LIVING AND STUDYING IN DORTMUND
DORTMUND
BETWEEN TRADITION AND THE MODERN

The city of Dortmund is located in one of Germany’s major urban agglomerations, the Rhine-Ruhr area. With almost 600,000 inhabitants, Dortmund is one of the largest cities in North-Rhine Westphalia. Traditionally famous for beer and for its steel and coal industry, Dortmund has transformed itself into an important high-tech location.
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Living in Dortmund means combining urban life with outdoor facilities: Nearly half of the municipal territory consists of waterways, woodland, agriculture and green spaces with parks such as the Westfalenpark and the Rombergpark.

Dortmund is a well accessible city by air, road and rail. And it is the home of the football club Borussia Dortmund and hosts Germany’s largest football stadium: The Signal-Iduna-Park.
DORTMUND
IN THE HEART OF THE RUHR AREA

The Ruhr Area has always been one of the most dynamic regions in Germany, although the reason for this has changed. Formerly known for its mining and heavy industry, the Ruhr area has emerged as a leader in alternative energy research, e-commerce and software development. Former industrial sites have been turned into major centers for contemporary music and the arts. The Ruhr area is considered one of the world’s most successful restructured industrial regions. But yet it remains proud of its history in coal and steel works, which can be studied in the region’s many museums dealing with this topic.
Since its foundation in 1968 the university has been dedicated to an interdisciplinary cooperation between engineering, natural sciences and social/cultural sciences. Its strength is therefore to not solely focus on a single topic but try to establish an interdisciplinary approach.

The study facilities are in the north and the south campus where also the Faculty of Spatial Planning is located.

The university has its own train station at the campus’s main gate which is only seven minutes away from the city center. The university’s most noticeable landmark is the H-Bahn, a monorail train which connects the north and south campuses.
STUDYING SPATIAL PLANNING IN DORTMUND

Over 1000 young people from all over Germany and Europe are enrolled in the Faculty of Spatial Planning. Every year about 180 students start the course Bachelor of Spatial Planning. The Master Programme offers several specializations, among them the international specialization Transformation of Post-Industrial Regions. The Master Programme SPRING (Spatial Planning in Growing Economies) is an independent Master focused on urban and regional planning in the global south.
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From 2003 to 2005 the faculty buildings were fully refurbished. So the library as well as project, seminar and lecture rooms are in an extremely modernized shape.
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As a spatial planning student in Dortmund you will discover more than just the Ruhr area. Every term there is a spatial planner meeting alternately taking place in Berlin, Cottbus, Dortmund, Hamburg, Kaiserslautern, Vienna and Rapperswil (CH). The event is organized by local students. For five days the students of these universities come together to explore the host region, participate on workshops and exchange ideas.
LIVING IN DORTMUND

Housing doesn’t cause a problem in Dortmund, as its market is not very tight. This is reflected in the rental fees, which are very affordable.
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The busy city center is the most popular place for students. Especially in the northern part of the town and the “Kreuzviertel” there are lots of student apartments, which are often shared by a couple of students.

Close by the university are several student hostels.
LIVING IN THE NORTH OF DORTMUND

The northern part of the town is shaped by a colorful variety of cultures. It is a melting pot of different languages and habits so you can discover the blazing life just a few steps from the city center. From art house cinemas to ethnic stores, from exotic restaurants to student pubs: the northern part of town has a lot to offer.
LIVING IN THE WEST OF DORTMUND

Not only students are fond of the Kreuzviertel. This is no surprise, because here you can find countless cafés and bars, refurbished houses of Wilhelminian style, green streets, the Dortmund University of Applied Sciences, the west park which is perfect for barbecuing, and countless shops like grocers or traditional refreshment stands. Briefly: a great place to live.
LIVING AROUND THE UNIVERSITY

The student services of Dortmund offer around 2,500 places for students at nine student hostels close to the university. The rental fee range from 140 to 215 Euros per month.

Self organized clubs, bars and parties by the student hostels, they represent a special way of student life.

Additionally both catholic and evanglic church provide places in some student hostels located in the Kreuzviertel.
FREE TIME ACTIVITIES IN DORTMUND

Beside fantastic tuitional conditions Dortmund afford various terrific free time activities. Right on the doorstep or in the straight adjoining cities of the Ruhr Area you can find almost unlimited opportunities for that.

Whether you want shopping, sports, culture, industrial heritage, museums, concerts, strolling around, dancing or having a night out – everything is available in Dortmund.
FREE TIME ACTIVITIES IN DORTMUND

There is no better way to recuperate from an exhausting day in one of the countless bars and clubs. You can choose between student bars selling cheap drinks, indie clubs, discos or the legendary Westfalenhalle where great concerts take place. Just ask locals for tips and enjoy Dortmund's terrific nightlife.
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*If you prefer to round off the day with a cultural event, you can visit the concert house or the theatre of Dortmund. But also the free cultural scene has plenty to offer such as the international film festival “Off limits”.*
FREE TIME ACTIVITIES IN DORTMUND

Dortmund and its surroundings are a perfect place to do sports or relax in the green countryside. You can bike on former pithead stocks, do some aquatic sports in the Ruhr, hike in the hilly south of Dortmund or start a cycling tour through the flat north.
FREE TIME IN THE RUHR AREA

Your combined road and rail ticket gives you the opportunity to discover the entire federal state North Rhine-Westphalia. This ticket is included in your student identity card and is valid for all local trains and buses in North Rhine-Westphalia. You can easily reach all the interesting cities around Dortmund extremely fast and for free! Visit http://www.asta.uni-dortmund.de/service/semesterticket-nrw/ for more information!
FREE TIME IN THE RUHR AREA

The Ruhr Area qualifies as the world's densest cultural region but it is also not short of sport and free time activities. Every city has its own flair and is host of outstanding possibilities.
FREE TIME IN THE RUHR AREA

The expression “industrial heritage” stands for the most special side of the Ruhr Area. Where once people worked hard, today they celebrate, laugh and think. Special events such as the “Extraschicht” in summer attract thousands every time coming to these old workplaces.

Follow the Industrial Heritage Trail and explore all these attractions on foot or by bike. Visit http://www.route-industriekultur.de/menue/menue.html&lang=2 for more information!
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We are looking forward to welcoming you to the University of Technology in Dortmund soon!