

## FOCUS FIELDS

Wishing to achieve a better consistency with the needs of society, Tallinn University has set a goal of becoming the promoter of intelligent lifestyle in Estonia. Accordingly, we have directed our resources and activities into five broad interdisciplinary focus fields.

### EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION

We support the realization of 21st century learning culture and its implementation in Estonian education area. We develop and propagate the content of changing approach to teaching and learning, and create support systems for its implementation. We define and apply principles of the new organisation and management of education. We support educational policy that favours modern learning culture, and raising the prestige of teaching in the society.

### DIGITAL AND MEDIA CULTURE

We train creative professionals who can create a contemporary world of images and enrich the culture in Estonia as well as in the whole world. We help to make Estonian cultural heritage digitally available. We are frontrunners for promoting digital literacy, studying the impact of human-computer interaction, and improving digital didactics as well as digital teaching and learning materials. We contribute to the elaboration of innovative solutions in the information society, and to the introduction of digital and media culture in different spheres of life.

### CULTURAL COMPETENCES

We help to build a society where languages, cultures and creativity are treasured, and to open the road for the development of Estonian cultural area. We develop historical, linguistic, cultural, artistic and philosophical traditions of different nations in parallel with those of the Estonian language, history and culture, as well as the study and teaching of historical-cultural environment. We integrate knowledge of the languages and cultures of various countries and cultural sciences into an interdisciplinary whole.

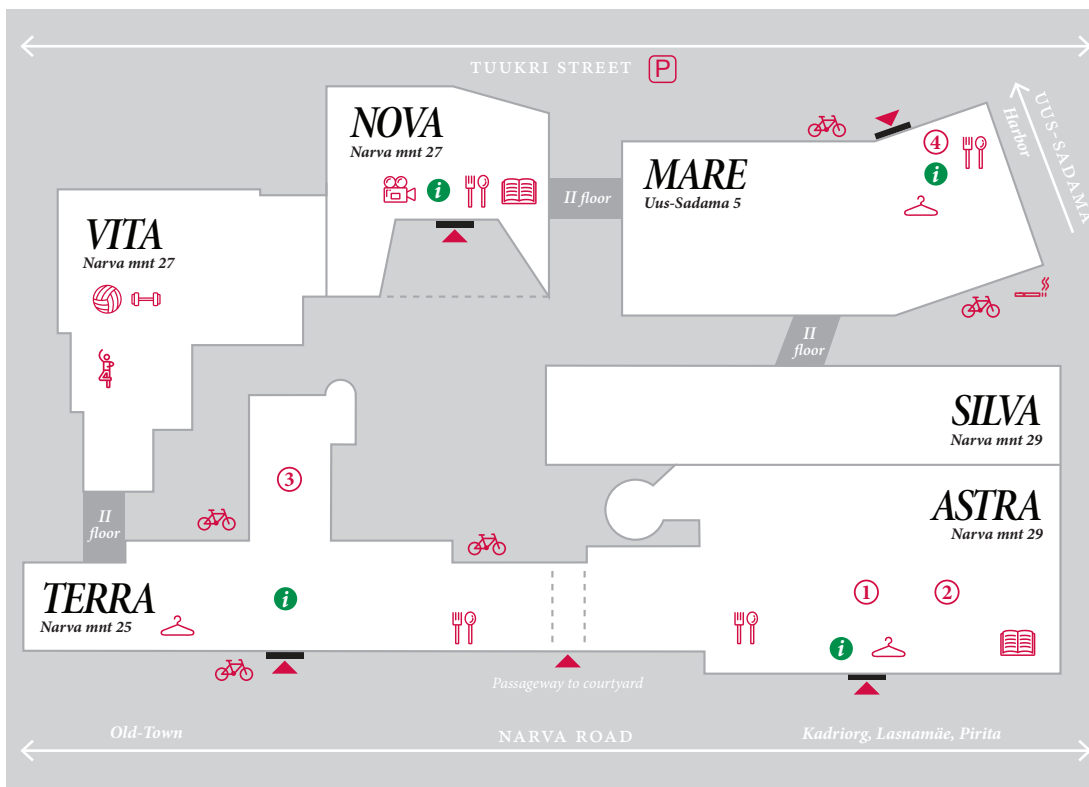
### HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE

We contribute to shaping the attitudes in Estonian society that hold a healthy lifestyle and sustainable way of thinking in high regard. We also play a part in forming and applying an organisation of the society that is built on e-services. Through our activities, we make a partner in the development of evidence-based recommendations on lifestyle and environmental management. We set an example in putting healthy and sustainable way of thinking into practice.

### SOCIETY AND OPEN GOVERNANCE

We support the development of 21st century welfare society in the regeneration of institutions, governance and legal systems, and in the promotion of the welfare of communities and individuals. We develop new interdisciplinary and problem-centred research aspects interpreting social development, and update research methodologies that support them.

## TALLINN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS



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| Parking lot       | Bicycle parking    | Caffeteria / Cafe | Sports hall        | GYM              |
| Researchers Forum | Auditorium Maximum | The Assembly Hall | Tallinn auditorium | Smoking corner   |
| Cloakroom         | Black box          | Cinema            | Library            | Information desk |

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# THINK UNLIMITED



TALLINN UNIVERSITY



## WE ARE A UNIVERSITY FROM PEOPLE TO PEOPLE.

FOR PERSONAL FULFILLMENT, UNIVERSITY PROVIDES AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE DIFFERENT CULTURES OF THE WORLD MEET AND INTEGRATE.

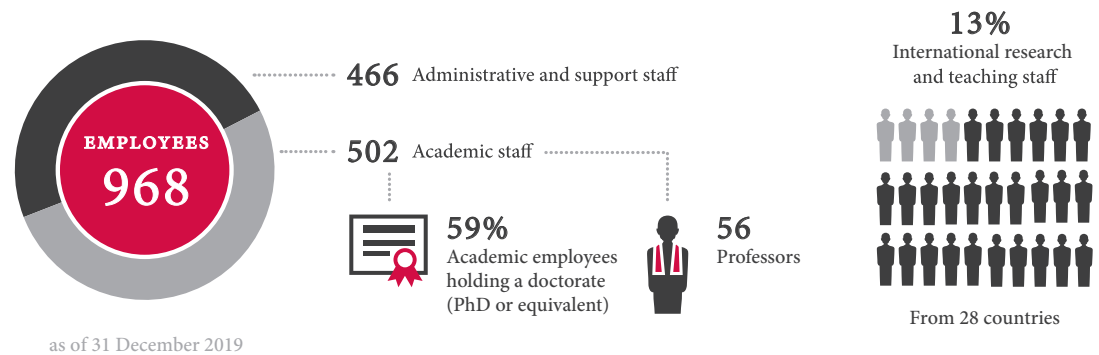
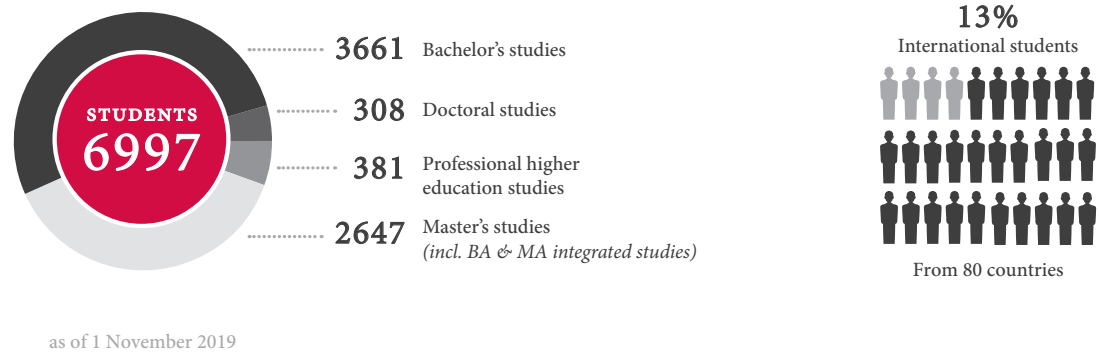
## EVERY DAY.





- Geographically, Estonia is located on the north-eastern edge of the European Union. Finland is a short trip across the sea - just 80 kilometres by ferry.
- Estonia is in the Schengen Area. Lennart Meri Tallinn Airport, named after our first president in post-Soviet era, has direct flights to most of Europe.
- Estonia has a population of about 1.3 million but its territory is larger than Denmark or Netherlands.
- The Estonian language is a Finno-Ugric language - it mostly resembles Finnish and is different from Latvian and Russian languages.
- Estonia was occupied by the Soviet Union for decades but Estonia sees itself as more influenced by Nordic tastes and traditions - Scandinavia with a twist.
- Around 55% of Estonian territory is covered with forest. There are over 1500 islands, 1000 lakes and 7000 rivers in Estonia.
- Estonia is an e-society: we have electronic ID-cards, e-government, e-health, e-school, e-parking, etc. Most people use e-banking, pay for parking with a mobile phone and pay their taxes or even vote online. The Skype software was developed by Estonian engineers. Wireless internet access can be found everywhere.
- Estonia boasts a long tradition of providing quality education. Its vibrant and international education and research environment makes Estonia an attractive place for people who wish to work and study abroad. 90% of international students are satisfied with their overall living and studying standard in Estonia (global average 88%).

## TALLINN UNIVERSITY IN NUMBERS



CARLO CUBERO IRIZARRY,  
Puerto Rico, Associate Professor of  
Anthropology

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*My time in Tallinn so far has been filled with really great people that make up a very stimulating environment. I never thought that I would find such a connection here. Especially, since I had barely heard of the place before coming!*

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SAM R. LAWRENCE,  
USA, Liberal Arts in Social Sciences  
BA

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*Estonia is a centre of ideas and putting these ideas into practice. Perhaps foremost among these are innovative uses of technology which allow us to communicate and connect as never before.*

*Tallinn University stands as the premier institution of higher learning for the liberal arts in Estonia. Attempting to answer “why” we live is as important as understanding “how” and to this end TU is uniquely situated to do both.*

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## TALLINN



- Tallinn is our medieval capital and by far the biggest city with a population of around 400 000.
- Tallinn's Old Town was entered on UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites in 1997.
- In 2011, Tallinn took on its role as European Capital of Culture.
- Tallinn serves as a home for NATO's main research centre for cyber defence.
- The Estonian Song and Dance Celebration, held in Tallinn every five years, assembles one of the world's largest choirs. Up to 30 000 singers usually participate.
- At 314 metres, Tallinn's TV tower is the tallest building in Estonia. On a clear day, the coastline of Finland is visible from its observation platform.
- Tallinn is a maritime town. The length of the coast is 46 kilometres.
- The Raeapteek on Town Hall Square is Europe's oldest continuously-operating pharmacy. It has been open since 1422.
- Tallinn is the city of the first Christmas tree in the world. In 1441, the fraternity of Tallinn's unmarried merchants, called the Blackheads, put up a Christmas tree in the Town Hall Square.



# WE ARE DEMANDING & SUSTAINABLE

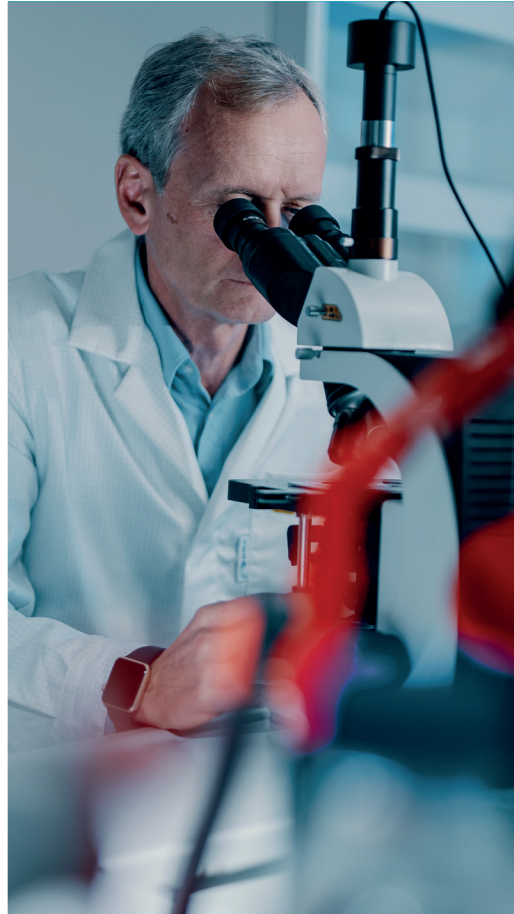
Tallinn University's goal is to support the sustainable development of Estonia through high-quality research and study, education of intellectuals, public discussions and promotion of academic partnership.

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our goal is to achieve high-quality research and competitive study programmes, to create university centres of excellence, strengthen the support functions in science and improve the results of doctoral studies. Studies that are demanding for both the students and lecturers are secured by study programmes that follow the needs of society, labour market and learners.

## GREEN UNIVERSITY

As centres of knowledge creation, universities have a unique opportunity as well as an obligation to support and advise the community on social, cultural, economic and environmental issues. In this way, the principles of sustainable development can be implemented across the whole society. Tallinn University initiated the Green Academic Footprint idea in the Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe (UNICA) in order to participate in the process of intertwining the principles of sustainable development and everyday life.



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AND INTERDISCIPLINARITY  
IN OFFERING AN  
INTERNATIONALLY  
COMPETITIVE EDUCATION.

# TALLINN UNIVERSITY

We are the largest university of humanities and social sciences in Tallinn and among the top 5% of universities in the World, according to QS World University Rankings® 2020.

Tallinn University is an advocate and planner of intelligent lifestyle in Estonia, supporting the sustainability of our society as well as individual self-realisation. At our university, longest traditions of teacher training in Estonia and the only film and media school in the Baltic countries exist side by side. We value innovation and interdisciplinarity in order to offer internationally competitive education based on research excellence.

Tallinn University was established by a decision of the parliament of Estonia on March 18, 2005 when a number of Tallinn educational and research institutions were consolidated into a single institution. Tallinn University is composed of six schools and one regional college:



Overall  
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Emerging Europe and Central  
Asia University Rankings  
# 71



Emerging Economies  
University Rankings  
# 71

- Baltic Film, Media, Arts and Communication School
- School of Digital Technologies
- School of Educational Sciences
- School of Governance, Law and Society
- School of Humanities
- School of Natural Sciences and Health
- Haapsalu College.





# WE ARE INTERDISCIPLINARY

Challenges that the society is facing today require cooperation across different disciplines. Tallinn University follows the principle of interdisciplinarity in order to offer innovative solutions and exert significant influence on society.

## UNIVERSITY CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

TLU Centres of Excellence are aimed at advancing international cooperation, supporting interdisciplinary collaboration for excellent research and creative results as well as improving external cooperation. We have 5 interdisciplinary Centres of Excellence in behavioural and neural sciences, educational innovation, intercultural studies, interdisciplinary lifecourse studies and in media innovation and digital culture.

## INTERDISCIPLINARY TEACHING AND LEARNING

Implementation of interdisciplinarity in studies and research in cooperation with students, academics and professionals in the field offers students an education that corresponds to the needs of the labour market. Tallinn University provides all students with experiences of interdisciplinary teaching and learning – every student participates in at least one interdisciplinary project in the course of his/her studies. Students in various specialities address topical issues in the society, and discuss their future potential. In this way, general competencies such as problem-solving skills, self-expression and cooperation skills that are necessary in the labour market, take shape.



AS AN  
INTERDISCIPLINARY  
UNIVERSITY, WE ACT  
IN THE INTERESTS OF  
COHERENT AND  
SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT OF  
EDUCATION, SCIENCE,  
ECONOMY AND  
CULTURE.

# WE ARE INTERNATIONAL

Tallinn University is a reliable and valued employer and partner in international research. We create conditions for internationally competitive academic staff and conduct research projects with international cooperation.

## INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

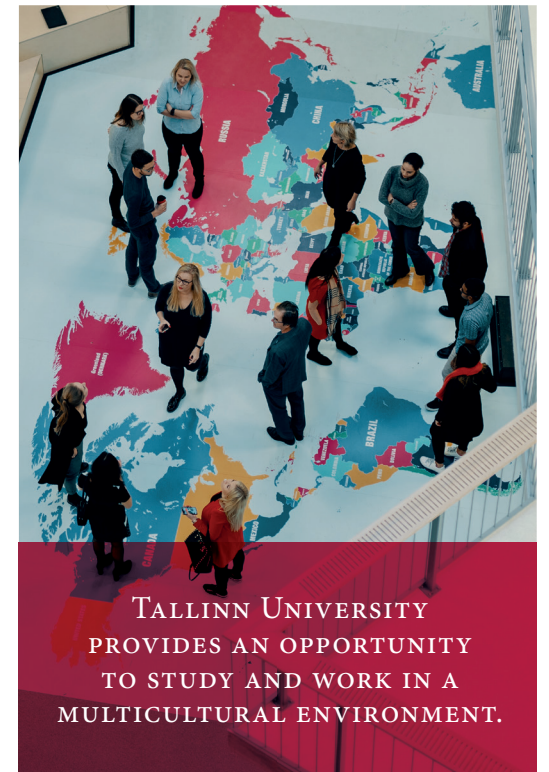
We have approximately 900 international students in degree and exchange studies. Every 10th academic person is of foreign background. Active international cooperation, well-known guest lecturers and our bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes in English help to create the multicultural university community.

## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Tallinn University has over 40 partner universities around the world. These agreements include both student and staff exchanges as well as collaboration in projects and research. In addition, schools of Tallinn University have over 400 Erasmus+ mobility agreements offering extensive opportunities for the members. Tallinn University is a member of 6 international networks (UNICA, EUA, EUA-CDE and Magna Carta).

## TALLINN SUMMER AND WINTER SCHOOL

Every year about 400 people from more than 50 countries participate in courses offered by the Estonia's biggest international summer and winter school. In ten years, Tallinn Summer and Winter School have developed into one of the most successful international projects of Tallinn University.



TALLINN UNIVERSITY  
PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY  
TO STUDY AND WORK IN A  
MULTICULTURAL ENVIRONMENT.