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University

German: Universität

A university is a type of higher education institution which serves scientific research and teaching across a broad range of subjects and has the right to award doctorate degrees. It traditionally places a stronger focus on theoretical basic research than other types of higher education institutions.

In common parlance – including many information portals – the term "university" is often used as a synonym for "higher education institution", although strictly speaking, universities are only a subcategory.

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