Why study at the University of Tartu?

1. **TOP 2% of the world’s BEST universities.** (QS World University Rankings 2016, Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2016–2017).
2. **#1 in the Baltics.**
3. **STRONGEST RESEARCH university in Estonia:** belongs to the top 1% of the world’s most-cited universities and research institutions in 10 research areas
4. **Ranks among the top 450 universities in the world in six subjects:** Communication and Media Studies (101–150), Linguistics (101–150), English Language and Literature (251–300), Modern Languages (251–300), Medicine (251–300), Computer Science and Information Systems (401–450).
5. **An active student body:** 4 centuries of student traditions.
6. **Over 1,300 international students from more than 90 countries.**
7. **23 bachelor’s and master’s programmes taught in English.**
8. **Endless exchange studies opportunities:** UT has 74 partner universities in 29 countries and is an active member of Erasmus+, ISEP, AEN etc. student exchange networks.
9. **Over 13,750 total students** studying in 60 bachelor’s, 72 master’s, and 35 doctoral degree programmes.
10. **Successful graduates** – 83% of master’s alumni work in executive or senior specialist positions.
11. **Autumn & Spring Student Days.**
12. **UT Academic Sports Club.**
13. **Choirs, student theatre, symphony orchestra.**

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**Tartu –**
the second-largest city in Estonia is considered the intellectual centre of the country.

- City of youth – of the 100,000 residents, one in five is a student.
- The most affordable city in Europe.
- Bohemian, youthful, student-friendly atmosphere.
- Plenty of thrilling leisure activities.
- Estonia’s oldest drama theatre Vanemuine is located in Tartu.
Studies

Studies involve high-quality, research-based teaching and international cooperation. The high standards of the bachelor’s, master’s and PhD programmes are proven by the graduates’ competitiveness – both domestically and internationally.

In Estonia, UT graduates make up:
» 100% of judges
» 99% of doctors
» 95% of prosecutors
» 87% of members of the Bar
» 60% of the government ministers
» 40% of parliament members

• 1/4 of all Estonian students are enrolled at the University of Tartu!
• 2/3 Estonian students with excellent state examination results or who have performed well in Olympiads come to study here.
• International studies. In 2017 students are admitted to a total of 23 curricula taught in English.
• We educate enterprising young people! Several curricula include entrepreneurial courses to introduce the basics of entrepreneurship to students and promote enterprising attitude.
• We support the use of technology in education. Researchers and students all over the world can take massive open online courses created by UT teaching staff. We offer the first online degree in Estonia - Educational Technology (new programme from academic year 2017/18).

The University of Tartu founded the first Estonian Erasmus Mundus joint master’s programme Excellence in Analytical Chemistry, which was created based on the labour market needs.

Over 1,300 international students from more than 90 countries study at UT. International students come primarily from Ukraine, Finland, Russia, Georgia, India, USA, Germany, and others.
23 degree programmes taught in English:

**Bachelor’s and master’s integrated studies**
- Medicine

**Bachelor’s degree programmes**
- Business Administration
- Science & Technology

**Master’s degree programmes**

**Arts and Humanities:**
- Philosophy
- Semiotics
- Folkloristics and Applied Heritage Studies
- European Languages and Cultures

**Science and Technology:**
- Applied Measurement Science
- Computer Science
- Excellence in Analytical Chemistry (Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree)
- Robotics and Computer Engineering
- Software Engineering
- Actuarial and Financial Engineering
- Geoinformatics for Urbanised Society

**Social Sciences:**
- Democracy and Governance
- European Union – Russia Studies
- International Law and Human Rights
- Information Technology Law
- International Relations and Regional Studies
- Quantitative Economics
- Wellness and Spa Service Design and Management
- Innovation and Technology Management
- Educational Technology

More than **30 PhD programmes** in all faculties.

More info: ut.ee/admissions

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**Enterprise**

The majority of Estonian research and development in various fields is conducted by the faculties, colleges, and institutes of the University of Tartu, ranging from modern technologies in medicine to engineering.

**UT provides access to more than 1,500 UT academic staff consultancies from over 40 departments.**

The university offers a wide range of services. Enterprises have access to a constantly updated database, covering more than 110 services in nine fields.

**UT researchers have world-class experience and know-how to share with Estonian and foreign companies. For example, the driving instructors of Mercedes-Benz Driving Academy use an intervention technique created by the researchers at the University of Tartu.**

Businesses are interested primarily in the analysis, testing, and product development services provided by UT.

ut.ee/en/entrepreneurship
UT has 74 partner universities in 29 countries.

**International cooperation**

**International university**
- 23 international degree programmes
- 141 international academic and research staff members from 38 different countries
- 1300 international students

Institutional cooperation with bilateral partners extends from the Baltic Sea area to North America, East Asia, and Australia. These partnerships support activities from student exchange to joint study programmes and research collaboration.

The University of Tartu participates in several cooperation networks:
- The Coimbra Group of Universities
- The Utrecht Network
- The European University Association – EUA
- The Guild of European Research Intensive Universities
- LERU-CE7 (LERU and a group of Central-European universities)
Research

The University of Tartu is striving towards research which has a global impact and leads Estonia's development.

The University of Tartu is Estonia's leading centre of research, development and training.

Founded in 1632

The only university in the Baltics in the top 2% of the world's best universities

Belongs to the top 1% of the world's most-cited universities and research institutions in 10 fields.

38 UT scientists are among the top 1% of the most-cited scientists in the world.

More than 2,000 research articles published annually

More than 100 PhD theses awarded to university's graduates, annually

The most famous UT scientists include:
- Friedrich Struve (astronomy),
- Moritz Hermann von Jacobi (physics),
- Karl Ernst von Baer (embryology),
- Wilhelm Ostwald (chemistry),
- Juri Lotman (semiotics) and
- Paul Ariste (Finno-Ugristics)

UT develops partnerships with companies and public sector.

Contracts with 124 partners in the amount of €8,3m

UT works with international corporations such as Samsung, Borkraft, Mercedes-Benz Driving Academy, The Linde Group, Nordkalk, Pfizer, Jordan Oil Shale Energy Co., and others.

65% of intellectual property belongs to the researcher.

3 out of 5 Estonias’ European Research Council (ERC) grants are at UT.

UT has the highest rate of ERC grants in the Baltic countries.

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Organization

- The highest decision-making body of the university is the eleven-member University Council, which involves external partners nominated by the Estonian Academy of Sciences and the Minister for Education and Research.
- A 22-member Senate is the university’s academic decision-making body, composed of the rector and its chair, elected members of the academia and students.
- The highest administrative and disciplinary authority in the university is exercised by the Rector, who appoints Vice Rectors and Administrative Director.
- Each faculty has a 25-member Faculty Council, consisting of the Dean, Heads of Institutes and Directors of Colleges, students as well as elected members by the academic staff.

Studies and research at the University of Tartu take place in four faculties:

**Faculty of Arts and Humanities**
- School of Theology and Religious Studies
- Institute of History and Archaeology
- Institute of Estonian and General Linguistics
- Institute of Philosophy and Semiotics
- Institute of Cultural Research and Arts
- College of Foreign Languages and Cultures
- Viljandi Culture Academy

**Faculty of Social Sciences**
- School of Law
- School of Economics and Business Administration
- Institute of Social Studies
- Institute of Education
- Institute of Psychology
- Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies
- Narva College
- Pärnu College

**Faculty of Medicine**
- Institute of Biomedicine and Translational Medicine
- Institute of Family Medicine and Public Health
- Institute of Pharmacy
- Institute of Clinical Medicine
- Institute of Dentistry
- Institute of Sport Sciences and Physiotherapy

**Faculty of Science and Technology**
- Estonian Marine Institute
- Institute of Physics
- Institute of Chemistry
- Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology
- Institute of Technology
- Institute of Ecology and Earth Sciences
- Institute of Computer Science
- Institute of Mathematics and Statistics
Traditions

Student life at the University of Tartu draws energy and inspiration from four centuries of student traditions. The whole town is involved in various student events throughout the year, culminating with the city-wide Student Spring Days and Autumn Days. The Walpurgis Night celebration on the eve of May Day is one of the biggest student parties and includes a great parade of academic student organisations.

The most popular event of Student Days, is the Night Song Festival, where more than 12,000 students gather to sing together.

The anniversary of UT as Estonia’s national university is celebrated annually on 1 December, when students and staff are united in a grand procession. Bearing torches, they climb Toome Hill with a brass band, forming a flowing river of fire in the twilight. The evening concludes with a festive anniversary ball.
Buildings

UT owns over 100 buildings. 14 listed as national architectural monuments.

Chemicum

- UT has a total of 33 academic buildings.

Institute of Technology

- 6 research buildings with state-of-the-art facilities.
- 13 historic buildings which provide a modern study and research environment.
- The new building of the Institute of Physics was opened in 2014.

Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies

- The most modern centre for translational medicine in the Nordic and Eastern European region.

Physicum

Biomedicum
History

The University of Tartu is one of the oldest universities in northern Europe, established by the Swedish King Gustav II Adolphus in 1632. The Great Northern War forced the university to cease activities in the 18th century, but it was reopened in 1802 during the reign of the Russian Tsar Alexander I. The University of Tartu was the only German-language university in the Russian Empire, and it functioned as a bridge between German and Russian cultures.

Distinguished scholars of nature and society worked and studied here. The university was temporarily closed down again during World War I, to be reopened on 1 December 1919 as the first Estonian-language university in the world – the Estonian national university.