## TALLINN UNIVERSITY



Tallinn University is a public university that aims at interdisciplinary, as well as international orientation and the pursuit of coherent and sustainable development of the spheres of Estonian education, research, economy and culture.

We support Estonia's development through scientific research and the implementation of its results, the preparation of intellectuals, promotion of public dialogue and academic partnerships.



The university now known as Tallinn University came into existence on 18th March 2005.

It developed as the result of the merger of several research and development institutions in Tallinn (the Academic Library, Tallinn Pedagogical University, the Institute of History, the Institute of Ecology and the Estonian Institute of Humanities).

This year also Baltic Film and Media School was established.



The biggest merger of Estonian higher education system.



In our 19 institutes and 6 colleges, study and research is conducted in six different disciplines:

- educational sciences
- humanities
- arts
- natural sciences
- social sciences
- health sciences



We are externally evaluated in three major fields of science – culture and society, biosciences and environment and natural sciences and engineering – out of four.

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#### **PRIORITIES**

Our strategic goal is to be an innovative centre of science and education enriching its members and being renowned in Estonia as well as internationally.

Our operational priorities for the development plan period of 2012-2014 are:

- 1. Enhancing the proportion of interdisciplinarity.
- 2. Providing internationally compatible education.
- 3. Creating the university's identity and establishing a supporting environment.
- 4. Transferring knowledge in Estonia as well as internationally.



#### **OPENNESS**



#### **QUALITY**



#### **VALUES**



PROFES-SIONALISM



**UNITY** 

Openness is achieved through embracing the contemporary concepts of scholarly thinking throughout the world, by external assessment of the university, by promoting cooperation both in Estonia and internationally.

#### **OPENNESS**

This openness becomes apparent in the increasing international orientation, in the participation in solving Estonian social issues and predicting developments, as well as in employee involvement in university decision-making processes.



Quality is a parameter that characterises all university activity. We regard it as an agreement that considers international standards and ideals of different subject fields.

#### **QUALITY**

University members related to a subject field agree on the quality and indicators of different university fields of activity, ways of achieving goals, and assessment methods, including those of involved parties while remaining cognizant of the European higher education sphere. All members of the university are responsible for the quality of their activity and its development.



Professionalism is represented by high-level specialized and professional self-realization and continuous self-development of all university members and alumni.

#### PROFES-SIONALISM

Professionalism is evident through the ability of our graduates to successfully compete in the labour market; consequently, research-based teaching enriched with practical tasks is a precondition.



Unity is expressed through cooperation of the university members in setting and achieving common goals, developing the collective sense of 'we'.

#### UNITY

This establishes the basis for the creation of a common Tallinn University identity, and projects a clear and recognisable image.



1.
Students





There are around 10,000 students in the Tallinn University: 6 per cent of them  $(600^*)$  are foreigners;

170 of our students study abroad per year.

As of Jan 1st 2014 \*Incl exchange students









The university employs a total of 1,157\* people, including 567 researchers and teaching staff;

9.2 per cent\*\* of the academic staff are foreigners.

#### *As of Dec 31st 2013*

\*Incl 125 people in the Academic Library

\*\*second biggest percentage among Estonian universities







3.
Lifelong
Learning

Around 15,000 people participate in contunuing education and Open University studies each year.

*As of Dec 31st 2013* 



## SUBJECT FIELDS



- We are innovators in Estonian education and Estonia's largest provider of teacher education since 1919
- Centres for Innovation in Education, Educational Policy, Educational Technology, and Media Education
- One in three of Estonian teachers attends courses of the Centre for Continuing Education
- Estonian Pedagogical Archives and Museum
- Peeter Kreitzberg Foundation for Education
- Riho Päts School Music Foundation

#### EDUCA-TIONAL SCIENCES





- We participate in the work of the national Centre of Excellence in Cultural Theory
- We have strong working interdiciplinary study groups (e.g landscape ecology in collaboration with EHI and ÖI)
- The Archaeology Museum of the University houses a premium collection of ancient findings
- Estonian Semiotics Repository administers the Lotman archive and library
- The Enn Soosaar Foundation which was established on our initiative gives out the prize for ethic esseistics
- With the Valdek Pall Memorian Foundation, we support the associations of Fenno-Ugric nations
- We have a unique translation studies classroom

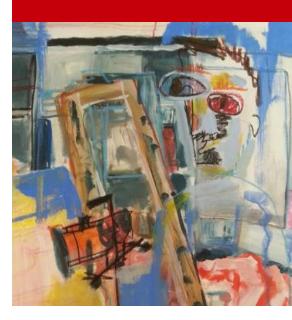
#### HUMANI-TIES





- The teaching staff and alumni of our department of choreagrophy direct dance festivals and have won the Mait Agu dance award
- The teaching staff of the arts department engage in active creative work and participate in designing the urban space
- In Haapsalu, we use modern technologies to develop Estonian handicraft and design
- We work together with Black Nights Film Festival to organize the International Student and Short Film Festival Sleepwalkers
- The works of our film students have won recognition at Estonian as well as international festivals
- On the initiative of the University, Estonian Film
   Archives was founded

#### *ARTS*



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- We participate in the work of Centre of Excellence in Mesosystems – Theory and Applications
- Our scientists are researching plasma physics and stochastic processes, Alzheimer disease, development of ecological systems, influence of climate changes
- We are actively conducting application studies (for instance, on the complex issues of environment and wetlands of North-Eastern Estonia)
- Oil Shale Competence Centre
- Rakvere Smart House/Intellegent Building
   Competence Centre
- Interaction design and digital security labs
- The object of the Estonian Research
   Infrastructures Roadmap:
   Estonian Environmental Observatory

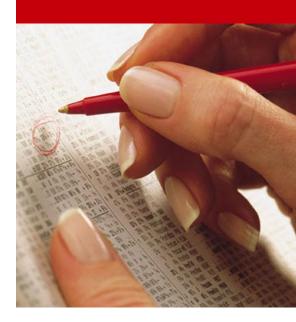
#### NATURAL SCIENCES





- In social sciences, we carry out the biggest number of extensive international and interdisciplinary science projects
- We participate in designing the strategy "Sustainable Estonia 21" and the Estonian Human Development Report
- We are planning national and regional strategies and conducting future studies
- We represent Estonia in the international Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)
- Objects of the Estonian Research Infrastructures Roadmap: Natural history archives and information network and Estonian e-Repository

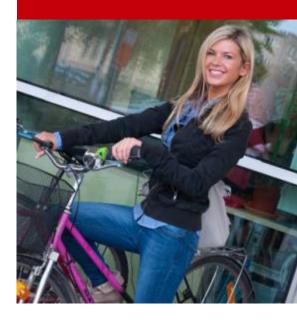
#### SOCIAL SCIENCES





- Our scientists conduct research in the fields related to work capacity, mental health and rehabilitation
- We conduct advanced research to determine the consequences of extreme loads
- We are the only ones in Estonia researching and developing art therapies
- In 2013, the master studies' first prize in the Students' Research Work Contest in the health studies' category went to Terje Kaldur for her research on using art therapy in the study process
- Health Promotion and Rehabilitation Competence Centre in Haapsalu

#### HEALTH SCIENCES





## RESEARCH



#### RESEARCH

Our goal is to support the sustainable development of Estonia by helping define and solve relevant issues. Sustaining and developing Estonian as an academic language is very important to us.

Division by field of research according to the extent of financing research and development projects is as follows:

- 1. culture and society, ca 78%
- 2. natural sciences and engineering, *ca* 13%
- 3. biosciences and environment, ca 8%
- 4. health, less than 1%



In 2013, 1,571 publications 555 high level scientific publications



# STRATEGIC research themes

High-level teams of researchers are united by interdisciplinary research themes:

- Changes in education and lifelong learning
- Personal and academic development of individuals
- Digital learning ecosystems
- Cultural changes: new fields and mechanisms of meaning-making
- The main trends in Estonian demographics
- Historical development of Livonia during Middle Ages and early modern period
- Scientific archaeology
- Nano- and mesosystems in physics and analytical biochemistry
- The functioning of wetlands and development of ecosystems



## PRIORITY research themes

- Changes and adaptation in Estonian society from early modern period to 20th century
- Social changes in sociological perspective
- Comparative studies of cultures in Estonia
- Genesis of literary culture and its current state in Estonia
- Learning and teaching languages, their use and mutual influence in Estonia
- Learning politics in age of globalisation



### DOCTORAL STUDIES

Interdisciplinary and international.

In addition to Estonian leading researchers and lecturers our doctoral students are taught and supervised by internationally acknowledged foreign professors.

In 2013, 22 young scientists were promoted doctors by Tallinn University.

The first prize at the National Students' Research Works Contest in 2013 went to TU doctoral student Tiiu Ernits.





### KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

The application of the university's knowledge and research skills for the benefit of the society with the purpose of solving development issues with help from our researchers and students.

In the past three years, over 160 development projects have been conducted

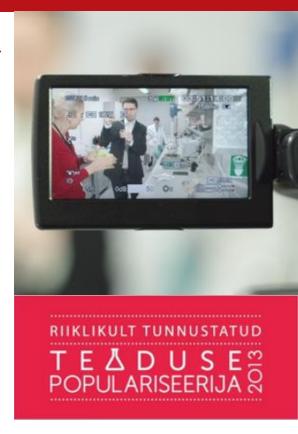
"The result of the work met our expectations, we were positively suprised by the professional attitude. We were able to launch a very complex product in a relatively short time, while saving money." Theodor Vann, Itbit Glükomed OÜ.

Project: The adjusting process of blood glucose meter medical equipment (2013).



## THE POPULARISATION OF SCIENCE

- Series of public lectures: Studia Generalia;
   One Minute Lectures (videos)
- Science week organised by students
- Student Academy courses for upper secondary school students
- Constant introduction of research findings to target groups
- Collaboration with science journalists to publish the latest research accomplishments in the media





## STUDIES



#### STUDIES

There are 138 programmes to choose from, incl:

- -5 professional higher education,
- -49 bachelor,
- -70 master,
- − 14 doctoral study programmes.



The number of study programmes in English is 15 (5 BA and 10 MA programmes).

Joint study programmes with the University of Tartu (2) and the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre (1).

The students' level of satisfaction with their studies is high - **4.5** on the scale of 1 to 5.

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# BA programmes in English

- Audiovisual Media
- Crossmedia Productions
- Law
- Liberal Arts in Humanities
- Liberal Arts in Social Sciences



As of Jan 1st 2014
\*Not incl exchange students



# MA programmes in English

- Anthropology
- Audiovisual Media: Television/ Documentary
- Communication Management
- Comparative Literature and Cultural Semiotics
- Digital Library Learning
- Economics and Management of Public Sector
- Film Arts (next admission 2015)
- Human Computer Interaction
- International Business
- International Relations

As of Jan 1st 2014
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# PhD programmes in English

- Educational Sciences
- Health Sciences: Social Work
- Humanities: History; Studies of Cultures;
   Linguistics
- Mathematics and Natural Sciences: Analytical Biochemistry; Ecology; Information Society Technologies; Physics
- Social Sciences: Demography; Government and Politics; Information and Communication Science; Psychology; Sociology

on 18 countries on 18 Tallinn university

As of Jan 1st 2014
\*Not incl exchange students



#### COUNTRIES

Degree students	2013	Exchange students	2013
Finland	81	Germany	45
Russia	18	Turkey	38
Turkey	11	Italy	29
Lithuania	5	Czech Republic	29
Latvia	4	Spain	23

- *As of Feb 17th 2014*
- Foreign students from 54 countries,
   incl degree students from 46 and exchange
   students from 30 countries

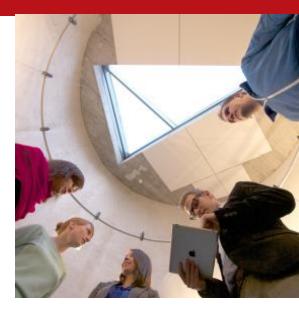


## SERVICE TO SOCIETY



### LIFELONG LEARNING

Tallinn University is the oldest and one of the biggest providers of continuing education in Estonia.



We are especially supportive of the development and career choices of talented young people and health promotion of the elderly.

Open University (programme Year in University, Open Studies, Training Centre)
Centre for Continuing Education
E-learning Centre
Student Academy
Children's Film School
Health and Excercise University
Tallinn Summer & Winter School



## TALLINN SUMMER SCHOOL

- 14<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of July
- 85% international students
- 23 courses:
  - IT
  - languages
  - creative workshops
  - courses in humanities
  - courses in social sciences
  - courses in educational sciences
- Online registration until 15<sup>th</sup> of May

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The International
Summer School
hosts about
300 participants
from 50 countries
every year.



### CONFERENCES

We offer high-level organization of events of various capacity and specifics – from information days and meetings to international conferences with thousands of delegates.

The Conference Centre also organizes receptions and cultural events and rents out the facilities of the University.

In 2011 and 2013, the University was given the Conference Act of the Year award.

Every year, more than 3,000 people from all over the world attend TU conferences





# ACADEMIC LIBRARY

The library, its study centre and branches support the acquisition of high quality education with 2.6 million publications and electronic resources.

The oldest collections are from the Library of St. Olaf's Church founded in 1552.

- the Baltica and rare books collection
- the Expatriate Estonian collection



The library has around 50, 000 readers



## MUSEUMS

#### Museum of Archaeology

Estonia's most prominent collection of archaeology about the early settlement history and living conditions on Estonian territory (from 10,000 BC to 13th century).

#### Estonian Pedagogical Archives and Museum

This museum, unique in Europe, aims to collect and preserve materials about the development of educational and pedagogical thinking (J. Käisi, A. Elango, H. Rajamaa, H. Liimetsa funds).

#### Tallinn University Museum

This museum gives an overview of university education through the history of the university and museum collections.



### TU PRESS

With the help of the potential of a community of dedicated scholars and students, we support the publishing of high quality and intellectual academic literature.

We award a literary prize to recognize authors who either study or teach at or are the alumni of Tallinn University.



- Acta Universitatis Tallinnensis - Gigantum humeris - Bibliotheca



# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Bilateral cooperation agreements with 51 partner universities in 29 countries.

We are members of the International Association of Universities IAU, Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe UNICA, European University Association EUA, network of researchers in motion of Europe Euraxess, Baltic University Programme, BUP. We participate in the programmes Erasmus and Erasmus Mundus.

Tallinn University has signed the Magna Charta Universitatum, which joins over 600 universities, stating the principles and values of universities.



# COOPERATION WITH PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

#### Some examples:

- the University of Helsinki joint seminars, workshops in various fields, working in libraries and labs, exchange of teachers, study trips for students, joint publications, sharing courses of doctoral studies etc.
- the Communication University of China exchange of groups of film directing students and teachers who one year work in Estonia and the next in China (to produce a short film, in addition to working in workshops)
- Russian National University for the Humanities joint seminars and workshops, delegating speakers to the conference of Tallinn University's young philologists' conference, joint publications and articles
- the Universities of Georgia and Kabul development cooperation projects



## REGIONAL COOPERATION

The regional colleges of the University were founded on the initiative of local people.

In over ten years of existence, our Haapsalu and Rakvere Colleges have grown to be significant education and science centres dedicated to developing study and research and backing the development needs of the region.

Haapsalu College – health promotion, teacher education, applied computer science (multimedia), traffic safety, design

Rakvere College – pre-school education, social pedagogy, management of public sector and business (environmental management)

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# STUDENT LIFE



# STUDENT UNION

- Childcare
- Students' cafe Oaas
- Photo Club
- Sports Club (TU Cup Tournament)
- Culture Club
- International Club
- ESN Tallinn, established by students of TU
- tudeng.TV (student.TV)

Founded in 1990, one of the most active and best structured student unions in the Baltics.





# SPORTS, CULTURE

#### Sports teams

- Basketball women's and men's team
- Volleyball women's and men's team
- Football team
- Gymnastics club

#### Culture collectives

- Women's, men's and chamber choir
- Symphony orchestra
- Folk dance group Soveldaja







# CAMPUS



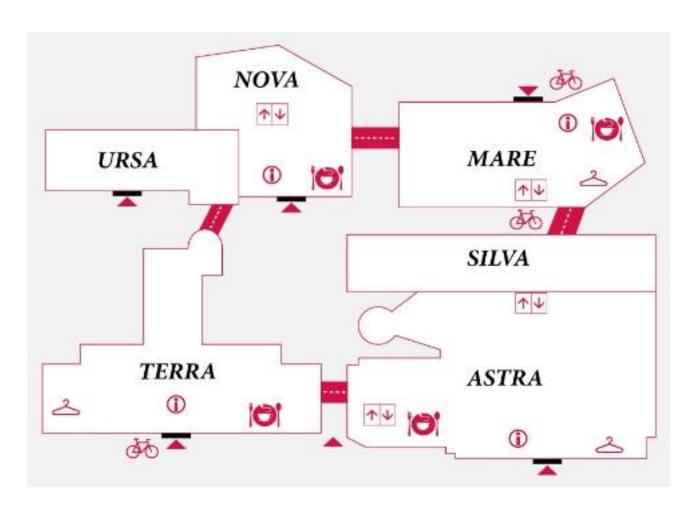
### **CAMPUS**

We are located in the centre of Tallinn, in the immediate vicinity of Kadriorg park and the Tallinn Bay. Most of the buildings that house facilities for study, research and creative activities at Tallinn University are located on the grounds by Narva Road and Uus-Sadama Street (15, 064 square metres). In addition, the university has buildings in the Tallinn old town, centre and Kristiine district. There are regional colleges in **Haapsalu** and **Rakvere.** 

Tallinn University buildings are known by their Latin names **Terra, Ursa, Silva, Mare, Nova, Astra** which symbolise values that are important to the university.



#### MAP OF THE CAMPUS





This building is symbolized by laboratories (including for psychology, computers, spectometry, chromatography, cellular biology and biochemistry).

- Institute of Informatics
- Institute of Communication
- Institute of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
- Institute of Psychology
- Institute of Political Science and Governance
- Academic Library study center
- Conference Centre, Information Centre
- Lecture theatre Maximum

Built in 2012. Architect Ignar Fjuk.



ASTRA

'star' - ambitious goals



The Baltic Film and Media School in the courtyard of the university is the most modern one in Europe, accommodating a film pavilion, TV studio, make up and wardrobe rooms, sound studio, cinema SuperNova with 105 seats, library, film rental centre and Estonian Digital Centre.

SuperNova is Estonia's only university cinema which welcomes all film enthusiasts and has 'nev Estonia's first 4K resolution projector.

Built in 2012. Architects Karli Luik, Maarja Kask, Ralf Lõoke.



### NOVA

'new' - rejuvenation and development



A spacious and refulgent building with lecture halls, working spaces for researchers, the Tallinn Hall, the Rectorate.

- Estonian Institute for Population Studies
- Estonian Institute of Humanities
- Institute of Educational Sciences
- Confucius Institute
- Institute of Fine Arts
- Institute of International and Social Studies
- Institute of Social Work
- Institute of Ecology

Built in 2006. Architects Mattias Agabus, Eero Endjärv, Raul Järg, Priit Pent and Illimar Truverk.



**MARE** 

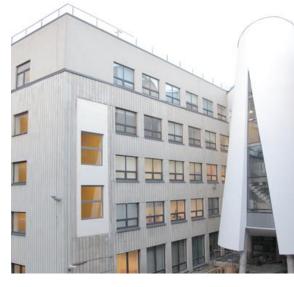
'sea' - freedom and openness



Silva is a typical example of the Soviet Architecture.

- Catherine's College
- Institute of Communication
- Institute of Estonian Language and Culture
- Institute of Germanic and Romance Languages and Cultures
- Institute of Information Studies
- Institute of Slavonic Languages and Cultures
- Institute of Psychology
- Language Centre
- Student Union administrative office

Built in 1982. Architect Ester Liiberg.



SILVA

'forest' – science, scientists



Ursa is located in the courtyard of the university. In the course of time, it has become a creativity centre for art students and home to sports teams.

- Institute of Fine Arts
- Studios
- Sport halls

Built in 1964.



### **URSA**

'bear' - determination



The oldest building of the university which was initially built for the Tallinn English College. The architecture of this building, characteristic of late 1930s, is under heritage protection.

- Assembly Hall
- Institute of Fine Arts
- Centre for Innovation in Education
- Open University training centre
- Centre for Continuing Education
- Tallinn University Press
- Administrative units
- Choirs, folk dance and sports clubs

Built in 1938. Architects Alar Kotli and Erika Nõva.



### **TERRA**

'land' – academic traditions and rigor



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