

facts & figures 2022/23



Multilingualism and internationality are two of the mainstays of the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano. Located at the crossroads of the German and Italian economic and cultural worlds, the university has campuses in three cities: Bozen-Bolzano (with programmes in Economics, Agricultural, Environmental and Food Sciences, Engineering, Computer Science, Design and Art), Brixen-Bressanone (with programmes in Education, Social and Communication Sciences, Linguistics, and Musicology), and Bruneck-Brunico (with programmes in Tourism, Sport, and Event Management).

Studying in three languages broadens horizons and equips students for careers in an interconnected and globalised world. The academic staff from various countries, and exchange programmes with over 150 universities worldwide contribute to the international orientation of unibz. At the same time, unibz maintains close links with local institutions such as the University of the Euregio.

3 CAMPUSES

Bozen-Bolzano

Universitätsplatz 1
Piazza Università, 1

Faculties:

- Agricultural, Environmental and Food Sciences
- Economics and Management
- Engineering
- Design and Art

Brixen-Bressanone

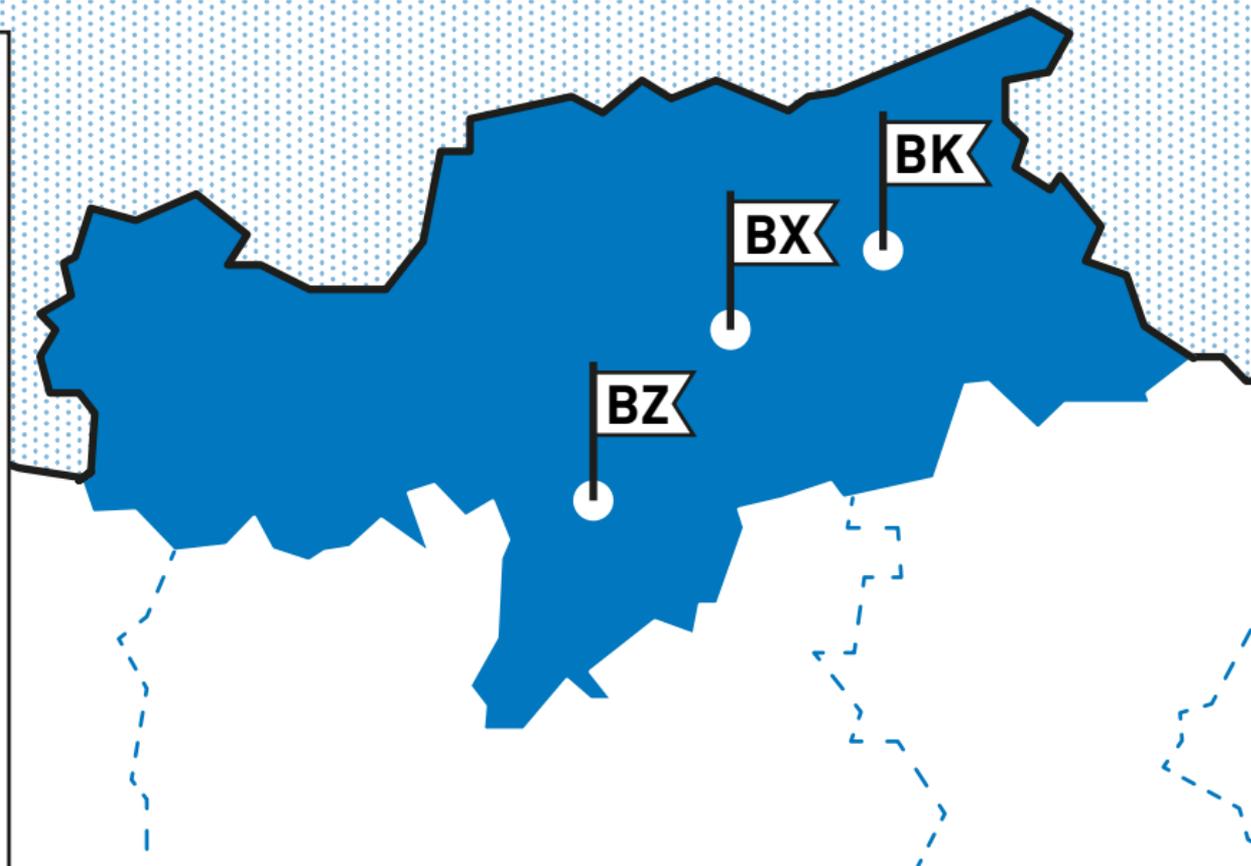
Regensburger Allee 16
Viale Ratisbona, 16
Faculty: Education

Bruneck-Brunico

Universitätsplatz 1
P.tta dell'Università, 1

Study Programmes:

- Tourism, Sport and Event Management
- Tourism Management



INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL RANKINGS



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In 2023, for the seventh year in a row, we ranked **first among the small non-state universities**, and also achieved the highest average score.

World University Rankings

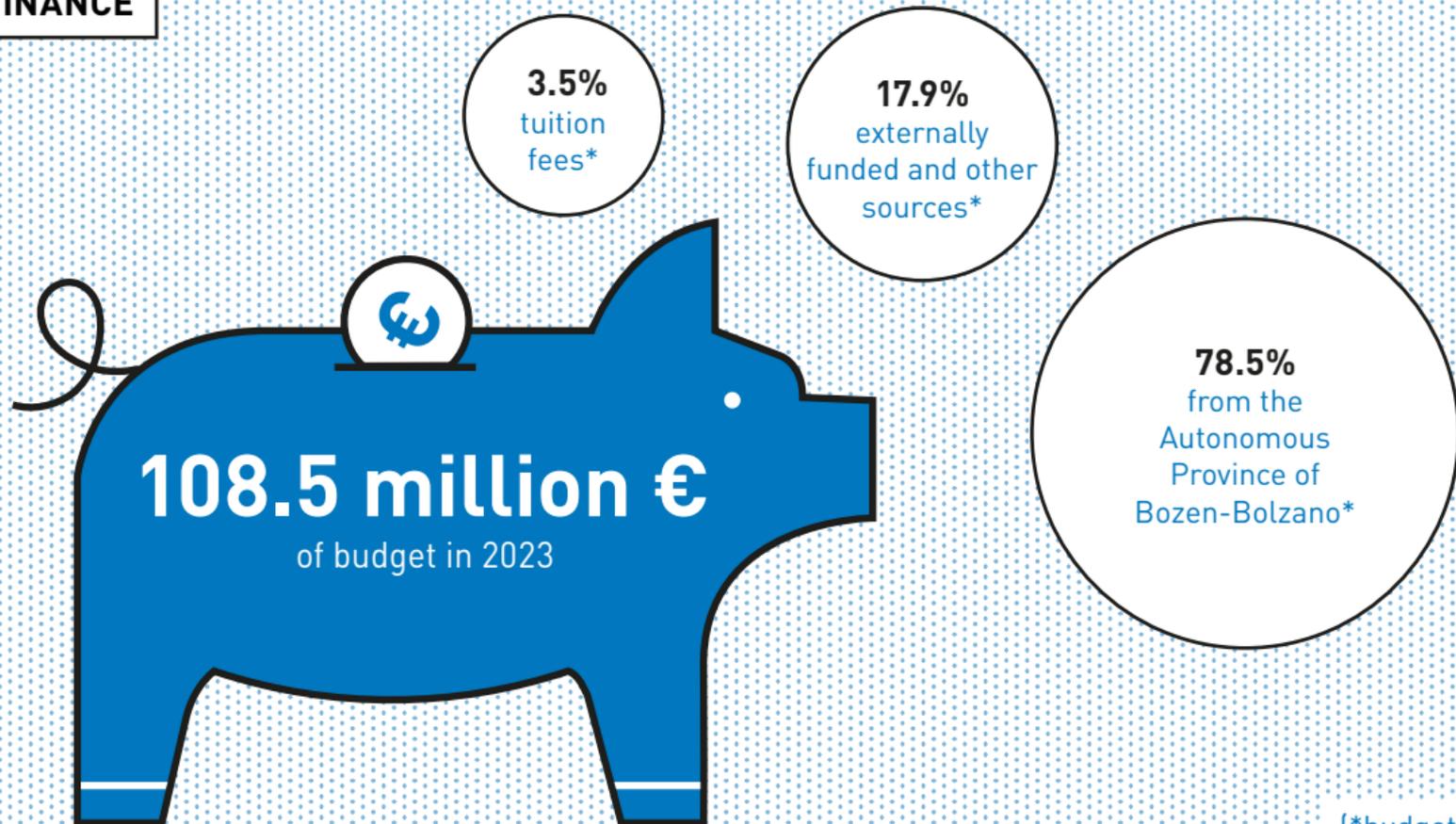
The 2023 *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings placed unibz in the **401–500 range out of nearly 1,799 institutions worldwide**. Our strongest areas were "Citations" with a score of 83.3, placing us in the top 300, and "International Outlook" with a score of 74.2, also in the top 300. In Italy, we are ranked 19th out of the 56 universities included in the ranking. In the Small University Rankings 2023, we are ranked 21st.



QS World University Rankings

In 2023, unibz entered the QS World University Rankings again, securing a position in the **641–650 range out of the 5,000 universities** surveyed. It ranks among the top 220 in the metric "International Faculty Ratio".

FINANCE



(*budget 2023)

RESEARCH

7.6 million €

total internal budget of
current research projects

15.7 million € external
funding in 2022 of which

9.6 million € from the
National Recovery and
Resilience Plan (PNRR)

66% of contracts
with third parties are
with local companies
or organizations

281 current research
projects,
out of those

14 European

28 international

40 national

25 regional

58 research contracts

116 internal

1,699 research projects
completed,
out of those

74 European

40 international

64 national

80 regional

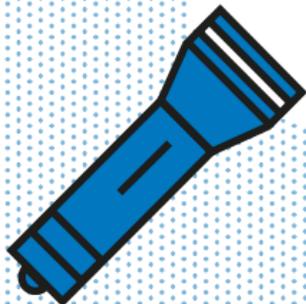
466 research contracts

975 internal

279 contract researchers,
of whom

148 research assistants

100 are from abroad



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

172 Erasmus+ agreements

6 International Programmes with double or joint degrees

5 Swiss-European Mobility Programme agreements

88 Student nationalities

622 Exchange places at other universities

35 Bilateral agreements with non-EU and Italian universities

1 Erasmus Mundus Partnership

622 Exchange places for international students at unibz

1 Euregio agreement between the universities of Bozen-Bolzano, Innsbruck and Trento

GRADUATES – Data AlmaLaurea



78.7%

students graduate within the regular course duration (national average is 62.5%)



2.8

average months between graduation and first job (national average 3.2)



74.1%

of students do an internship (national average is 59.4%)



19.6%

of graduates have completed a semester abroad (national average 9%)

3.5 YEARS

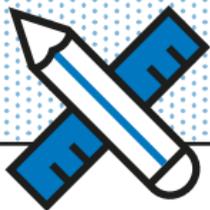
time needed to graduate (national average 3.9 years)

STUDENTS

TOT 4,374 students



15.8% students from abroad (national average 3.7%)



340

students at the
Faculty of Design
and Art



855

students at the
Faculty of Engineering



1,074

students at the
Faculty of Economics
and Management



1,667

students at the
Faculty of Education



383

students at the
Faculty of Agricultural,
Environmental and
Food Sciences



55

students at the
Studium Generale

TEACHING

5

faculties

8

Competence Centres

15

bachelors

18

masters, of which:
one European master

1

Studium Generale

9

PhD programmes

4

languages: English,
German, Italian and Ladin

1,252

internship agreements with
companies / institutions



PEOPLE



172 tenured professors
and researchers

654 contract
professors

51 years is the average
age of tenured
academic staff

28% tenured professors
and researchers of
international origin



316 administration and
technical staff

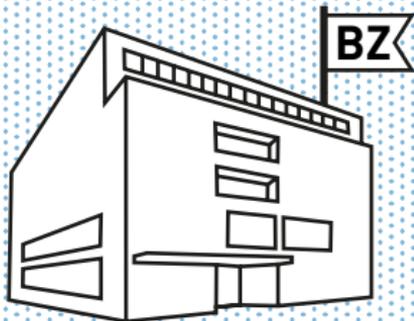
30% part-time

32.5% women **67.5%** men

62% women **38%** men

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND FOOD SCIENCES

Campus Bozen-Bolzano
383 students



Bachelor:

- Agricultural, Food and Mountain Environmental Sciences
- Enogastronomy in Mountain Areas

Master:

- Environmental Management of Mountain Areas
- Food Sciences for Innovation and Authenticity
- Horticultural Science
- Viticulture, Enology and Wine Marketing

PhD programme:

- Food Engineering and Biotechnology
- Mountain Environment and Agriculture

Research projects:

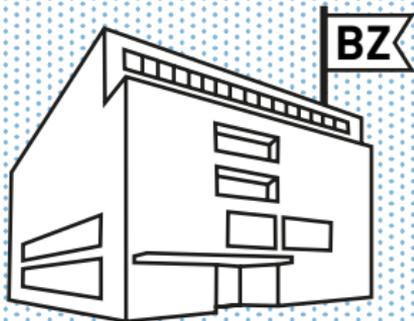
The total value of the projects amounts to 9.2 million € (of which 90% is externally financed) plus 9.6 million € financed by the PNRR (National Recovery and Resilience Plan).

Research areas:

Agricultural Sciences; Analysis and Management of Mountain Ecosystems; Food Sciences.

FACULTY OF DESIGN AND ART

Campus Bozen-Bolzano
340 students



Bachelor:

- Design and Art – Major in Art
- Design and Art – Major in Design

Master:

- Eco-Social Design

1st Level Master in:

- Design for Children: Objects, Spaces, Processes and Experiences

Workshops:

12 modern workshops for: Assembling Pool and Surface Treatment, Carpentry, Computer, Cutting and Binding, Digital Modelling, Materials and Technologies, Metal, Photography, Plastics, Print, Print-pool, Video. The workshops provide our students with optimal conditions for learning, experimenting, materialising and implementing their ideas.

BITZ unibz fablab, a digital modelling workshop open to all the

citizens. Currently, there are 857 members.

Research projects:

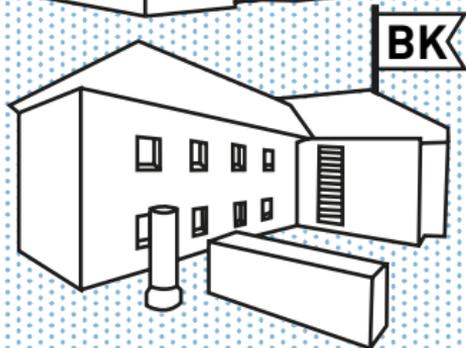
The total value of the projects amounts to 1.1 million € (of which 29% is externally financed).

Research areas:

Design and Art are fields of exploration. Research is inter- and trans-disciplinary across three clusters: **make** – exploring innovative approaches to the ideation of artefacts and spaces; **transform** – exploring design, art and social practices addressing political and eco-social issues; and **enable** – design and art competences, material culture, and human development.

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT

Campus Bozen-Bolzano
and Campus Bruneck-Brunico
1,074 students



Campus Bozen-Bolzano

Bachelor:

- Economics and Management
- Economics Politics and Ethics
- Informatics and Management of Digital Business

Master:

- Accounting and Finance
- Data Analytics for Economics and Management
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Public Policies and Administration

PhD programme:

- Economics and Finance
- Management

Campus Bruneck-Brunico

Bachelor:

- Tourism, Sport and Event Management

Master:

- Tourism Management

Research projects:

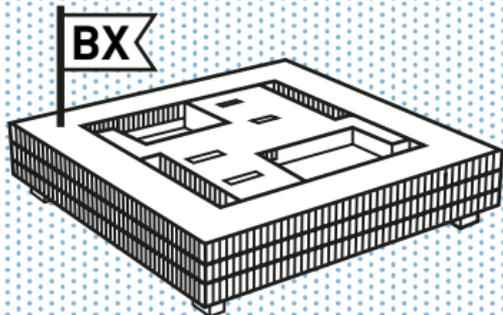
The total value of the projects amounts to 3.5 million € (of which 58% is externally financed).

Research areas:

Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Management; Tourism, Marketing and Regional Development; Financial Markets and Regulation; Law, Economics and Institutions; Quantitative Methods and Economic Modeling; Family Business Management Platform; Human dignity and Human Rights Platform (in collaboration with the Faculty of Education, the universities of Innsbruck, Salzburg and Trento, the Accademia di studi italo-tedeschi di Merano / Akademie deutsch-italienischer Studien Meran).

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Campus Brixen-Bressanone
1,667 students



Bachelor:

- Communication Sciences and Culture
- Social Education
- Social Work

Master:

- Applied Linguistics
- Innovation and Research for Social Work and Social Education
- Musicology

One-tier Master (5 years):

- Primary Education

PhD programme:

- Education and Social Sciences
- Linguistics

Lifelong learning:

- Specialisation course for the teaching of children with special educational needs
- Antropolad: Further-Education Course in Ladin Language and in Culture and Alpine Anthropology
- Training Course – 24 ECTS

Research projects:

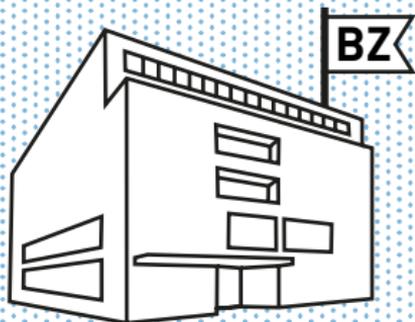
The total value of the projects amounts to 4.7 million € (of which 57% is externally financed).

Research areas:

Permanent Education – Processes and Projects of Education and Development with a Focus on South Tyrol; IN-IN Education: INnovative and INclusive Education; Psychology and Wellbeing Promotion in Educational Contexts; Languages and Multilingualism in South Tyrol; Aesthetic Experiences and Communication; Educational Contexts, Disciplines and their Teaching in the Nursery and Primary School; Socio Cultural Worlds: Institutions, Welfare, Social Professions, Environment and Population.

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

Campus Bozen-Bolzano
855 students



Bachelor:

- Computer Science
- Electronics and Cyber-Physical Systems Engineering
- Industrial and Mechanical Engineering
- Informatics and Management of Digital Business
- Wood Technology

Master:

- Computing for Data Science
- Master in Data Analytics for Economics and Management
- Energy Engineering
- Industrial Mechanical Engineering
- Software Engineering

1st Cycle Master:

- Fire Safety Engineering

2nd Cycle Master:

- Sustainable Management of Geo-hydrological Risk in Mountain Area

PhD programme:

- Advanced-Systems Engineering

- Computer Science
- Sustainable Energy and Technologies

Research projects:

The total value of the projects amounts to 8.4 million € (of which 72% is externally financed).

Research areas:

Automation, artificial intelligence, information technology, electronics, energy, mechanics, production and sustainability, security.

LIBRARY

312,138

books and audio-
visual media

590,736

e-books

121,822

e-journals and
e-resources

382

e-collections

1,109,482

downloads

250,370

library visits

258

hours teaching and
consulting activities

934

seats

3

campus libraries

141

titles in the bu,press
catalogue

LANGUAGE CENTRE



8 Language courses in English, German, Italian, French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Arabic

192

language courses

3,056

participants

8,724

hours of teaching

3

international certificates

4,056

language exams

- Pre-sessional courses
- International Language Certificate preparation courses
- One-to-one language advising
- Courses for admin and academic staff
- Courses for beginners up to level C1

SERVICES



Recognition procedures for foreign qualifications in 2022	526
PCs and Macs available for students	367
Cloudbooks for mobile classrooms and for personal loan of IT services in the cloud	90%
Local grants awarded to students in 2022	833
Year of the ISO27001 certification	2013
Year of the ISO9001 certification	2015
Student associations	6
Laboratories, technical and design workshops	45
BITZ unibz fablab	1

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER



2	spin-off at NOI Techpark
8	unibz trademarks (5 granted, 3 filed)
27	patents (26 granted by unibz researchers, 1 filed by unibz)
13	laboratories in 6 research areas (9 active and 4 in planning): 3 Green Labs 3 Food Labs 2 Digital Labs 4 Automotive / Automation Lab 1 Centre for Family Business Management



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