HTW Berlin at a glance

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HTW Berlin is synonymous with first-rate study programmes, highly qualified graduates and practice-oriented research. As the largest university of applied sciences in the German capital, HTW Berlin benefits from a unique level of interdisciplinary cooperation thanks to its diverse range of study programmes. Covering the fields of technology, computing, business, law, culture and design, research carried out at the university makes an important scientific contribution to technical, economic and social development. HTW Berlin is particularly renowned for its expertise in the research fields of energy and sustainability, Industry 4.0, life science, information and communication technology, computer science, digital transformation, cultural heritage and the creative sector.

Two attractive locations, close together

HTW Berlin operates two attractive locations in close proximity to each other: the Wilhelminenhof campus in Oberschöneweide and the Treskowallee campus in Karlshorst. The Wilhelminenhof campus is a former industrial complex with a long tradition as a centre of innovation, having played a significant role in the history of Allgemeine Elektrizitäts-Gesellschaft (AEG) and later Kabelwerke Oberspree (KWO). Its conversion into a modern knowledge hub was one of the major investment projects of Berlin’s higher education development plan and marked a new chapter in successful urban development. The Treskowallee campus boasts modern facilities shaded by a leafy canopy courtesy of the area’s beautiful old trees. The Auditorium Maximum (Audimax for short) is one of the last grand halls of East Berlin from the 1950s. It was refurbished in line with monument protection requirements and can be used for joint activities with regional business partners and for fairs, conferences or exhibitions.
HTW Berlin – renowned for practice-oriented research

Through its wide-ranging research activities, HTW Berlin enjoys numerous links with the research world, scientific networks and companies. As a university of applied sciences, HTW Berlin often cooperates with partners from business and industry. Many projects are based on the specific innovation needs of individual companies and sectors. Practice-oriented research is also conducted on topic areas that can only be addressed by interdisciplinary teams. Thanks to its diverse range of study programmes and research fields, HTW Berlin is ideally equipped for tackling such challenges.

An ambitious research strategy, investments in infrastructure and targeted incentives ensure success in acquiring third-party funding and a growing number of projects, cooperation partnerships and publications. The university’s research profile is based on five key areas: Digital Industries – Creative Industries, Health Economy – Life Science, Renewable Energy – Energy Efficiency, Future of Industry and Working Environment, and Cultural World Heritage. In addition, HTW Berlin operates numerous interdisciplinary research clusters and research teams. As part of IFAF Berlin (Berlin Institute for Applied Research), an association of state-governed universities of applied sciences in Berlin, HTW Berlin conducts research projects in collaboration with the Alice Salomon Hochschule Berlin, the Beuth Hochschule für Technik Berlin and the Berlin School of Economics and Law.

Research partners of HTW Berlin
2018 by type of organisation

- Companies: 8%
- Universities: 43%
- Associations/organisations: 5%
- Public authorities: 5%
- Research institutions: 10%
- Foundations: 4%
- Museums: 7%
- Other: 18%
Outstanding teaching and expert supervision

Ideal study conditions
The spectrum of subjects at HTW Berlin ranges from classical disciplines such as mechanical engineering, automotive engineering and business administration to new and innovative study programmes such as health electronics, game design and professional IT business. Students study in small groups and benefit from an excellent supervision ratio. An internal quality management system ensures a high standard of teaching, which is regularly confirmed in university ranking lists.

Links with over 150 universities worldwide provide plenty of opportunities for students wishing to complete part of their studies abroad. The Career Service opens the door to the professional world for students through a diverse programme of events and initiatives; the Start-up Competence Centre provides essential support with setting up a business or venture.

All study programmes at a glance: htw-berlin.de/degree-programmes
Merging of East and West – history of HTW Berlin

HTW Berlin grew out of the process of German reunification and saw the merging of East and West Germany.

Establishment of the Fachschule für Dekomponieren, Komponieren und Musterzeichnen, which subsequently became the Berlin school of textiles and fashion, since 1990 a section of the school of clothing technology of the Ingenieurhochschule Berlin.

Foundation of the Ingenieurschule für Maschinenbau, Elektrotechnik und Bauwesen, from 1988 known as Ingenieurhochschule Berlin.

Foundation of FHTW, integration of the Ingenieurhochschule Berlin, the university takes over the buildings and property of the former Hochschule für Ökonomie in Berlin-Karlshorst.

Graduates of HTW Berlin by subject area:
- Technology: 42%
- Computing: 33%
- Business: 15%
- Culture: 7%
- Design: 3%

Development of student numbers at HTW Berlin from 1994 to 2017 in thousands:
- In 1994: 5,380
- 2000: 7,826
- 2006: 9,775
- In 1994 to 2017: 5,380 to 9,775
FHTW Berlin becomes an independent university of applied sciences

Handover of the keys for the first building on the Wilhelminenhof campus

Renaming as HTW Berlin (1 April) and opening of the Wilhelminenhof campus; closure of the university's locations in Allee der Kosmonauten, Blankenburger Pflasterweg and Marktstraße

25th anniversary as an independent university of applied sciences

11.861

13.461

13.875

In 2019

2012

2017
14,000 students

75 degree programmes

450 cooperations

3,000 graduates every year

310 professors

820 associate lecturers

380 employees

9.5 million euros in third-party funding
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