foundations
- Graduate school and research clusters funded by the German excellence initiative. Successful in all three lines in 2012.
- Excellence Initiative's impact on research organization and post-excellence structure

Outlook



Current round of the Excellence Initiative:

Clusters

ImageKnowledgeGestaltung. An Interdisciplinary Laboratory

TOPOI. The Formation and Transformation of Space and Knowledge in Ancient Civilizations

NeuroCure - Towards a better outcome of neurological disorders

UniCAT – Unifying concepts of catalysis



Outlook, 2



Graduate Schools

Berlin School of Integrative Oncology

Berlin Graduate School of Mind & Brain

Graduate School for Analytical Sciences (SALSA)

Berlin-Brandenburg School of Regenerative Therapies

Berlin Mathematical School (with TU, FU)

Berlin Graduate School for Muslim Cultures and Societies (with FU)

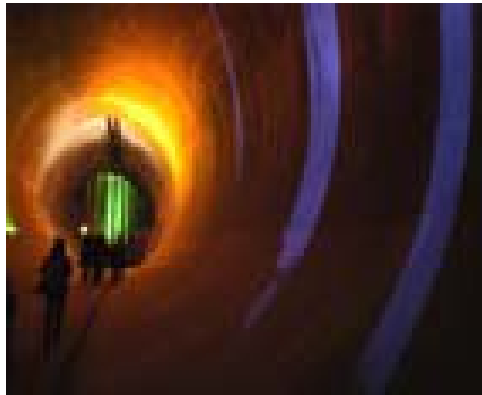
Schlegel Graduate School for Literary Studies (with FU)

Third line funding

Educating Inquiring Minds. Persönlichkeit, Offenheit, Orientierung



Humboldt International



- Extensive mobility of students, scientists and staff
- Support for international research projects
- Involved in a continuous process of identifying interesting research partners abroad as well as partners in providing excellent teaching
- Identifying profile partners
- Helping students acquire multi-perspectivity
- Broad range of internationally oriented degree courses and Ph.D. training programs
- But also identification of core partners with whom Humboldt cooperates intensively.



Internationalization at Faculty level



- Some Faculties have embraced internationalization: Law, Business, Languages
- Why internationalize at the Faculty or Institute level? Aren't we international already?
- Students, Ph.Ds
- Teachers
- Researchers
- Staff
- International Study Courses
- Networks

Innovations in Teaching



- The Bologna Lab as a result of student protests

Q-Tutorials: research projects initiated and carried out by students

Q-Teams: advanced bachelor students participate in a team in existing research project

Q-Kolleg: Research colloquium with an international partner (e-teaching), limited study abroad

- Internationalizing the Curriculum and what needs to be done before that can happen -> language, different concepts for different cultures



Thank you!