



Vietnamese-German University

“... a public research-oriented Vietnamese University based on the German model, observing the principles of unity and freedom of research and teaching, the commitment to academic excellence, institutional autonomy and academic self-governance. “ (Government agreement between Germany, Land Hesse, SR Vietnam on the VGU, 2020)

COOPERATION



Political Milestones:

- **2007:** Declaration of Intent on the Foundation of a Vietnamese-German University (HMWK / MoET)
- **2008-2009:** Foundation Declaration (HMWK / MoET) followed by MoUs with other political stakeholders and DAAD
- **2011:** Hanoi Declaration (Government of FR Germany and SR Vietnam): VGU as part of German-Vietnamese Strategic Partnership
- **2020:** Intergovernmental agreement on the Establishment and Expansion of the Vietnamese-German University (Governments of FR Germany, Hessen, SR Vietnam)

ACADEMIC BACKBONE

Konsortialverein VGU e.V. / German University Consortium



- Non-profit university association with coordination office at DAAD in Bonn, Germany
- Permanent guests of the board: BMBF, HMWK, DAAD, VGU president
- 37 institutional members
 - 15 universities,
 - 19 Universities of Applied Sciences consortium "TU9"
 - Forschungsinstitut Senckenberg
- Task: to support establishment and operation of VGU
 - Administration of support funds (BMBF/DAAD)
 - Coordination and monitoring of German university contribution to VGU
 - Ensure and support quality of research and teaching at VGU
 - Coordination and advisory services to VGU and German partner universities
 - Promotion of cooperation between the participating universities



VGU today

VGU

- Vietnamese state university
- First public HEI in Vietnam established jointly with partner country
- Institutional autonomy guaranteed by government law
- Internal governance and academic self-governance organised on German model:
 - University Council
 - Academic Senate
 - Faculty Council(s)
- German stakeholders represented in University Council, and Senate
- Close links to German industry in Vietnam

VGU Campus

- Since start 2008: temporarily rented facilities in Ho Chi Minh City and neighbouring Binh Duong Province
- Own campus erected with 180 mio USD World Bank credit
- New campus in Binh Duong Province
 - 50.5-hectare
 - State-of-the-art labs for teaching and research
 - Modern central library
 - Student dormitories

Relocation of VGU to be completed in 2022

STUDY AND RESEARCH

Mission

- Excellence in research and teaching
- Graduates who combine rigorous theoretical knowledge with critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills
- Contribution to economic, social and environmental development of Vietnam

Study programmes

Academic year 2021/22:
14 degree programmes offered in cooperation with German partner universities:

Undergraduate programmes (with foundation year)

- B. Sc Computer Science (UAS Frankfurt)
- B. Sc. Mechanical Engineering (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
- B. A. Architecture (HS Anhalt)
- B. Eng. Civil Engineering (HS Biberach)
- B. Eng. Electrical Engineering Technology (UAS Frankfurt)
- B. Sc. Finance and Accounting (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt)
- B. Sc. Business Administration (Goethe Universität Frankfurt)

Graduate programmes

- M. Sc. Business Information System (HS Heilbronn)
- M. Sc. Computational Engineering (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
- M. Sc. Global Production Engineering and Management (TU Berlin)
- M. Sc. Mechatronics and Sensor System Technology (HS Karlsruhe)
- M. Sc. Sustainable Urban Development (TU Darmstadt)
- M. Sc. Water Technology, Reuse and Management (TU Darmstadt)
- MBA Small- and Medium-sized Enterprise Development (U Leipzig and HS Heilbronn)

Facts

- Focus: Engineering, Computer Sciences/ Information Technology, Economics
- Teaching language: English
- 2008: start with 35 students in Foundation Year
- 2021/22: 2.000 enrolled students
- To date: 1.250 graduations
- Degrees awarded by German partner universities
- Degree programmes gradually transitioned to VGU
- To date: 3 German-Vietnamese double/joint degree programmes
- First research centre and PhD programme established



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



VGU

- strives to educate responsible leaders and experts who will shape global society in a sustainable way
- is committed to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and contributes to their realization by:
 - providing quality higher education (SDG 4 Quality Education)
 - transnational collaboration in teaching, research and quality assurance (SDG 17 Partnership for the Goals)
- offers study programmes addressing realisation of SDGs, e.g.
 - Water Technology, Reuse and Management (SDG 6 Clean Water and Sanitation)
 - Global Production Engineering (SDG 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth)
 - MBA Small- and Medium-sized Enterprise Development (SDG 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth)
- sets strategic focus on research in strategic areas such as
 - Sustainable Manufacturing (SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production)
 - Sustainable Urban Development and Transportation (SDG 9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities)
 - Environment, Water and Climate Change Adaptation (SDG 6 Clean Water and Sanitation, SDG 7 Affordable and Clean Energy, SDG 13 Climate Action)

OUTLOOK

VISION: VGU 2030

- A leading research university in Asia with 5.000 students
- First choice for students and academics in the fields of smart engineering, information technology, business and economics in Vietnam
- In close collaboration with universities worldwide, VGU will contribute to the advancement of science and technology.



