



Technische  
Universität  
Braunschweig

# #SOLÄUFTSHIER

How we do things here –  
A little campus guidebook

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Welcome!

# YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

You and all university members:  
**We are TU Braunschweig.**

We do our best to make the best out of your studies. However, whether your studies are successful depends a lot on you. After all:  
**Education is done collaboratively.** We cannot and do not want to force you to do anything.



## Tell us your thoughts and feedback.

You can do this using »Sag's uns«, our platform for ideas, praise and problems in your studies or just by telling us in a discussion.

[sagsuns.tu-braunschweig.de](https://sagsuns.tu-braunschweig.de)

# TU BRAUNSCHWEIG OFFERS A PARTICULARLY VALUABLE EDUCATION.

As a student at Technische Universität Braunschweig, you have the possibility of obtaining subject-area knowledge at the highest level.

*Independent*

*educated*

*cooperative*

*curious*

*connected*

*scientific*

Our graduates are in-demand. This is not only because of their subject-area education, but also because of additional skills that make them valuable to companies, organisations and society.

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Our students independently organise themselves, their educational path and their studies.

Our students enter into their careers with a well-rounded education in their subject and in general.

An equal and cooperative atmosphere among students and with everyone else at TU Braunschweig is a matter of course for our students.

Our students are critical and always seeking new paths.

Our students view themselves as part of society.

During their studies, our students learn what it is like to conduct independent scientific work.

# DISCOVER THE POSSIBILITIES:

The special quality in your studies.

Studying at TU Braunschweig is something special. From the very beginning, you learn what it is like to work scientifically – to conduct research. You do this with tasks that you work on alone or in a team, and with practical examples we prepare you for your career. However, your general education is also important to us: We offer you a series of additional courses from all disciplines. In doing so, we consider current social trends such as globalisation, urbanisation or digital transformation. In projects and student

initiatives, you use your abilities for society or try out what it's like to found a company yourself. TU Braunschweig can also support you in organising a stay abroad – an absolutely unique experience. Try it out and take courses in subjects that are completely different from your degree programme or get involved: in service learning, in the project Sandkasten, in other projects and initiatives or by going abroad. **At the TU, you don't lose time, you win it.**

# FOR US, YOU ARE ADULTS.

Even if you might only be 17 or 18 years old, you are now at university. Here, we treat you as equals. That is why we say: **Leave your parents at home.** We want to talk to you. And we think that you should make your decisions yourselves.

We are curious about you and hope that you are curious about us!

If you take on responsibility for your studies, then you have already achieved a major step. Don't be afraid to critically question the educational path you have chosen – changing your mind is not a disaster.

# IF THERE WERE ONLY SUNSHINE, IT WOULD BE TOO BRIGHT...

Sometimes you might find that you don't know how to do something or how you will ever be able to complete something.

**It's not a bug, it's a feature.** We don't want to give you everything in bite-sized chunks at university. In your studies, we want you to be free to make your own decisions. That is not always easy. But your studies are also meant to show you how much you can do if you try. This also means persevering or organising something yourself. With this experience, you will be able to master challenging tasks later in life and know what you can take on.

# DON'T JUST COLLECT CREDITS. COLLECT KNOWLEDGE.

In recent years, TU Braunschweig has continued to develop its teaching. We have developed many innovative, interactive teaching and learning formats. We consider what our students want out of their university, and we work to support that. And if the conditions permit, we even use gamification or we flip teaching around in an inverted classroom.

**We therefore provide you with good opportunities to obtain skills.** And you can take full advantage of this »flat rate« and »all you could learn« offer.

# BEING TOGETHER ALSO MEANS COOPERATING.

Of course you need to talk with your neighbour sometimes in lectures. Of course you don't always feel like participating in seminars and events, and you might even forget an appointment. But when a lot of people are together, then sometimes this becomes difficult.

At TU Braunschweig, we want to work together cooperatively. That is why you should give thought to what is fair to your fellow students and the teaching staff.

**Trust is important.** We only want rules if it is not possible to guarantee a good education without them.

# GET INVOLVED!

TU Braunschweig closely includes students in decisions. From designing degree programmes to using funds – you have a say.

**Anyone can complain.** But participating in and making decisions with committees, subject groups and subject representatives is a unique experience. Take a look at how student participation works in our Student Parliament, study commissions etc. In any case, you should definitely participate in the elections and votes, as this is the only way to ensure that student interests are perceived.

# THINGS ARE NICER TOGETHER.

**The university isn't just something to »get through«.** Enjoy your time at university as an important part of your life and get involved!

Help out, e.g. in the project Choice or in language tandems or participate in student initiatives. Support each other in your studies, maybe by having tea in the Fachschaften-Café?!

You also have a say in what will happen with the campus. TU Braunschweig's exterior is not beautiful everywhere. Together with you, the university is preparing a way for you to help shape the campus and campus life according to your desires with the project Sandkasten. You can find the project team online, on Facebook or in the Historic Main Building.

# WE ARE A MODERN UNIVERSITY.

In research, teaching and its subjects, TU Braunschweig always keeps abreast of current developments. However, we also set the pace for the future. We think it is important for every student at a technical university to have an opportunity to create something themselves and implement their own creative ideas. The Lions Racing Team designs and builds racing cars. In the Protohaus you can find a free workshop for everyone and everything.

The Technology Transfer Office helps you to put your business ideas on the market. And you are certain to find many more opportunities.

**Discover, develop, design, repair, do-it-yourself, exchange:** we believe these are the ingredients for a sustainable future.

# YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW...

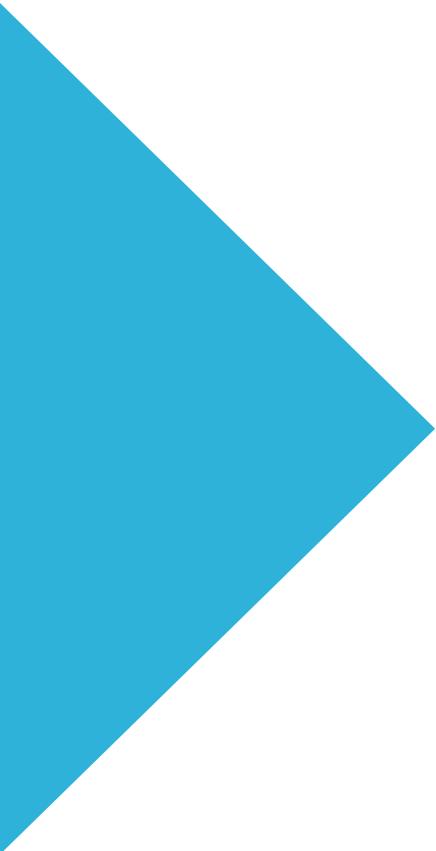
What is new in your studies? You should study autonomously and independently. This means that you have far fewer checks on your progress than might have been the case at school. But you also have to organise things yourself:

- We work with around 20,000 students. We will not always be able to invite you individually to something, and sometimes plans change. It is your responsibility to get information yourself. Or at least to make sure we are able to reach you: **Stay tuned.**
- **Studying is a full-time job.** The credit points are calculated such that you have a 40-hour week and six weeks of holidays per year. We understand that you need or want to work: But your studies cannot take a backseat to your job.
- At least in part, you can plan your schedule yourself. However, we recommend first taking the basic level courses and then all the specialisations, elective and voluntary courses. After all, it does no good if you've already completed a Master's module but haven't yet completed your Bachelor's degree: **First business, then pleasure.**

- Procrastination. Often people tend to put off what they don't enjoy. However: **That doesn't mean they don't ever have to do it.** You should start studying for exams at an early point in time, especially those that you're worried about.
- **Required reading:** Become familiar with your examination regulations. There, you will see that you have rights, e.g. to repeat examinations, but also requirements, e.g. to adhere to deadlines. Then you can make sure that you don't miss anything – especially not opportunities.
- Financing: Each year, TU Braunschweig allocates many **scholarships** – apply!

- It's not just more fun to work together with others. Studies have shown that you achieve more together and are better at developing skills or learning what you need to know for exams – successful organisations are also based on cooperation. **In the lecture hall, look at the seats to your right and left and see the ~~50% who will not successfully complete their studies~~\* – fellow students with whom you could cooperate in learning communities and throughout your studies.** And don't forget: Many people have occasional problems, talk to each other and with us – don't go into hiding.

\* That's what was said 30 years ago, and what we don't want to happen.



**LET'S GO!**

We hope you have a lot of fun and  
wish you a great deal of success!



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