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 regarding the industries of the future, digitalisation 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 ElektrizitätsGesellschaft (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 three key areas: culture and creative industries – digital economy, health research, and renewable energy – energy efficiency. In addition, HTW Berlin operates numerous interdisciplinary research clusters. 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 2015 by type of organization

- Companies
- Universities
- Research institutions
- Associations/organisations
- Public authorities
- Other
- Museums
- Foundations
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 140 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.

Attended Bachelor's degree study programmes

Attended Master's degree study programmes

Career-integrated undergraduate study programmes with Bachelor's degree
Business Administration / Mechanical Engineering / Business Administration and Engineering

Career-integrated postgraduate study programmes with Master's degree
Development and Simulation Methods in Mechanical Engineering / General Management / Conservation and Restoration / Life Science Management / Professional IT Business / Project Management and Data Science / Real Estate Management

Postgraduate full-time study programme with Master's degree
Business Administration and Engineering

Further education
Courses in the areas of management, technology, design, new media, foreign languages and soft skills
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.

1874
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

1948
Foundation of the Ingenieurschule für Maschinenbau, Elektrotechnik und Bauwesen (school of mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and construction), from 1988 known as Ingenieurhochschule Berlin

1991
Establishment of the Fachschule für Dekomponieren, Komponieren und Musterzeichnen (school of engineering and technical drawing), which subsequently became the Berlin school of textiles and fashion, since 1990 a section of the school of clothing technology of the Ingenieurhochschule Berlin

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

- 5,380 in 1994
- 7,826 in 2000
- 9,775 in 2006
1994: FHTW Berlin becomes an independent university of applied sciences

2006: Handover of the keys for the first building on the Wilhelminenhof campus

2009: 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

2014: 20th anniversary as an independent university of applied sciences

11,861 students in 2012

13,461 students in 2017

In 2017
13,500 students
70 degree programmes
5 faculties
3,000 graduates every year
280 professors
800 associate lecturers
350 employees
65 million euros in state subsidies
9.2 million euros in third-party funding