

Fact sheet - University of Mannheim

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Profile:

➤ **One of the leading universities in Germany**

This is proven by the fact that the university is the smallest research university to be awarded the national "Initiative of Excellence" label. Numerous rankings, awards and evaluations also attest to the high quality of research and teaching at the University of Mannheim.

➤ **Distinct profile**

The university's distinct profile is characterized by its focus on economic and social sciences. In this field the University of Mannheim is internationally renowned. The university closely intertwines humanities, law, mathematics and informatics with the economic and social sciences.

History:

The University of Mannheim emerged from the "Municipal Commercial College" (*Handelshochschule*) which was founded in 1907. The college was closed in 1939, and then re-established in 1946. In the fifties and sixties the humanities and the Law School were established alongside the economic and social sciences. As a result the council of ministers of the federal state of Baden-Württemberg decided to re-name the business school on the 4th of July 1967, and it thus became the University of Mannheim.

Location:

➤ **One city – two rivers**

The city of Mannheim is situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Neckar rivers and is home to 310,000 inhabitants. The city centre is divided into squares - a system which makes it easy to find your way. In Mannheim, a multi-cultural city not only of theatres, music and art, but also of technology, industry and business (e.g. BASF and SAP), the University of Mannheim has found its ideal setting. Moreover, Mannheim is the sixth economically strongest city in Germany.

➤ **Studying in a baroque palace**

The University of Mannheim is considered one of the most beautiful universities in Germany. The university is mainly located in Mannheim's palace - the largest baroque palace in Germany. Lecture halls and libraries have been renovated thanks to private donations.

Research:

➤ **Nationally leading research establishment**

In the field of economics and business administration as well as social sciences, the University of Mannheim is one of the best centres of research in Germany. The researchers of the University of Mannheim scored high positions in numerous rankings throughout Germany through their specializations. The university's

humanities and law as well as mathematics and computer science departments are also renowned for their high performance in research.

Furthermore, the following research institutes have close ties to the university:

- ZEW: Centre for European Economic Research
- GESIS: Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences
- IDS: Institute for German Language

➤ Collaborative Research Centres

- MZES

The Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (*Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung*, MZES) - which is closely connected to the Faculty of Social Sciences - is recognized as one of the leading European research institutes in the field of sociology and political science. Teaching and research at the faculty are well-known for their empirical-analytical orientation and their European focus.

- MEA

The mission of MEA, the Mannheim Research Institute for the Economics of Aging, is to evaluate, anticipate and accompany the micro- and macroeconomic aspects of demographic change. MEA is part of several international research networks and thus combines academic research on a high international level with strictly scientific policy consultancy. MEA's work is closely interlinked with the different faculties of the University of Mannheim.

Education:

The courses it offers underline the University of Mannheim's distinct profile. It is shaped by renowned economic and social sciences combined with high-performance humanities, law as well as mathematics and computer science. Students not doing economic sciences have the opportunity to acquire economic skills and knowledge, thus improving their prospects on the job market. Furthermore, all classes are regularly evaluated by the students attending them.

➤ Undergraduate Studies

The university offers Bachelor degrees in Economics and Business Administration, Social Sciences, Humanities, Law, Information Management and Business Mathematics. The university's strong interdisciplinary focus shows in programs such as "B.A. in Culture and Economics", "Mathematics of Economics" and "*Unternehmensjurist* (LL.B.)" which combines extensive knowledge of economics and civil law and economic law.

➤ Graduate Studies

The University of Mannheim offers Master programmes in all faculties. It was one of the first universities in Germany to establish its first Master programs as early as 1998. All courses of study, with the exception of the Master of Comparative Law, are consecutive courses.

➤ Postgraduate Studies – Further Education

MBS (Mannheim Business School gGmbH) is one of the leading institutions of its kind in Europe. This is proven by a number of national and international rankings.

- Mannheim MBA: one-year full-time course, intended for young professionals, in English

- ESSEC & Mannheim Executive MBA: a part-time program for study alongside employment in English
- Executive Master of Accounting and Taxation
- Tailor-made courses in further education for companies

➤ **Doctoral Studies**

The University of Mannheim offers students the possibility to do an individual doctorate as well as a structured doctorate program. In the individual doctorate, which is the traditional option in Germany, doctoral candidates are supervised by a chair.

- GESS

Funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) in the "Excellence Initiative", the graduate school provides doctoral training in empirical and quantitative methods and their application to business, economics, and the social sciences. The graduate school is the first of its kind in Germany and is among very few in the world to integrate the disciplines of business, economics, and the social sciences into a coherent curriculum.

- Formations of the Global

As an interdisciplinary research forum, attached to the Humanities department of the University of Mannheim, the graduate program is designed to introduce cultural studies perspectives to the burgeoning field of globalization studies.

➤ **Faculties**

(number of undergraduate and Master students in April 2009)

	# Bachelor	# Master	Total # BaMa
School of Law and Economics – Department of Economics	425	*	425
School of Law and Economics – Department of Law	143	8	151
Business School	1,438	*	1,438
Faculty of Social Sciences	625	50	675
School of Humanities	981	65	1,111
School of Mathematics and Computer Sciences	410	*	410

* Master programme will be launched in the fall semester 2009.

➤ **Internationality**

The University of Mannheim currently maintains approximately 300 partnerships with universities in countries all around the world. These partnerships include student and staff exchanges as well as various types of scientific research programs.

Moreover, all schools of the University of Mannheim offer numerous lectures and seminars in English. For foreign students of business administration, it is even possible to attain the full number of ECTS credits required from their home university from classes held in English.

Accreditations:

Mannheim is the only German institution to be accredited with a "Triple Crown" by

- AACSB International (2000)
- EQUIS (2004)
- AMBA (2008)

Rankings:

- # 25 in the world-wide best MBA programs (ESSEC & Mannheim Executive MBA) according to the Financial Times (2008)
- # 4 in the category 'international resident students' according to the Financial Times (2008)
- # 4 in the category 'diversity of recruiters', # 6 in the category 'faculty quality' and # 51 in the overall ranking among the world's top 100 MBA programs in the ranking of the Economist Intelligence Unit (Which MBA? – 2009 Edition)
- # 1 for most popular economics graduates according to HR managers (Junge Karriere / Handelsblatt 2008)
- # 1 in Germany, # 10 in Europe, # 31 world-wide in the best business schools according to América Economía (2008)
- The Faculty of Social Sciences is one of the leading institutions in politics, sociology and psychology in Germany, according to the CHE ranking (2008)
- # 3 in the category English studies in German schools of humanities, according to the CHE ranking (2008)
- # 4 in the category history in German schools of humanities, according to the CHE ranking (2008)
- The School of Mathematics and Computer Sciences is one of the leading institutions in Germany, according to a survey of Focus (2008)
- # 2 most popular mathematics and economics graduates according to HR managers (*Wirtschaftswoche* 2008)

Key Dates and other features:

- Full Professors: 125
- Academic staff: 652
- Non-academic staff: 541
- Students: ~ 11,000

- Number of international students (foreign exchange students/ foreign enrolled students): ~ 1,300
- University partnerships: ~ 300
- External funding: ~ € 15 million (2007)
- Total Income: ~ € 72 million (2007)
- Income from contract funding: : ~ € 3 million (2007)
- Accreditations: "Triple Crown" : AACSB (2000), EQUIS (2004), AMBA (2008)

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