ACCREDITATION / RECOGNITION

Opening: September 2001

1999  •  Official recognition by the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen

2001  •  Accreditation by the German Council of Science and Humanities (Wissenschaftsrat)

2004  •  Accreditation of all Bachelor’s programs by the German Accreditation Council (ACQUIN)

2006  •  Announcement of Jacobs Foundation’s investment of €200 million, the largest donation in Europe ever made to a university (benefactor honored by name change at the beginning of 2007: “International University Bremen” becomes “Jacobs University Bremen”)

2008  •  Institutional reaccreditation by the German Council of Science and Humanities. Renewal of the reaccreditation is required only on request of the City of Bremen, as the university has permanently proven its academic constitution.

2010  •  Renewal of the official recognition by the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen

2018  •  Renewal of the official recognition by the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen until 2027

2019/2020  •  Accreditation of all programs offered at that time by the Accreditation Council (Agency Evalag)

RANKINGS

Jacobs University occupies top places in respected university rankings year after year.

- TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION (THE) WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2021
  Jacobs University ranks among the top 300 universities worldwide and took first place in the category “International Outlook” in Germany.

- TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION (THE) YOUNG UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2020
  Jacobs University ranks 33th out of 414 participating universities worldwide and is among the top 10 universities in the category “Teaching”. In a Germany-wide comparison, Jacobs University is the best university in the category “Teaching” and “International Outlook”.

- TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION (THE) UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2019
  Jacobs University is the only German university to be represented in the worldwide ranking of the best small universities, taking an excellent tenth place.

- U-MULTIRANK
  The University has achieved top results in the international U-Multirank since its inception in 2014. In the 2020 evaluation, the university performed especially well in terms of international orientation, adherence to the standard period of study, research and knowledge transfer, and regional engagement of its students.

- CHE-RANKING
  In Germany’s most comprehensive and detailed university ranking by the Center for Higher Education (CHE) Jacobs University has also been highly successful every year since its first participation in 2005, especially in the categories “Support at the Beginning of Studies” and “International Orientation”.

- HUMBOLDT RANKINGS 2020
  Jacobs University Bremen is one of the most popular universities among researchers from abroad being ranked seventh place among the more than 80 evaluated universities in the Germany-wide comparison. The rankings are based on the number of guest stays by top international researchers and young scientists who have conducted research in Germany as Alexander von Humboldt Foundation fellows or award winners over the past five years.
MISSION STATEMENT AND KEY OBJECTIVES

Jacobs University is a private, English-language campus-based university offering the highest standards in research and teaching. By means of academic education, intensive support, and through living together on an international campus, its objective is to encourage young, talented people, irrespective of nationality, religion, and background in becoming citizens of the world, able to take leading and responsible roles for the future sustainable and peaceful development of humanity.

Jacobs University has derived four core objectives for its educational profile from this mission statement:

- **ACADEMIC QUALITY**
  among other things through interdisciplinary learning, individualized academic mentoring, and early involvement of students in research projects

- **PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**
  increasing self-competence and social skills in a community characterized by diversity

- **INTERNATIONALITY**
  promoting intercultural skills through living and learning on a campus with people from more than 120 nations

- **READINESS TO JOIN THE WORKING WORLD**
  imparting the specialist and interdisciplinary skills required for a successful career in business or science

RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Jacobs University aims to contribute to solving the global problems of the 21st century. The University's profile in research and teaching therefore focuses on the following general topics:

- Mobility – of people, goods, and information
- Health – focus on bioactive substances
- Diversity – in modern societies

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor (3 years), Master (2 years), PhD

STUDY PROGRAMS 2021/22

- one-year preparatory program
  (international study orientation and preparation)
  International Foundation Year

- 15 three-year Bachelor's programs
  Free study choice in the first year / Work experience through internship or start-up track / semester abroad
  Biochemistry and Cell Biology (BSc)
  Chemistry and Biotechnology (BSc)
  Computer Science (BSc)
  Earth and Environmental Sciences (BSc)
  Electrical and Computer Engineering (BSc)
  Global Economics and Management (BA)
  Industrial Engineering and Management (BSc)
  Integrated Social and Cognitive Psychology (BSc)
  International Business Administration (BA)
  International Relations: Politics and History (BA)
  Mathematics (BSc)
  Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology (BSc)
  Physics (BSc)
  Robotics and Intelligent Systems (BSc)
  Society, Media and Politics (BA)

- 5 two-year Master's programs
  Introductory core area / Hands-on experience / Advanced methods modules / Acquisition of career skills
  Data Engineering (MSc)
  Data Science for Society and Business (MSc) NEW as of 2021/22
  International Relations (MA)
  Psychologie (MSc)
  Supply Chain Management (MSc)

- 3 doctoral programs (PhD) as part of the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)
  Changing Lives in Changing Socio-cultural Contexts
  Global Governance and Regional Integration
  Welfare State, Inequality and Quality of Life

  BIGSSS is a joint project supported by the German Excellence Initiative.

- Customized HR development programs
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**GRADING SYSTEM**

Jacobs University undergraduate majors require students to earn 180 credits and graduate programs require students to earn 120 credits in order to graduate. One ECTS credit point is equivalent to 25 hours of student workload. Our grades range from 1 to 5, with 1 being the highest possible grade. Please refer to the table below (valid as of February 1, 2020) for suggested comparative information:

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**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Admission to Jacobs University is achievement-oriented.

Admission requirements for undergraduate programs:
- Online application form (Common Application)
- Recommendation letter of a teacher
- School transcripts (plus university transcripts of transfer applicants)
- Educational history form
- Standardized test (SAT/ACT/TestAS)
- English language proficiency test (e.g. TOEFL)

Admission to International Foundation Year, Master’s and doctoral programs:
Each program has different admission requirements. Please see our website for detailed information.

**TUITION**

Depending on the study program, between €10,000 and €20,000 per academic year

Individualized financial aid packages, involving grants, scholarships, and tuition deferrals assist qualified applicants for Bachelor’s and Master’s programs in commencing their studies at Jacobs University.

**GRADUATION**

**STUDY SUCCESS INDICATORS**

**Graduating students in 2020:** 340 in total
- Bachelor’s: 219, Master’s: 80, PhD: 41
- Graduation rate*: Bachelor’s: 94.1%, Master’s: 92.4%
- Graduating students since 2004: 5,243

**ALUMNI**

- 95% of the alumni are currently employed or pursuing a further study
- 20% of the alumni pursued further studies in one of the worldwide leading universities of the Ivy League, the U.K. Russell Group or the Top 10 institutions of THE World Rankings
- 85% of the alumni would definitely recommend to study at Jacobs University and 93% feel well prepared for a further study after graduation

*(Source: Alumni Survey 2018)*

* The basis of the completion rates includes all students who were originally enrolled for the class graduating in the respective academic year. Students of this class who have been on a leave of absence and are therefore expected to graduate later or who left the university between their enrollment and their expected graduation date on their own will (e.g. change of university) are not included into the basis of the rates.
STUDENTS

2020 Academic Year, Fall Semester
over 1,550 students from more than 110 countries
(incl. visiting/exchange students)
- Preparatory programs: 35 students
- Bachelor programs: 1092 students
- Master programs: 194 students
- PhD programs: 235 students

EMPLOYEES

413 employees, of these:
- 62 professors,
- 188 researchers and lecturers

CAMPUS

- Area of approx. 34 ha
- Four colleges as living and work communities for students: Alfried Krupp College, Mercator College, College III, College Nordmetall
- Administration, teaching and research buildings (approx. 5,600 m² laboratory space)
- Information Resource Center (IRC) with a library, digital resources and other future-oriented information technologies
- Sports and Convention Center as well as other sport and recreational facilities

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

WITH JOINT APPOINTMENTS OF SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL

- Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research
  (Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres)
- Fraunhofer MEVIS – Institute for Medical Image Computing
  (Fraunhofer Gesellschaft)
- Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research GmbH
  (Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Scientific Association)
- Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology
  (Max Planck Society)
- University of Bremen

In addition, Jacobs University fosters cooperations with more than 1,000 partners in science and business.

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