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# The University of Zurich

Founded in 1833, the University of Zurich (UZH) has since become Switzerland's largest university, with a current enrollment of over 26,000 students. Made up of seven faculties covering approximately 100 different subject areas, UZH is proud to offer the most comprehensive academic program in the country. Students can choose from a wide variety of Bachelor, Master and PhD programs, while the University's continuing education programs offer excellent learning opportunities across a broad spectrum of subjects.

As a member of the "League of European Research Universities" (LERU), UZH is one of Europe's most prestigious research institutions. The University's international standing is reflected in the many renowned academic distinctions conferred upon its members over the years, including twelve Nobel Prizes. Furthermore, the close association between medical research and the clinical services provided in the five university hospitals translates into first-rate medical care for the general population.

The academic excellence of the University of Zurich brings benefits to both the public and the private sectors, not only in the Canton of Zurich but throughout the whole of Switzerland. Knowledge is shared in a variety of ways: in addition to granting the general public access to its twelve museums and many of its libraries, the University makes findings from cutting-edge research available to the public in accessible and engaging lecture series and panel discussions.

The University of Zurich actively promotes the transfer of research-based knowledge into private enterprise and generates attractive employment opportunities in innovative fields through its spin-off ventures and partner companies.

# The Year in Review

## **Scientifica**

In August, the University of Zurich and ETH Zurich held the first edition of their joint exhibition “Scientifica”. The three-day event entitled “Was die Welt antreibt” (*what makes the world go round*) drew over 15,000 visitors to the city campuses of the two universities, where fascinating presentations of current research projects and a series of informative lectures awaited them.

## **Graduate Campus**

The new office “Graduate Campus” was established to support PhD candidates and postdoctoral researchers and to strengthen networks among junior scholars. With the Graduate Campus, the University has created an instrument to promote academic career development that is unique in the whole of Switzerland.

## **A New Student Association**

On 29 August 2011, the Cantonal Council of Zurich approved a motion by UZH students: for the first time in over 30 years, a student association organized under public law will be established at the University. The former student council StuRa will become the Student Body of the University of Zurich. The new association’s legal and financial independence improves the ability of students to have their voice heard in university affairs.

### **Celebrations**

The Department of German Studies celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011. The department observed the occasion with the exhibition “125 Jahre Deutsches Seminar 1886–2011”, in which a wealth of historical documents were on display.

The Department of Slavic Languages marked its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a commemorative publication and an international conference on the theme “Kommunismus autobiographisch” (*communism in an autobiographical context*).

### **International Year of Chemistry**

Last year, the University of Zurich was pleased to participate in the United Nations’ International Year of Chemistry. Numerous events demonstrating the many achievements in the field were held under the motto “Kulturleistung Chemie” (*chemistry, a cultural good*).

### **EU Grants**

Three UZH researchers – Ernst Fehr, Martin Schwab and Josef Jiricny – were honored with the most prestigious research award in the European Union: the esteemed “Advanced Grant” of the European Research Council ERC. In further recognition of the University’s research excellence, UZH researchers Felix Kübler and Florian Schiestl were each awarded a “Starting Grant” from the ERC.

# The University of Zurich in Numbers

Teaching	HS 2011	HS 2010
Students <sup>1</sup>	25,634	25,618
New enrollments <sup>1</sup>	4,516	4,528
Teaching staff	4,002	3,859
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Degrees awarded <sup>1</sup>	5,000	4,774
Habilitations	87	79

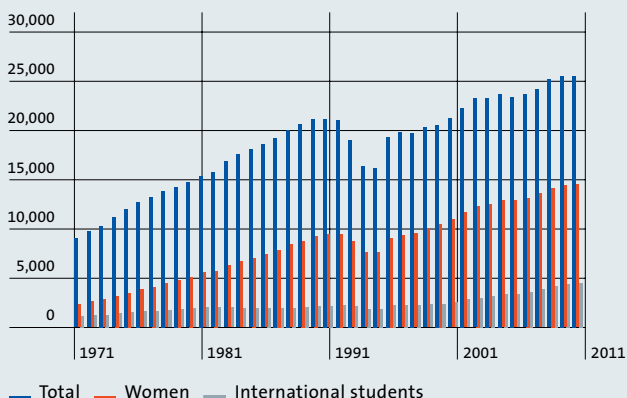
<sup>1</sup> Excluding Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) und students from other universities attending the UZH in a mobility or exchange program ("Incomings")

Staff <sup>2</sup>	2011	2010
Professors	527	507
Non-professorial academic staff	3,057	2,897
Administrative and technical staff <sup>3</sup>	2,006	1,977
Total	5,589	5,382

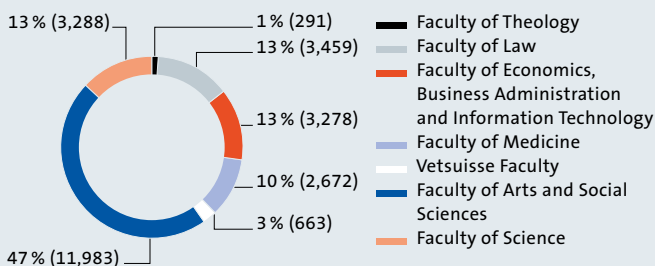
<sup>2</sup> Given in full-time equivalents (FTE) as of 31 December

<sup>3</sup> Excluding apprentices and trainees

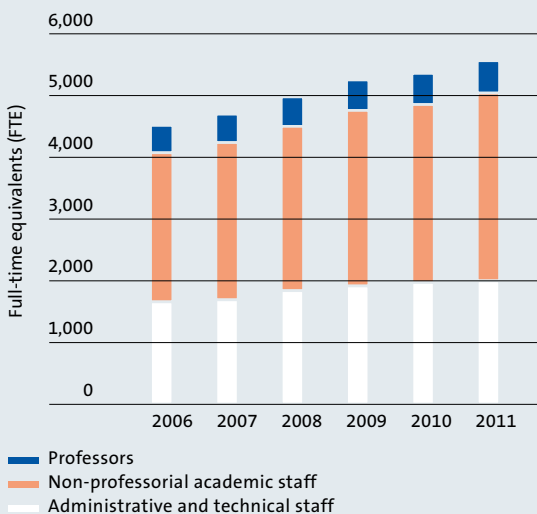
## Enrollment since 1971



## Students by faculty, fall semester 2011



## Staff, 2006–2011



## Finances

in millions of Swiss francs	2011	2010 <sup>4</sup>
<b>Income</b>	<b>1,232.5</b>	<b>1,193.3</b>
Funding from the Canton of Zurich	572.4	562.5
Funding from the federal government/other cantons	252.5	245.3
Other funding	14.8	17.3
Project funding (incl. Swiss National Science Foundation)	246.4	226.6
Income from services	117.3	112.9
Tuition fees	23.5	24.7
Financial income	5.6	4.0
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,226.9</b>	<b>1,177.0</b>
Staff	746.0	721.7
Operating expenses (incl. depreciation and transfer payments)	475.6	452.1
Financial expenditures	5.3	3.2
<b>Annual surplus</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>16.3</b>

The total revenue (including third-party funds) at the University of Zurich for the year under review amounted to 1,232.5 million Swiss francs. This represents an increase of 39.2 million francs (+3.3 percent) over the previous year. The growth can mainly be attributed to increased funding from the Swiss National Science Foundation and from third parties (+14.9 million francs), to income from UZH services (+4.4 million francs) – particularly services in the Faculty of Medicine – and to contributions from other cantons (+5.5 million francs) and the funding from the federal government (+1.7 million francs). The contribution from the Canton of Zurich rose by approximately 10 million Swiss francs from 562.5 to 572.4 million Swiss francs.



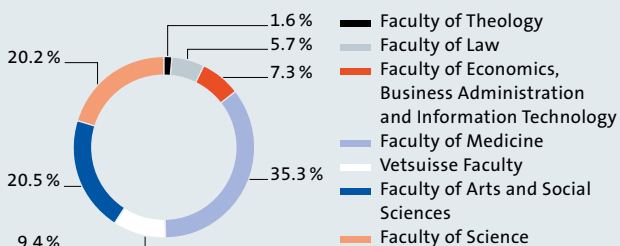
## Costs per faculty in millions of Swiss francs

	2011	2010
Faculty of Theology	10.6	10.2
Faculty of Law	38.3	37.5
Faculty of Economics, Business Administration and Information Technology	49.3	47.9
Faculty of Medicine	237.8	221.7
Vetsuisse Faculty	63.2	59.6
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences	138.4	139.0
Faculty of Science	136.4	133.6

University funds after deduction of income from UZH services.

<sup>4</sup> Some results from the previous year have been adjusted for comparison.

## Costs per faculty (2011)



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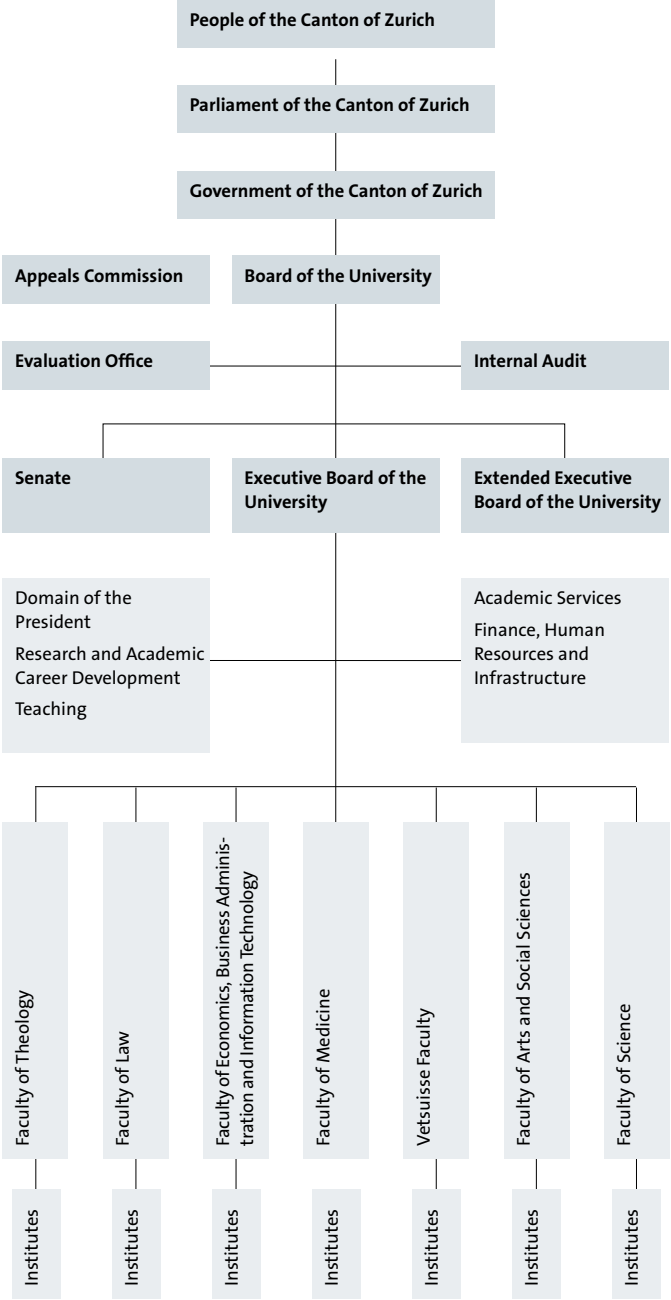
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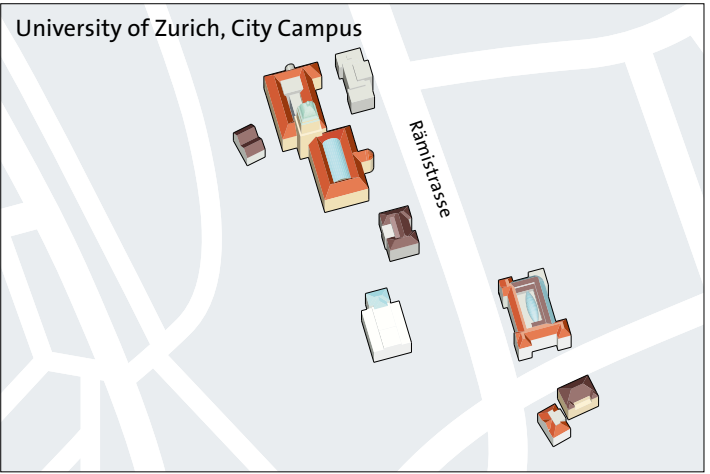
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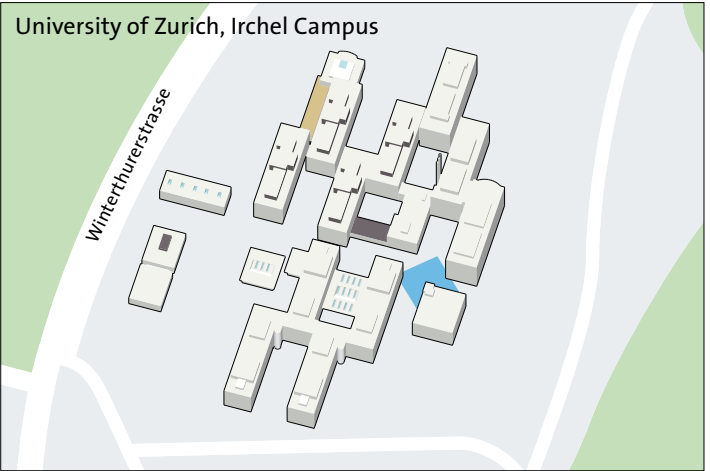
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