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Studying in Tübingen: in front of "Neue Aula", Main Building.

ATTEMPTO!

"I'll risk it", said Count Eberhard who founded the university in 1477: "Attempo!" Today it's evident: He did succeed. Eberhard Karls Universität has become one of the best-renowned research universities in Europe.

Tübingen doesn't have a university. It is the UniverCity. The university has dominated its host for over five centuries. This host is graceful enough, though: In a recent survey, the County of Tübingen was voted #1 in Germany for its quality of life. More than 20,000 of the town's 80,000 inhabitants are students, and many more, of course, are connected with the university's teaching, research and medical facilities. Tübingen may be old in years but is very young in character – students and young families bring the average age of its inhabitants down to 37.3, the youngest average age of all towns in the state. And Tübingen University seizes this opportunity with both hands: One example is the invention of the "Kinder-Uni" in 2002, an innovative concept in-



If you were plummeting towards the old Market Square in Tübingen at 90% of the speed of light, this is what you'd see. This is the result of the latest research in astrophysics.

volving a lecture series as the first university experience for kids.

Tübingen is situated between the Black Forest and Lake Constance. The Baden-Württemberg capital Stuttgart is a mere thirty miles away, and its international airport is within easy reach of Tübingen. There is close cooperation with the two technically and agriculturally-oriented universities in Stuttgart, and even tighter links are envisioned for the future.

Eberhard Karls Universität boasts a quaint and attractive blend of regional roots and international involvement. Since its foundation, the university has traditionally educated most of the region's leadership. The present president of Germany and the governor of Baden-Württemberg are Tübingen alumni.

Together with its sister institutions in Freiburg and Heidelberg, even older and equally well-rounded classical universities, a friendly and fruitful competition exists. They have all been traditionally very attractive to students from North America but in the meantime, the insider's tip



Wild horse made of mammoth ivory, found in the nearby Vogelherd Cave: At 35,000 years old, mankind's earliest work of art – on exhibit at the University Museum.

Tübingen has taken the lead: No higher educational institution in the country has more ties with American universities and colleges or sends more of its students abroad.

The contrast between small town and cosmopolitan atmosphere is unique in Tübingen. The concentration of life and work within a small area, where exponents of different fields meet each other regularly, provokes interdisciplinary cooperation and open-mindedness toward new ideas. The presence of outstanding personalities from all over the world has promoted a diverse social and cultural life with a year-round variety of events drawing visitors nationwide. At the same time, tradition is alive everywhere in town. Strolling through small alleys and in front of old houses along the Neckar River one seems to still feel the spirits of famous minds. As a famous historian put it, "Thoughts originating from Tübingen have changed the world."

Tübingen's Castle, going back to the fifteenth century, is not a ruin but an important and well-restored part of the university. Besides a number of departments, it also houses what has been called one of the most attractive university museums in the world. With an impressive range of cultural treasures on exhibit, its collection com-

prises the world's oldest works of art. Tübingen serves as proof that Baden-Württemberg is not only the technological, but also the cultural heart of Europe.

Last not least, Eberhard Karls Universität covers all fields of knowledge ranging from archeology to high-tech science. Its outstanding schools and departments are consistently ranked among Germany's best: #1 overall ranking (*Stern*, 2004), #1 in economics (*Spiegel*, 2004), #1 in geosciences, humanities, social sciences – and in the top ten in all fields of science – by the German Research Foundation (DFG, 2003).

If you have to get sick, you might as well do it in Tübingen – there could hardly be a town of this size with more extensive and better equipped medical services. We would prefer you to remain healthy, though, and enjoy our unusual mix of academic, historic and cultural ingredients.

Did this make you curious? Check out our home page at www.uni-tuebingen.de!

Eberhard Karls Universität and Tübingen are intimately connected: picturesque Old Town with the Neckar Bridge, in the center "Alte Aula", the historic auditorium.



Tübingen: the youngest of the State's old ladies...

