

Mission Statement of Goethe University Frankfurt*

At the heart of Europe and open to the world, Goethe University Frankfurt is a workshop for the future. Founded by and for citizens in 1914, it resumed this tradition in 2008 as an autonomous foundation university. Obligated by its eventful history, the University is guided by the concepts of European Enlightenment, democracy and rule of law and opposes racism, nationalism and anti-Semitism. Goethe University Frankfurt is a place of argumentative debate; research and teaching have a social responsibility. The University and Johann Wolfgang Goethe, as writer, thinker and naturalist, have in common innovative thinking and interdisciplinary action.

Our main principles are:

- We address societal questions from the perspective of wide-ranging disciplines.
- We are committed to the freedom and unity of research and teaching.
- We teach, learn and conduct research at international level.
- We review our own performance in a critical and constructive light.
- We see ourselves as a learning organisation.
- We ensure transparent management structures and participation by all stakeholders.
- We put gender equality into practice.

Our thinking and action are based on our appreciation of openness and diversity. That is why the Citizens' University seeks to engage in a dialogue with all social groups.

*** Including modifications proposed by the University Forum on 4 June 2014, reactions to the announcement of 30 June 2014 and Senate amendments of 8 October 2014.**