

# A short introduction to Goethe University

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# What to expect from this presentation

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- Nobel Laureates
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## Short history of Goethe University

- 1914: Frankfurt University is founded by wealthy citizens of Frankfurt, including prominent business people, scholars, and philanthropists.
- 1918: The city of Frankfurt takes over the University
- 1932: The University is re-named after Frankfurt's most famous citizen and becomes the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität.
- 1933-1945: The University loses numerous students and more than one third of its professors.
- 1946: The University reopens after the end of World War II. The first rector is Walter Hallstein. In 1958 he became the first president of the European Commission.
- 1967: The University becomes a state administered institution by the Hessian government.
- 2008: Goethe University is restored to its original status as a foundation under public law with legal capacity, enjoying a maximum degree of autonomy from the state.



Since Goethe University's foundation the following 19 Nobel laureates have studied, researched, lectured at the university:



1908: Paul Ehrlich (Physiology / Medicine)



1937: Paul Karrer (Chemistry)



1954: Max Born (Physics)



1963: Karl Ziegler (Chemistry)



1986: Gerd Binnig (Physics)



1994: Reinhard Selten (Economics)



1998: Horst Ludwig Störmer (Physics)



1914: Max von Laue (Physics)



1943: Otto Stern (Physics)



1957: Alexander Robertus Todd  
(Chemistry)



1967: Hans Bethe (Physics)



1988: Hartmut Michel  
(Chemistry)



1995: Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard  
(Physiology / Medicine)



1999: Günter Blobel (Medicine)

17 researchers at GU have been selected as Leibnitz laureates (DFG) so far:

2015: Hartmut Leppin (Ancient History)

2014: Armin von Bogdandy ( Foreign and public law)

2013: Ivan Dikic (Biochemistry/Medicine)

2012: Rainer Forst (Political Philosophy)

2010: Roman Inderst (Economics)

2007: Bernhard Jussen (Medieval History)

2005: Stefanie Dimmeler (Molecular Cardiology)

1999: Volker Mosbrugger (Paleontology)

1998: Christian Griesinger (Organic Chemistry)

1994: Theo Geisel (Theoretic Physics)

1993: Claus-Peter Schnorr (Mathematics) together with Johannes Buchmann (Informatics), Uni Saarbrücken

1991: Michael Stolleis (History of Law)

1989: Reinhard Stock (Experimental Nuclear Physics)

1989: Heinrich Betz (Neurobiology)

1988: Lothar Gall (Contemporary History)

1986: Jürgen Habermas (Philosophy)

1986: Hartmut Michel (Chemistry)



Students (Winter 2018/19) : 47.334 (including 7.666 international students from over 130 countries; mainly from Turkey, China, Ukraine, Russia, Italy, Bulgaria)

PhD students: more than 6600 (including 12% international PhD students)

Faculties: 16 with more than 230 courses

Full professors: 580 (from more than 50 nations, including 76 junior professors)

Academic staff: 3.055 (not including 364 international researchers on campus in Oct. 2019)

Administrative staff: 2.038

Budget (2018): 644 Mio €

Third Party Funding (2018): 182,3 Mio €

Foundation capital: 160 Mio €

## Facts and Figures II



### **Excellence Clusters:**

Excellence Cluster Cardio-Pulmonary System (ECCPS) - extended for 7 years

### **LOEWE-Centers:**

Translationale Medizin und Pharmakologie (TMP)

Translationale Biodiversitätsgenomik (TBG)

Novel Drug Targets against Poverty-Related and neglected Tropical Infectious Diseases (DRUID)

Frankfurt Cancer Institute (FCI)

### **Inventions:**

43 inventions (2018): 24 in Medicine, 16 in Chemistry and Life Sciences, others from Informatics and Physics

**Famous graduates:** Roland Koch, Prof. Kurt Biedenkopf, Dr. Helmut Kohl, Prof. Theodor W. Adorno, Tarek Al-Wazir, Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, Jürgen Klopp, Carl Zuckmayer.



# Campus Westend



Home to History and Philosophy, Law, Business Administration and Economics, Linguistics, Cultural and Civilization Studies, Art Studies, Protestant, Catholic and Islamic Theology, Educational and Social Sciences.



# Campus Riedberg



GU's most recent campus for Geosciences, Geography, Physics, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Pharmacy and Biosciences.

## Campus Bockenheim



(Still) Home to Mathematic Sciences, Asian Studies, GRADE, Informatics, Main Library and Psychology



## Niederrad Campus



Home to Medicine, Dentistry and GU's University Hospital.

## Sport Campus Bockenheim/Ginnheim



GU's campus for Sport Sciences



# Academic Faculties and student numbers (Winter Term 2018/19)



Faculty	Total	Internat.
01 <a href="#">Law</a>	4.723	696
02 <a href="#">Economics and Business Administration</a>	5.548	1.347
03 <a href="#">Social Sciences</a>	4.412	573
04 <a href="#">Educational Sciences</a>	2.437	323
05 <a href="#">Psychology and Sports Sciences</a>	1.966	143
06 <a href="#">Protestant Theology</a>	480	34
07 <a href="#">Roman Catholic Theology</a>	166	29
08 <a href="#">Philosophy and History</a>	2.693	272
09 <a href="#">Linguistics, Cultural and Civilization Studies, Art Studies</a>	3.384	560
10 <a href="#">Modern Languages</a>	5.190	881
11 <a href="#">Geosciences and Geography</a>	1.757	149
12 <a href="#">Computer Science and Mathematics</a>	5.314	836
13 <a href="#">Physics</a>	1.522	222
14 <a href="#">Biochemistry, Chemistry and Pharmacy</a>	1.887	275
15 <a href="#">Biological Sciences</a>	1.338	238
16 <a href="#">Medical Science</a>	4.176	765
<b>Total</b>	<b>47.334</b>	<b>7.666</b>



## Internationalization

### International Relations and Exchange Programs

#### Strategic partnerships:

China : Shanghai - Fudan University

Japan : Osaka - Osaka University

Czech Republic: Praha - Charles University

USA: Philadelphia – University of Pennsylvania

Israel: Tel Aviv - Tel Aviv University

Canada : Toronto - University of Toronto

UK: Birmingham - University of Birmingham

- 270 partnership agreements with European universities (ERASMUS programme)
- More than 100 bilateral cooperation agreements with universities outside the Europe
- State partnerships with two state university systems in the USA

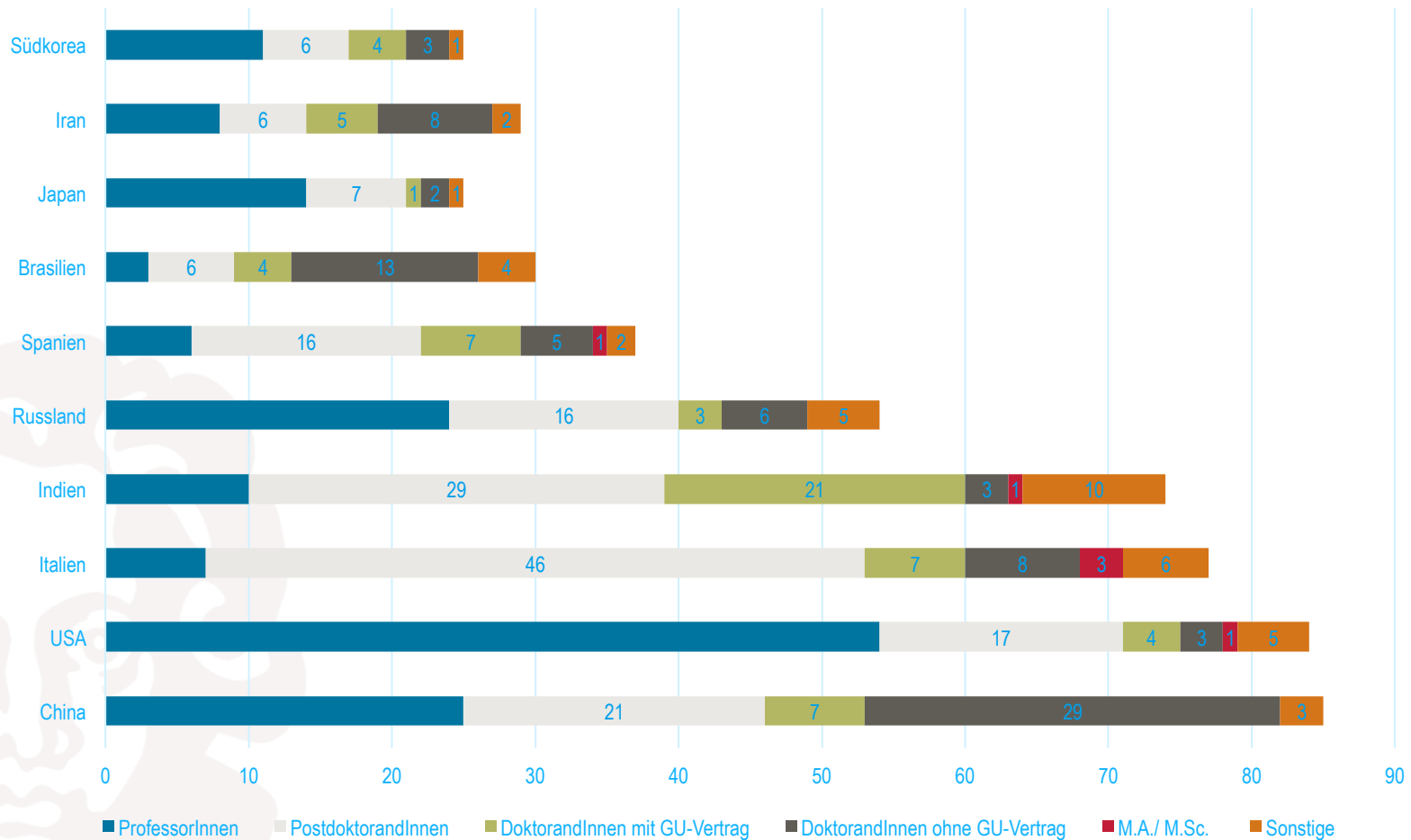
Wisconsin

Massachusetts

- Eight university partnerships with institutions in North America (a.o. Univ. of Toronto, Univ. of Iowa, New School for Social Research, St. Louis University)
- Three partnerships with nine universities in Queensland, Australia
- Exchange programs with universities e.g. in China, Japan, South Korea, Ecuador, Uruguay, Argentina, Mali

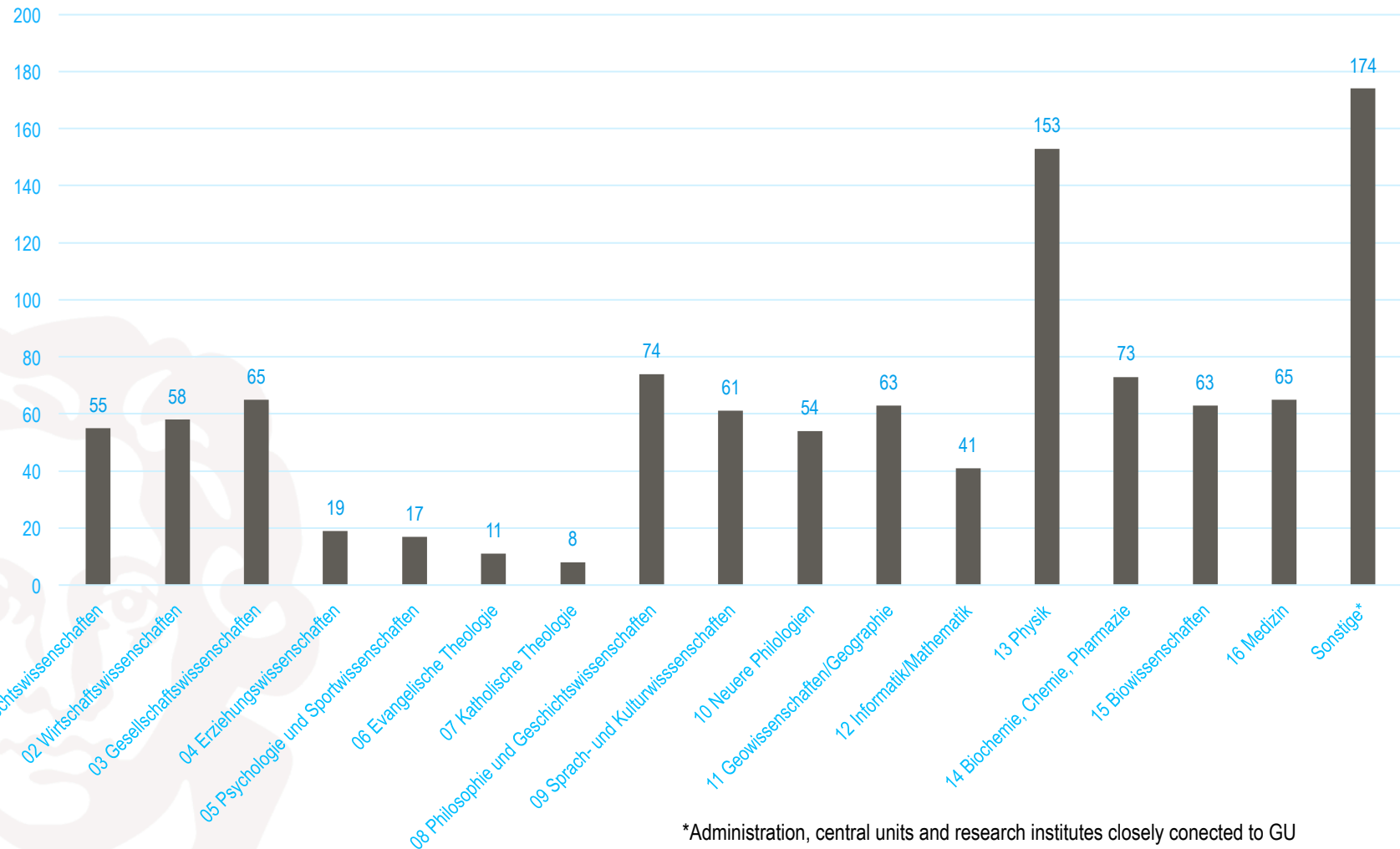


## International researchers and lecturers at GU



Source: GWC May 2016 – Feb. 2019, total 1054

## International researchers according to faculties



Source: GWC Mai 2016 – Feb. 2019, total 1054



Thank you for your kind attention!

