Campus Guide

Weihenstephan Campus

Photo: Benz/TUM
Welcome to the Technical University of Munich!

We invite you to use this guide to explore the Freising Weihenstephan campus for yourself. We provide you a lot of information about the departments and facilities, offer a historical overview and examine various fun facts.

The campus tour begins with general information about the Technical University of Munich (TUM). The rest provides information about the departments and buildings at the TUM School of Life Sciences as well as about other facilities available.

You can walk through all the stations to gain an overview of the campus.

If you want to take a break during the tour or at the end, one of the two campus cafeterias (StuCafés) or the Bräustüberl Weihenstephan are perfect.

**Orientation:**
On page 19 you will find a map of the most important buildings on the Weihenstephan campus, which serve as useful points of orientation. During the tour, you will see where you are on the map as well as how to get to the next station.

**Please note:**
To visit some facilities (this is noted in each case), you should make an appointment in advance. We also offer guided campus tours for school groups of ten or more. For a tour, simply contact ExploreTUM:

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The Technical University of Munich (TUM)

- Students ~ 45,356
- Female students ~ 36%
- International students ~ 34%
- First-year students (annually) ~ 13,700
- Study programs (Bachelor) 178 (47)
- Professors ~ 600
- Partner universities worldwide over 160

Status: WS 20/21

Source: www.tum.de/die-tum/die-universitaet/die-tum-in-zahlen
History and mission statement

The Technical University of Munich was founded in 1868 by King Ludwig II under the name Polytechnic School and renamed the Technical University of Munich in 1877.

The newly founded university was to place technical education in Bavaria on the same foundation as the natural sciences. It has thus made a decisive contribution to technological progress worldwide and produced a number of Nobel Prize winners and great inventors - including Rudolf Diesel, the inventor of the diesel engine, and Hans Fischer, who received a Nobel Prize in chemistry.

In 1901 the university was granted the right to award doctorates, and just five years later the first woman enrolled as a regular student.

Since its foundation, TUM has seen itself as a servant of a society increasingly impacted by technological change. Then as now, TUM scientists are looking for solutions to the major challenges of the future.

With the integration of the University of Agriculture and the Weihenstephan Brewery in 1930 and the commissioning of the Munich Research Reactor (FRM) in Garching in 1957, the university expanded into new locations. The TUM, which has borne the name University since 1970, is divided among five locations: Garching, Weihenstephan, Straubing, Heilbronn and Munich.

TUM has been a university of excellence since 2006. It received this title as part of the "Excellence Initiative of the Federal and State Governments for the Promotion of Science and Research at German Universities".

Vision: As a leading entrepreneurial university, we are a place for global knowledge exchange, shaping the future with talent, excellence and responsibility.

1. Innovations for people, nature and society
2. International highest standards
3. Cosmopolitanism and cultural tolerance
4. Talents with a sense of values
5. Value creation through diversity and appreciation
6. Learning without borders
7. Continuing education and training - for a lifetime
8. Entrepreneurial thinking and acting
9. Living intergenerational contract
10. Dialogue with society and the public

TUM comprises **15 departments** and **TUM Schools**. The focus of TUM is on the natural sciences, engineering, life sciences and medicine, accompanied by a technology-oriented TUM School of Management, the TUM School of Education and TUM School of Governance.

**Munich: TUM main campus**
Arcisstrasse 21, 80333 Munich
(approx. 15,200 students)

- Architecture (AR)
- Faculty of Engineering Construction Geo Environment (BGU)
- Electrical Engineering and Information (EI)
- TUM School of Management (WI)

**Munich: Marsstrasse 20-22**
(approx. 1,400 students)

- TUM School of Education (EDU)

**Munich: Richard-Wagner-Strasse 1**
(approx. 720 students)

- TUM School of Governance
TUM Schools and Faculties

**Munich: Klinikum rechts der Isar**
Ismaninger Strasse 22, 81675 Munich
(approx. 2,200 students)
Medicine (MED)

**Munich: TUM Campus in Olympiapark**
Georg-Brauchle-Ring 60/62, 80992 Munich
(approx. 2,200 students)
Sports and Health Sciences (SG)

**Garching Research Center**
Boltzmannstrasse 15, 85748 Garching
(approx. 18,800 students)
Chemistry (CH)
Computer science (IN)
Mechanical
Engineering (MW)
Mathematics (MA)
Physics (PH)

Munich School of Engineering (MSE)
TUM Schools and Faculties

TUM School of Life Sciences
Alte Academie 8, 85354 Freising
(approx. 4,300 students)

The following scientific institutions are located at the TUM School of Life Sciences:
• Department of Molecular Life Sciences
• Department of Life Science Engineering
• Department of Life Science Systems

Ottobrunn: Willy-Messerschmitt-Str. 1

Aeronautics, Space and Geodesy (LRG)

TUM Campus Straubing
for Biotechnology and Sustainability
Schulgasse 22, 94315 Straubing
(approx. 500 students)

Heilbronn
Education Campus 2, 74706 Heilbronn, Germany
(approx. 230 students)

TUM School of Management (WI)
Financing your studies and living in Munich

**Funding sources**
Where do TUM students get their money from?

- **Elternleistungen**: 90%
- **Eigenverdienst**: 67%
- **Ersparnisse**: 21%
- **Verwandte**: 20%
- **Bafög**: 17%
- **Stipendium**: 6%

Students in Munich possess on average **1032 €** per month.

**Average expenditure**
What do students in Munich spend their money on?

- **Miete**: 375 €
- **Essen**: 184 €
- **Freizeit, Kultur, Sport**: 67 €
- **Transport**: 74 €
- **Sonstiges: Kleidung, Medikamente, Internet etc.**: 177 €

Students in Munich spend an average of **877 €** per month.

Source: [www.stwm.de/publikationen/sozialerhebung-des-studentenwerks/](http://www.stwm.de/publikationen/sozialerhebung-des-studentenwerks/) (as of 2016)
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Type of apartment
How do students live in Munich?

- Wohnung mit Partner, Partnerin oder Kind: 17%
- Wohnungsmitgliedschaft: 28%
- Wohnung allein: 13%
- Eltern, Verwandte: 26%
- Wohnheim: 16%

Costs for apartment

- Student Housing: **160–400 €** (waiting period 1-4 semesters)
- Shared room or apartment: **350–700 €**

Apartment and room size
How big are the rooms or apartments of students in Munich?

- Zimmergröße (Studierende, die in Wohnheim wohnen): 83%
- Wohnungsgröße (Studierende, die in WGs oder zur Untermiete wohnen): 11% 14% 21% 2% 0% 0% 27%

Source: www.stwm.de/publikationen/sozialerhebung-des-studentenwerks/; (as of: 2016)
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Traveling to TUM: means of transport
How do students get to TUM?

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Travel time by public transport
TUM main campus to Garching: 36 minutes, approx. 5€/ride; TUM main campus to Weihenstephan: approx. 1 hour, 8€/ride; Garching to Weihenstephan: 40 minutes, approx. 5€/ride

Traveling to TUM: Travel time
How long does it take on average for TUM students to get to university?

Source: https://www.tum.de/studium/im-studium/wohnen/ (as of 2016)
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Number of students
What is the trend on the number of students in Munich?

- **88,650** students in 2005
- **124,340** students in 2016
- +50%

Fun Facts
- Almost three quarters of students are employed
- Almost one in five has already studied abroad
- The average age of students is 24 years (Master and Bachelor)
- 17% of students receive BAföG (student loans)
- 71% of students rate the time required for their studies as high or very high

Study-related time expenditure
How much time weekly do students in Munich invest in their studies?

- **16h** for self-study
- **18h** for lectures and seminars

Students spend an average of **34 hours** per week on their studies.

Source: [www.stwm.de/publikationen/sozialerhebung-des-studentenwerks/](http://www.stwm.de/publikationen/sozialerhebung-des-studentenwerks/) (as of 2016)
The semester ticket

After a ballot triggered by student initiatives at all Munich universities and colleges in December 2012, the semester ticket was introduced in the winter semester 2013/14! In November 2016, 96.9% of all Munich students voted for the long-term continuation of the semester ticket.

Voting results of the TUM:
- Yes: 33,125 (96.9%)
- No: 1,045 (3.1 %)
• Participation: 81.0

Every enrolled student must pay the solidarity fee. The Student ID Card, which has the MVV logo, serves as the semester ticket. In return, students may travel during the following periods:
• Daily from 6pm - 6am.
• All day on weekends and public holidays

The current semester ticket is purchased from the MVV. The IsarCard Semester is voluntary. It
• can only be acquired after payment of the solidarity fee and
• entitles the holder to unlimited travel on the entire MVV network.

Help for students in everyday life

The Munich Student Union (Studentenwerk) helps with social, economic, health and cultural matters. It was founded in 1920 as "Studentenhaus München".

The main focus of the Studentenwerk

- Operates a large number of refectories, StuBistros and StuCafés
- Offers residential complexes with approximately 11,000 rooms and apartments for students
- Advises on financing studies (BAföG, loans, etc.)
- Supports student artists through the cultural office and offers a variety of events
- Provides a wide range of advice, from general counselling to specialist services such as legal and housing advice
- Provides students with children approx. 500 places in 20 childcare facilities
- Supports students with disabilities
- Advises international students

Source: [www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de](http://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de)
**Residence Halls:**
The Munich Student Union operates four residence halls in Freising in the immediate vicinity of the university ("Weihenstephan I - IV") with a total of 954 places to live (742 single rooms in shared flats with 2 to 19 people [showers, toilets and kitchens are shared] and 213 single apartments [own shower, toilet and kitchen]). Monthly rents range from €215 to €363, depending on the location and age of the building and the size of the room. The waiting period may be one semester depending on the dormitory and the type of room.

Source:
www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/wohnen/wohnanlagen

**Private rooms or apartments in** Freising are scarce, so the rents are also rather expensive. On average, you pay about 11-15 €/m² including heat, sometimes even including telephone and electricity. However, the rents can also be considerably higher. (Average in Munich: about 18-22 €/m²)

Sources:

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**Sample apartment:**
- 2-room attic apartment, 50 m², 550€ plus heating costs (= 11 €/m2)
- 1-room ground floor apartment, 18 m², no agent’s fee: 390 € (= 21,6 €/m2)

Please note: The cost of rent increases regularly, so the apartment prices may no longer be up to date.
The majority of students live in Freising or in neighbouring towns. However, some also commute daily from Munich or towns along the S-Bahn route or come from all over (e.g. Landshut, Erding), if they can still live at home at a reasonable price. However, a one-way trip may take up to an hour and a half.

Mobility: Most students get around Freising by bike or on foot. Unfortunately, the bus network is only moderately developed, many buses only run every 30 minutes, so it is often faster to reach your destination on foot. On the other hand, a bus ride in Freising costs only 1.40 € (= 1 stripe on the stripe card). Those who come from a little further away often drive, which leads to fully overcrowded parking lots, especially at the start of the semester or during the exam period. So if you can, it’s better to travel to the Weihenstephan campus by public transport or by bike.

Freising is still part of the Munich transport network, so the Bavarian capital can be reached quickly by S-Bahn or train (usually within 25 and 40 minutes, respectively). Commuters with longer distances to travel were especially happy about the introduction of the MVV-Semesterticket, which made the daily trips much cheaper (previously: Munich inner area - Freising = Rings 1-12 = 122,80 € monthly education tariff II; now: 263 € per semester and total network).
For orientation: The campus is divided into a mountain part and the main part with the building housing the central lecture hall in the central area. Most of the research labs are located in the various buildings home to the working groups and departments. The refectory and the StuCáfe share a common building, which is the focal point of the lower campus area.
The **TUM School of Life Sciences** at the Weihenstephan Campus is one of the largest departments at TUM.

The research and study focus here is, as the name suggests, on the "Life Sciences". Under the motto "One Health", the TUM School of Life Sciences offers teaching and research at the molecular biological (**Molecular Life Sciences**), systemic (**Life Science Systems**) and engineering (**Life Science Engineering**) levels.

The TUM School of Life Sciences is a **modern campus, but also rich in tradition**. The foundation stone as a university location was laid in 1803 with the founding of agricultural and forestry schools. Yet the school itself is actually not that old: It was established under the name Wissenschaftszentrum Weihenstephan (WZW) in **2000**, when four existing departments were merged into one large one. In **2020**, the WZW was reorganized into its current form with the name TUM School of Life Sciences.

In addition to the TUM, the following institutions are also located here on the "**Green Campus**" Weihenstephan in Freising:

- the Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences
- the Bavarian State Research Centre for Agriculture
- the Bavarian State Institute of Forestry
- the Bavarian State Brewery Weihenstephan
- the Fraunhofer Institute for Process Engineering and Packaging and the Biotechnology Innovation and Start-up Center.

*Photo: Benz/TUM*

Sources for figures: WZW collective statistics, [www.wzw.tum.de](http://www.wzw.tum.de)
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11. Campus Office (Weihenstephaner Berg)
12. Court Garden and Academy Court
13. Bräustüberl and Weihenstephan State Brewery
## Library

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The **Weihenstephan branch library of the** TUM primarily contains literature on the main areas of study and research at the Weihenstephan campus. The collection of books and journals generally covers the topics of **nutrition, land use and the environment**. However, the entire collection of the university library can be accessed via the branch library.

With the construction of the building (2003), all existing book collections were finally brought together in one **centrally located building**. Previously, each department had its own small collection next to the actual library on Weihenstephaner Berg, so that students often had to walk the entire campus in search of a book.

In the library there is - like everywhere at the TUM - **free Wi-Fi access** if you log in with your student ID. Students are also allowed to take bags or backpacks and water bottles inside, which is not a matter of course at every library. It also scores points for its long **opening hours**:

- Monday till Friday: 8:00-24:00
- Weekends and public holidays: 10:00-20:00.

The library was highly praised for its cozy and bright study atmosphere and its unique architecture in a "**Bib-Check**" by the Munich student radio station **M94,5**.

Source for figures: [www.ub.tum.de](http://www.ub.tum.de)
The bear was placed in 2004 as part of the "Freising Bear Parade" cultural event. It symbolizes TUM's endeavor to recognize and explain what holds the world together at its core.

The bear is the heraldic animal of Freising and in the course of this cultural event more than 80 colorfully painted figures were brought to the city between 2003-2006, many of which were auctioned off at the end.

Source: www.maxival-art.com
Computer labs and the food technology lab
At the Vöttingerstraße and Maximus von Imhof Forum you can see one of **10 computer rooms** on campus (three in the long building of the library, two in the ZHG, three in the laboratory building and two in the forestry buildings). If you want to use them outside the regular opening hours (Monday-Friday 8:00-18:00), you can request **24-hour access to** some (by filling out an online form with just a few clicks). To print, you must first buy a token. A fixed price per page is then charged for each print job, depending on the type of print.

The computer room on the corner is called "the aquarium" because of its walls made of glass.

In the opposite side of the building is a large technical hall, the **“Food Technology Center”**. Various **food technology machines** are developed and used in the plant, for various food drying processes, for the dealcoholisation of beer, for pressing pills and for biogas production.

Source: [www.itw.wzw.tum.de](http://www.itw.wzw.tum.de)
Mensa, StuCafé and other gastronomic offers
Mensa, StuCafé and other gastronomic offers

The refectory on the upper floor can seat **up to 1,000 hungry students and staff**. You can usually choose from up to four main courses as well as numerous side dishes, salads and desserts.

Since 2012, students no longer have to shovel their food into their mouths from pre-formed trays in the refectory, but instead get **real plates**. You can only pay in the canteen with your StudentCard.

The **StuCafé** on the ground floor also offers a hot lunch every day. But the cafeteria also offers food and drink **outside of lunch time** - whether it's a Weißwurst breakfast, something sweet, a coffee for in between or a cool Weihenstephan beer, you can pay with your StudentCard or in cash.

Cafeteria opening hours: Mon-Fri 11.00-13:30
StuCafé opening hours: Mon-Thu 08:30-16:00
Fri 08:30-14:30

The Mensa and the StuCafé are run by the **Munich Student Union, which** is why the prices are very student-friendly. Other food options on campus are the "**fair geniessBar**" next to the library, the small **Asian snack stand** right in front of it, the **cafeteria in the Forest Sciences building**, the "**Orangerie**" at the Staudengarten, the **second StuCafé** as well as the "**Bräustüberl Weihenstephan**" on the hill.

Sources: [www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/mensa](http://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/mensa), [www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/mensa](http://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/mensa), [http://www.wzw.tum.de/index.php?id=60](http://www.wzw.tum.de/index.php?id=60), [https://wilhelm-gastronomie.de/Uni-gastronomy/](https://wilhelm-gastronomie.de/Uni-gastronomy/)
Central area

The central area is the hub of the campus, where most students and staff pass through every day. It consists of the refectory, the central lecture hall building (ZHG) and the laboratory building. The buildings were constructed at the end of the 1970s, when a uniform building plan was established for Weihenstephan.

The building next to the ZHG is the laboratory building, where many of the laboratory exercises take place. The rooms were completely modernized a few years ago (2010/11) and furnished with new equipment. In 2015, however, they were remodeled once again, because the other laboratory building on Weihenstephaner Berg was awaiting demolition. The laboratories can hold up to 300 people.

From the outside, the ZHG, Praktikumsgebäude and Mensa appear to be three separate buildings. In the basement, however, there are connections through which students can access the other buildings, especially when it is raining and snowing outside.

Photo: Benz/TUM
The slightly "plucked" **graffiti bird** saying "No Chance" on the wall is almost 30 years old:
The graffiti was sprayed on the wall there in 1987, the night before an exam with Prof. Helmut Vogel (a former physics professor), a professor notorious for making his exams so difficult that students had "no chance" of passing them. The graffiti has since been restored several times by the Weihenstephan campus.

Trivia question: can you decipher the writing next to the nearly 30-year-old "plucked bird"?
- NO CHANGE
- NO CHANCE
- NO CHARME
- NO CHEMISTRY
Central area

You can find more such student art works on campus, for example the golden dwarfs on the pillars in front of the landscape architecture building. They were erected in 1993 as a graduation joke by students of landscape architecture. In the past, it was customary for students to come up with a little graduation prank after passing their final exams - similar to the graduation prank at secondary school. It is no longer known exactly who, but the dwarfs probably represent former Weihenstephan professors who taught at that time. In 2007, they were restored and a fifth gnome was added. The department would like to have a sixth dwarf as well, since six professors are now teaching there.

This sitting concrete figure named "Hermann, the Occupier" appeared one January night in 1988. To blame was Professor Peter Latz, who, alongside his lectures also conducted workshops on the topic "occupation" on the grounds outside the then-new department.

For three students that was too theoretical, so they create Hermann as a "literal occupier rather than a hypothetical one."
Central lecture hall
The Central Lecture Hall Building (ZHG) contains three large lecture halls with 250 (HS 16), 350 (HS 15) and 650 (HS 14) seats. They are arranged so that the building looks like a giant cloverleaf from above. The lecture halls are used primarily for introductory lectures, e.g. for "Inorganic Chemistry", "Genetics" or "Higher Mathematics". Most of the exams are also taken here. Because these are the largest rooms on campus and the building is centrally located, meetings, conferences and other events often take place here as well, e.g. the career forum IKOM Life Sciences. The small exhibition on the walls in the foyer was created to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the former WZW: Old photos, pictures and postcards give an impression of how closely tradition and modernity are linked here on campus.
On the info screen in the entrance area you can see which lectures are taking place in which lecture hall. Also during lectures you can quietly look in.

**Expert knowledge: Special structure - the TUM School of Life Sciences**

In contrast to other universities and also other departments at TUM, a special organizational structure has recently been put in place for research and teaching at the Weihenstephan Campus. Through the introduction of modern governance elements, the interdisciplinary team spirit in the sustainable research and teaching areas is now to be promoted and the competitive performance principle further developed. For that reason, the faculty was established under the new name TUM School of Life Sciences as a future-oriented further development of the original faculty WZW at the Weihenstephan campus.

The TUM School of Life Sciences offers the following 3 departments:

- Department of Molecular Life Sciences
- Department of Life Science Engineering
- Department of Life Science Systems

In addition, the TUM School of Life Sciences has a student council for each of the following areas:

- Life Sciences
- Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences
- Forest science and resource management
- Nutritional Science
- Brewing and food technology
- Landscape architecture and planning
The studies at the TUM School of Life Sciences are **interdisciplinary**, so students gain a broad knowledge of different disciplines. As a food technologist, for example, you not only study chemistry or the packaging of food, but also attend lectures on accounting, electrical engineering and/or process simulation.

Much emphasis is also placed on a **close link between theory and practice**. You will attend theoretical lectures as well as have practical lessons in the laboratory or on the computer.

Another special feature at the TUM School of Life Sciences is the **general foundation course**. Regardless of the degree program, all students have nearly the same compulsory lectures and internships in the first two semesters. The foundation course has a strong scientific focus and forms the basis for further studies.

Mensa pond and footbridge
If you are now standing at the so-called Mensaweiher (Mensa pond), the steel bars you can see in the water are a work of art by Munich sculptor Alf Lechner (1981). Each is 23 m long and from a specific vantage point they form an equilateral triangle. Here in Freising they are called the "Geierstangen" (affectionately known as the “vulture bars”) (a play on the name of Heinrich Geierstanger, head of the university building authority, who had the poles erected there).

The pond is not intended for swimming. In winter, however, the landscape architects' student body has called for ice bathing here - more or less unofficially. Among Freisingers it is also popular for ice skating and curling.

The approximately 180-meter-long pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the Mensa pond crosses Thalhauserstraße, thus connecting the Campus Center with the North Area. The "Jubilee Bridge" is named after Thomas Scharmagel (1880-1953), a former professor at TUM and head of the Bavarian Seed Breeding Institute Weihenstephan. The bridge also symbolizes the campus's expansion plans.

Source: "Weihenstephan Art Trail" brochure at www.modern-studio.de/kunstpfad, https://mediatum.ub.tum.de/1232775?query=jubil%C3%A4umsbr%C3%A4cke&show_id=1453696
The meadow with the stone steps is called the "Rang" on campus. This place is very popular with students, especially in the summer. You can enjoy some free time between lectures and seminars (or even during them!) and hang out with friends, fellow students, play frisbee, stretch a slackline between trees, take a nap, and more.

The "Kino am Rang", an open-air cinema, and the famous Summer Festival of the Brewing Students ("Freibierfest") also take place here.

Quiz question:
Approximately how many liters of beer are available and served at this festival?

- 1,800 liters
- 3,600 liters
- 18,000 liters
- 36,000 liters

In 2015, 183.49 hectoliters = 18,349 liters were made available, which probably makes it one of the largest free beer festivals in Germany.

Source: www.sommerfest-braustudenten.de

Photo: El-Sheimy/ TUM
What do research groups, race car enthusiasts, student representatives, bands and student groups have in common? They need space! A place where they can work undisturbed.

The largest StudiTUM, at 1500 m2 is located in Weihenstephan in an old educational distillery and offers around 200 study places. The basement of the building contains a rehearsal room, a lounge with foosball and billiards, and a relaxation room. The foyer with high ceilings and historic footbridge (see picture below) not only offers a great ambience for student exchanges but can also be used for smaller events.

TUM students are entitled to access and can reserve rooms at the Student Representation. With the Student ID Card you can enter the buildings 24/7.
Offers for students at the Munich Campus

Special offers for students at TUM

In addition to the many things Munich has to offer as a city with its museums, sights, numerous events, beer gardens, pubs and leisure activities, a whole range of special offers is available to TUM students.

Central University Sports Centre (ZHS)

The ZHS offers a wide range of sports for beginners as well as competitive athletes including:
- frisbee, rugby, volleyball, hiking, climbing, gym, Pilates, Yoga, Zumba,
- boxing, Capoeira, Tae Kwon Do, Salsa, slacklining, trampolining, sailing, rowing, ice hockey, and much more.

Costs: 0 to 30 € per semester

Student "clubs" and projects

- TU Investment Club
- Tufast
- Daedalus
- eCARus
- UnternehmerTUM, ...

TU Film

Parties organized by the student representatives

Culture clubbing, workshops and guided tours for students

The Language Center

...and much more!
In the building next to the hill, the **fitness and gymnastics rooms of the Central University Sports** are located on two levels. In Freising, students have access to courses in acrobatics, badminton, basketball, Capoeira, circuit training, apparatus gymnastics, hockey, climbing, Zumba and much more. Costs: Semester stamp H 7,50 € + additional fees depending on the course (13-20 €), but many activities, like volleyball or Zumba, are free of charge.

To play (beach) **volleyball**, you can also go behind the refectory, where you can find two sand courts.

In addition, the **TUM Language Center**, which offers various free language courses for students, employees and staff, is located here, which offers courses both during the semester and in the breaks. For example, there are courses for Arabic, Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Swedish or Spanish.

**Other offerings for students here on campus:**
- **Hochschulgemeinde Freising (HSG)**: many events, e.g. University cinema, games evenings, theatre/opera/concert visits, excursions, night hikes...
- **Residence hall parties** in the four resident halls
- **Theater workshop** Weihenstephan (theater club)
- **Making music together** (orchestra, choir, big band, jazz band, brass band)
- First “**Contact**” days for freshmen (one week before the start of studies)
- **Lectures** on campus (e.g. "Biolloquium", a series of lectures on current topics in the life sciences organized by students)
- **and much more.**

Flyers for upcoming events on and around campus are placed on tables in the dining hall every day.

Leisure activities in Freising

Although Freising is much smaller than Munich, it still offers **numerous recreational opportunities**:

- Pubs, cafés and beer gardens (e.g. Schneiders, Biergarten am Bräustüberl)
- Theater, music (e.g. in the Lindenkeller)
- Museums and exhibitions
- Cinema on the Rang
- Various city festivals (e.g. Freisinger Volksfest, Uferlos)
- Sports clubs, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a climbing center, an artificial ice rink, an exercise trail
- Lakes for swimming in the near surroundings (Vöttinger Weiher, Pullinger Weiher)
- And much more ...

Photo: Benz/TUM
Weihenstephan Hill

The three small, white buildings next to the Dean's Office or School Office (also built in the mid-1950s) are called the "Margarine cubes" - until 2010 they were painted yellow. Now they should perhaps be called the "tofu cubes" due to their white coat of paint.

The three cubes are home to business administration and economics professorships from the agricultural and food sector. Here, for example, studies are conducted to investigate what motivates consumers to buy regional organic products and what prevents them from doing so. Other researchers analyze the influence of government regulations on the development of sustainable agriculture or seek to determine the most important sources of greenhouse gas emissions in cattle farming in order to reduce these emissions.

The first cube is also home to a field office of the German Weather Service: This provides current weather data from Freising and the surrounding area and, as an agrometeorological office, produces a 7-day weather forecast especially for southern German farmers.

Sources: www.dwd.de/DE/, landwetter.de
Weihenstephan Hill
The **Campus Office** of the TUM School of Life Sciences is right next to the TU Munich's research brewery. This office is responsible for general study matters not directly related to degree programs, such as coordinating joint basic study programs and organizing exams.

It also supports students in organizing a stay abroad or finding accommodation. If you have any questions or problems concerning your studies, the Campus Office is your first point of contact.

The building also houses **two lecture halls and three seminar rooms**, each of which is used by all departments - much to the chagrin of the students concerned, as they then have to walk up the hill to class.

Academy courtyard and courtyard garden
The Weihenstephaner Berg has a long history: in the early 8th century a church stood here, the Stephanskirche. Soon after, a collegiate monastery was founded (843), which was converted into a Benedictine monastery in 1021. You are standing here in the heart of the former monastery, in today's Akademiehof.

Today, the administrative office of the TUM in Weihenstephan is located in the former monastery building. Here you can find the right contact person for all administrative, non-subject-related matters regarding your studies, e.g. to apply for a leave of absence or to have a certificate issued. The examination offices of each department are also located here. A second cafeteria is located here, so that students and staff do not have to walk down the hill every time they want to eat. There is a little more choice than in the lower StuCafé (usually one or two warm dishes), but - as in the Mensa - you can only pay with your Student ID Card.
The Hofgarten is located close to the Berg. Looking over the wall here, you can see Munich to the southwest, about 40-50 kilometers away (diagonally to the right). In this direction you can also see two other TUM locations, the Garching campus and the main campus in the center of Munich.

From here you also have a good view of Munich Airport, which is located very close to Freising (look to the left). Many students find part-time jobs there. From the Freising train station, the journey takes about 10-20 minutes by bus.
State Brewery Weihenstephan and Braustüberl Weihenstephan
State Brewery Weihenstephan and Braustüberl Weihenstephan

Nearby stands the Bavarian State Brewery Weihenstephan. Beer has been brewed on Weihenstephaner Berg since 1040 (see the coat of arms on the wall of the brewery). The former monastery brewery, in full operation for almost 1,000 years, is the oldest existing brewery in the world.

The former monastery brewery is very closely associated with the TUM School of Life Sciences: Like TUM, the Bavarian State Ministry of Science and the Arts is responsible for the brewery, and its board of directors includes TUM employees. Its statutes decree that it is to serve as a model business, which is why there is a great deal of cooperation between the ministry and the university. As a result, Weihenstephan is an international center of brewing science, and brewers from all over the world have learned their craft here.

The Bräustüberl Weihenstephan is probably the most popular "lecture hall" among the students - and is traditionally called "Lecture Hall 13" (an extension of the lecture hall numbers in the past). Today, the TUM School of Life Sciences already has 24 lecture halls - but the number 13 was skipped when numbering the new ones.

Particularly in summer, the beer garden is a very busy place, where students and day trippers alike sit and enjoy the good Weihenstephan beer. The doors of the Bräustüberl are open all year round beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning.
Dear visitor,

We hope you enjoyed this campus guide and gathered some interesting information about the Technical University of Munich and take away some pleasant impressions. We wish you an enjoyable stay and a great time in Freising.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the Technical University of Munich soon.

Your ExploreTUM team - Offers for orientation and trying things out

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