

**Results of the Pilot Study for a Research Rating in Sociology:
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Preface

This document summarizes the results of the pilot study for a research rating of sociological research at German universities and public research organizations. The complete results and further explanations on procedure, method and database have been published in the report "Forschungsleistungen deutscher Universitäten und außeruniversitärer Forschungseinrichtungen in der Soziologie. Ergebnisse der Pilotstudie Forschungsrating" which can be accessed through the secretariat of the German Science and Humanities Council or downloaded at www.wissenschaftsrat.de/pilot_start.htm.

Summary¹

The German Science and Humanities Council has assigned a steering group to conduct a pilot study for a research rating, assessing the German research performance in chemistry and sociology. The procedure tested in this pilot study was initially recommended by the Science Council in 2004.²

In the course of the pilot study in sociology, the research performance of 57 universities and non-university institutions was assessed through an “informed peer review”. The results of this assessment process are not simply generated from quantitative data, but convey the judgement of an expert group, based on publications and various quantitative as well as qualitative indicators supplemented by background information on each institution. This approach constitutes the methodological strength of the pilot study, its ability to adequately appreciate innovative and highly specialized accomplishments which may not be reflected in bibliometric data alone. The review covers three different dimensions: research, promotion of young researchers, and knowledge transfer. These dimensions were further structured by six assessment criteria, which were evaluated independently: research quality, impact, efficiency, promotion of young researchers, knowledge transfer, and public understanding of science. Chapter A.II. of the complete report contains a detailed account of the data assigned to the respective criteria. Specific methodological issues brought up by the pilot study concerning the individual criteria are also discussed in this context. The grades according to individual criteria are not added up to an overall score, nor are they transformed into a ranking. Instead, the chosen assessment mode makes it possible to obtain a differentiated profile for each institution, displaying the strengths and weaknesses of each institution’s performance in separate dimensions of research achievement. Thus, the institution’s individual profile must always be interpreted with each institution’s specific mission in mind.

Due to a resolution of the steering group, the assessment according to the criterion research quality differentiates between single “research units”. The individual units

¹ Complete report: „Forschungsleistungen deutscher Universitäten und außeruniversitärer Forschungseinrichtungen in der Soziologie. Ergebnisse der Pilotstudie Forschungsrating“, Steuerungsgruppe Pilotstudie Forschungsrating im Auftrag des Wissenschaftsrats, Berlin 18.04.2008.

² Wissenschaftsrat: Empfehlungen zu Rankings im Wissenschaftssystem. Teil 1: Forschung. in: Empfehlungen und Stellungnahmen 2004, Köln 2005, S. 159-220.

have been defined by the universities and non-university-institutions themselves. The tables only show the range and the total number of the institutions' research units.

When interpreting the research rating's results the study's pilot character must be considered. If external factors, e.g. difficulties in the definition of research units, have had an influence on the assessment, this is disclosed in commentaries added individually to each institution's results overview. Still, the comprehensive database as well as the chosen assessment procedure of "informed peer review" have great advantages compared to alternative modes, such as an indicator-based analysis or a ranking based purely on a reputational survey. Therefore it can be concluded, that the pilot study in sociology allows a rather profound and differentiated insight into the performance of sociological research in Germany.

University research in sociology proves to be highly differentiated. Great differences in the performance of sociological research can currently be seen not only between individual German universities and non-university institutions, but also within the institutions. Only few institutions have been consistently assessed positively or negatively by all six criteria. The sociological research is predominantly organized in small scale units. While a pronounced multi-disciplinarity can be stated, the international impact of German sociological research is still limited. The publication culture still has a markedly national orientation and heterogeneous quality standards. The fact that the promotion of young researchers increasingly takes place in structured graduate programmes is to be welcomed. Finally, the relevance of sociological research becomes apparent in extensive activities of knowledge transfer and the promotion of public understanding of science.

The research capacity of non-university sociological research in Germany was only covered partially, due to the fact that only non-university institutions jointly financed by both the federal government and the federal states have participated, excluding privately financed institutions or institutions financed only by federal states (with the exception of associated institutes).

In the opinion of the expert group, a repetition of the research assessment in a few years, giving the opportunity to clearly document trends, would substantially increase

the study's usefulness, provided that certain conditions are met.³ The assessments presented here should not be considered definitive judgements, even though they do offer profound decision support. The allocation of federal resources should therefore not be directly linked to a momentary assessment.

³ These conditions are named in the expert group's final report, which was published by the German Science and Humanities Council together with the steering group's final recommendations concerning the future of the research assessment, in May 2008. The report can be ordered at the Head Office of the German Council of Science and Humanities (post@wissenschaftsrat.de).

Annotations

Each institution was assessed by six criteria, shown in the individual columns of the attached tables. With two exceptions, the assessment was performed on a five-step scale: excellent – very good – good – satisfactory – unsatisfactory.

Each assessment is based on the institution's accomplishments of the years 2001 to 2005. Further explanation of the database can be found in the complete report of the pilot study's steering group.

The tables display the results in six different arrangements. The first table is arranged alphabetically by the institution's location, universities first, followed by non-university institutions, grouped by their respective supporting organization. The following tables are – with the exception of the criterion research quality – arranged according to the different criteria of the research rating. Institutions with identical scores in respective criteria are grouped and sorted alphabetically. Since the criterion research quality was assessed on the level of research units and not on the level of institutions, the results are not sorted by this criterion.

Research quality

Originality and scientific relevance of research performance, as well as adequacy of methods.

The assessment of research quality took place on the level of "research units", usually professorships including associated researchers or research centres of the institution. The tables depict the range from the lowest to the highest assigned score and the total number of research units of each institution. Further information on the variance of the research units is indicated in the complete report "Forschungsleistungen deutscher Universitäten und außeruniversitärer Einrichtungen in der Soziologie".

Research quality is defined as not size-dependent, i.e., even small units may achieve high grades for their performance in research quality.

Impact

Contribution to the development of science, within the field of sociology and beyond.

The assessment of this criterion is based on absolute indicators of scientific impact, which usually increase corresponding with the number of researchers responsible for the overall performance. Therefore, larger institutions are more likely to perform well by this criterion.

Efficiency

Contribution to the development of science, within the field of sociology and beyond, related to the employment of staff.

For the assessment of efficiency, the indicators applied for the criterion “impact” are divided by the number of scientific staff (f.t.e.) in order to compare which institutions achieve a particularly high impact in relation to available resources. The opportunity to perform well by this criterion is independent of an institution’s size.

Promotion of young researchers

Measures and accomplishments in the promotion of young researchers.

This criterion refers to the promotion of young researchers after their doctoral studies, it does not refer to basic teaching. Due to the available data, mainly academic careers of young researchers are considered.

Knowledge Transfer

Contributions to the implementation of research results in industry, politics, administration, organizations etc. through application and consultation.

In the field of sociology, this criterion mainly refers to service, such as consulting service. Since only one quantitative indicator could be collected and the institutions’ own statements were difficult to compare, the performance in this area was merely assessed according to a three step scale: “average“, “above average“, and “below average“.

Public understanding of science

Communication of research based information to non-professionals, to organizations without own research activity and to the wider public.

Due to the lack of quantitative data and the fact that the institutions' statements were difficult to compare, the activities in this area were only assessed according to a three step scale: "average", "above average", and "below average".

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Institution	Research quality (range and number of research units)		Impact	Efficiency	Promotion of young researchers	Knowledge transfer	Public understanding of science
Technische Hochschule Aachen	●●●	1 RU	●●	●●●	●●●●	-	-
Universität Augsburg	●● - ●●●	4 RU	●●●	●●●●	●●	∅	-
Universität Bamberg	● - ●●●●●	8 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	+	+
Universität Bayreuth	●● - ●●●	3 RU	●	●●	●●	-	∅
Freie Universität Berlin	●● - ●●●●●	8 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●●●	∅	∅
Humboldt-Universität Berlin	●● - ●●●●	9 RU	●●●●●	●●●●	●●●●●	+	∅
Technische Universität Berlin	●● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	-	∅
Universität Bielefeld	●● - ●●●●	10 RU	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	+	+
Universität Bochum	●● - ●●●●	7 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●●	+	+
Universität Bonn	●●●	1 RU	●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Bremen	●● - ●●●●	4 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●●●	∅	∅
Jacobs University Bremen	● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●●●		∅	-
Technische Universität Chemnitz	●● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	-
Technische Universität Darmstadt	●● - ●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Dortmund	● - ●●●	8 RU	●●●	●●	●●●●	+	∅
Technische Universität Dresden	● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Duisburg-Essen	● - ●●●	10 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	+	+
Universität Düsseldorf	●●●●	2 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●	∅	-
Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt	● - ●●●●	3 RU	●●	●●●	●●	-	-
Universität Erfurt	●●● - ●●●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●●	●●●	-	-
Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (Erlangen)	●●●	1 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Frankfurt a.M.	● - ●●●●	10 RU	●●●●	●●	●●●●	∅	∅
Universität Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder)	●●●●	1 RU	●●	●●●●	●●●	-	-
Universität Freiburg	●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	+	∅
Universität Gießen	●● - ●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	+
Universität Göttingen	●●● - ●●●●	4 RU	●●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	+	∅

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FernUniversität Hagen	●●	- ●●●●	6 RU	●●	●●	●	-	-
Universität Halle-Wittenberg	●	- ●●●	10 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●●	+	+
Universität Hamburg	●●	- ●●●	4 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität der Bundeswehr Hamburg	●●	- ●●●●	3 RU	●	●	●	-	∅
Universität Hannover	●●●		1 RU	●●	●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Heidelberg	●●	- ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	-	-
Universität Jena	●●	- ●●●●	6 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●	+	+
Universität Kassel	●	- ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Kiel	●	- ●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Köln	●●	- ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Deutsche Sporthochschule Köln	●●●		2 RU	●●	●●	●●	+	-
Universität Konstanz	●●●	- ●●●●●	5 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●	-	-
Universität Leipzig	●●	- ●●●●	8 RU					
Universität Magdeburg	●●	- ●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Mainz	●●	- ●●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●	+	+
Universität Mannheim	●●●●●		1 RU	●●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	-	-
Universität Marburg	●	- ●●●	7 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität München	●●●●	- ●●●●●	6 RU	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	-	∅
Universität der Bundeswehr München	●●●	- ●●●●	3 RU	●●	●●	●●	-	-
Universität Münster	●●●		1 RU					
Universität Osnabrück	●	- ●●●	7 RU	●	●●	●●	+	-
Universität Potsdam	●●	- ●●●	4 RU	●	●	●	-	-
Universität Rostock	●●	- ●●●●	3 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	+
Universität Siegen	●	- ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●	-	∅
Universität Stuttgart	●●●		2 RU	●●	●●	●●●	+	-
Universität Trier	●	- ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●	●●●	+	-

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Institution	Research quality (range and number of research units)	Impact	Efficiency	Promotion of young researchers	Knowledge transfer	Public understanding of science
Universität Tübingen	● - ●●●● 5 RU	●●	●●●	●●●	∅	-
Universität Wuppertal	●●● 1 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
SOEP am DIW	●●●●● 1 RU	●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	+	+
Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung	●●● - ●●●● 2 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	+
Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Köln	●●●●● 1 RU	●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	∅	+

Legende	
●●●●●	5 excellent
●●●●	4 very good
●●●	3 good
●●	2 satisfactory
●	1 unsatisfactory
+	above average
∅	average
-	below average
■	not rateable
RU	research units

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Humboldt-Universität Berlin	●●	- ●●●●	9 RU ●●●●●	●●●●	●●●●●	+	∅
Universität Bielefeld	●●	- ●●●●	10 RU ●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	+	+
Universität Göttingen	●●●	- ●●●●	4 RU ●●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	+	∅
Universität Mannheim	●●●●●		1 RU ●●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	-	-
Universität München	●●●●	- ●●●●●	6 RU ●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	-	∅
Universität Bamberg	●	- ●●●●●	8 RU ●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	+	+
Freie Universität Berlin	●●	- ●●●●●	8 RU ●●●●	●●●	●●●●	∅	∅
Universität Bremen	●●	- ●●●●	4 RU ●●●●	●●●●	●●●●●	∅	∅
Universität Düsseldorf	●●●●		2 RU ●●●●	●●●●	●●●	∅	-
Universität Frankfurt a.M.	●	- ●●●●	10 RU ●●●●	●●	●●●●	∅	∅
Universität Halle-Wittenberg	●	- ●●●	10 RU ●●●●	●●●	●●●	+	+
Universität Hamburg	●●	- ●●●	4 RU ●●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Jena	●●	- ●●●●	6 RU ●●●●	●●●●	●●	+	+
Universität Konstanz	●●●	- ●●●●●	5 RU ●●●●	●●●	●●	-	-
SOEP am DIW	●●●●●		1 RU ●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	+	+
Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Köln	●●●●●		1 RU ●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	∅	+
Universität Augsburg	●●	- ●●●	4 RU ●●●	●●●●	●●	∅	-
Technische Universität Berlin	●●	- ●●●●	5 RU ●●●	●●●	●●	-	∅
Universität Bochum	●●	- ●●●●	7 RU ●●●	●●●	●●●●	+	+
Jacobs University Bremen	●	- ●●●●	5 RU ●●●	●●●●●		∅	-
Technische Universität Chemnitz	●●	- ●●●●	5 RU ●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	-
Technische Universität Darmstadt	●●	- ●●●	2 RU ●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Dortmund	●	- ●●●	8 RU ●●●	●●	●●●●	+	∅
Technische Universität Dresden	●	- ●●●●	5 RU ●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Duisburg-Essen	●	- ●●●	10 RU ●●●	●●●	●●●	+	+

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Universität Erfurt	●●● - ●●●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●●	●●●	-	-
Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (Erlangen)	●●●	1 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Freiburg	●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	+	∅
Universität Gießen	●● - ●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	+
Universität Heidelberg	●● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	-	-
Universität Kassel	● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Köln	●● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Marburg	● - ●●●	7 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Rostock	●● - ●●●●	3 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	+
Universität Siegen	● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●	-	∅
Universität Trier	● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●	●●●	+	-
Universität Wuppertal	●●●	1 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung	●●● - ●●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	+
Technische Hochschule Aachen	●●●	1 RU	●●	●●●	●●●●	-	-
Universität Bonn	●●●	1 RU	●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt	● - ●●●●	3 RU	●●	●●●	●●	-	-
Universität Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder)	●●●●	1 RU	●●	●●●●	●●●	-	-
FernUniversität Hagen	●● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●	●●	●	-	-
Universität Hannover	●●●	1 RU	●●	●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Kiel	● - ●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●	∅	∅
Deutsche Sporthochschule Köln	●●●	2 RU	●●	●●	●●	+	-
Universität Magdeburg	●● - ●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Mainz	●● - ●●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●	+	+
Universität der Bundeswehr München	●●● - ●●●●	3 RU	●●	●●	●●	-	-
Universität Stuttgart	●●●	2 RU	●●	●●	●●●	+	-
Universität Tübingen	● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●	●●●	●●●	∅	-
Universität Bayreuth	●● - ●●●	3 RU	●	●●	●●	-	∅

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Universität Osnabrück	●	- ●●●	7 RU	●	●●	●●	+	-
Universität Potsdam	●●	- ●●●	4 RU	●	●	●	-	-
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Universität München	●●●● - ●●●●●	6 RU	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	-	∅
SOEP am DIW	●●●●●	1 RU	●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	+	+
Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Köln	●●●●●	1 RU	●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	∅	+
Universität Augsburg	●● - ●●●	4 RU	●●●	●●●●	●●	∅	-
Universität Bamberg	● - ●●●●●	8 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	+	+
Humboldt-Universität Berlin	●● - ●●●●	9 RU	●●●●●	●●●●	●●●●●	+	∅
Universität Bremen	●● - ●●●●	4 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●●●	∅	∅
Universität Düsseldorf	●●●●	2 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●	∅	-
Universität Erfurt	●●● - ●●●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●●	●●●	-	-
Universität Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder)	●●●●	1 RU	●●	●●●●	●●●	-	-
Universität Göttingen	●●● - ●●●●	4 RU	●●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	+	∅
Universität Jena	●● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●	+	+
Universität Mannheim	●●●●●	1 RU	●●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	-	-
Technische Hochschule Aachen	●●●	1 RU	●●	●●●	●●●●	-	-
Freie Universität Berlin	●● - ●●●●●	8 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●●●	∅	∅
Technische Universität Berlin	●● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	-	∅
Universität Bielefeld	●● - ●●●●	10 RU	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	+	+
Universität Bochum	●● - ●●●●	7 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●●	+	+
Universität Bonn	●●●	1 RU	●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Technische Universität Chemnitz	●● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	-
Technische Universität Darmstadt	●● - ●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Technische Universität Dresden	● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Duisburg-Essen	● - ●●●	10 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	+	+
Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt	● - ●●●●	3 RU	●●	●●●	●●	-	-

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Universität Gießen	●● - ●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	+
Universität Halle-Wittenberg	● - ●●●	10 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●●	+	+
Universität Hamburg	●● - ●●●	4 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Heidelberg	●● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	-	-
Universität Kassel	● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Köln	●● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Konstanz	●●● - ●●●●●	5 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●	-	-
Universität Marburg	● - ●●●	7 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Rostock	●● - ●●●●	3 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	+
Universität Siegen	● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●	-	∅
Universität Tübingen	● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●	●●●	●●●	∅	-
Universität Wuppertal	●●●	1 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung	●●● - ●●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	+
Universität Bayreuth	●● - ●●●	3 RU	●	●●	●●	-	∅
Universität Dortmund	● - ●●●	8 RU	●●●	●●	●●●●	+	∅
Universität Frankfurt a.M.	● - ●●●●	10 RU	●●●●	●●	●●●●	∅	∅
FernUniversität Hagen	●● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●	●●	●	-	-
Universität Kiel	● - ●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●	∅	∅
Deutsche Sporthochschule Köln	●●●	2 RU	●●	●●	●●	+	-
Universität Magdeburg	●● - ●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Mainz	●● - ●●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●	+	+
Universität der Bundeswehr München	●●● - ●●●●	3 RU	●●	●●	●●	-	-
Universität Osnabrück	● - ●●●	7 RU	●	●●	●●	+	-
Universität Stuttgart	●●●	2 RU	●●	●●	●●●	+	-
Universität Trier	● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●	●●●	+	-

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Institution	Research quality (range and number of research units)		Impact	Efficiency	Promotion of young researchers	Knowledge transfer	Public understanding of science	
Universität der Bundeswehr Hamburg	●●	- ●●●●	3 RU	●	●	●	-	∅
Universität Hannover		●●●	1 RU	●●	●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Potsdam	●●	- ●●●	4 RU	●	●	●	-	-
Universität Leipzig	●●	- ●●●●	8 RU					
Universität Münster		●●●	1 RU					

Legende	
●●●●●	5 excellent
●●●●	4 very good
●●●	3 good
●●	2 satisfactory
●	1 unsatisfactory
+	above average
∅	average
-	below average
	not rateable
RU	research units

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Institution	Research quality (range and number of research units)		Impact	Efficiency	Promotion of young researchers	Knowledge transfer	Public understanding of science	
Humboldt-Universität Berlin	●●	- ●●●●	9 RU	●●●●●	●●●●	●●●●●	+	∅
Universität Bielefeld	●●	- ●●●●	10 RU	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	+	+
Universität Bremen	●●	- ●●●●	4 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●●●	∅	∅
Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Köln	●●●●●		1 RU	●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	∅	+
Technische Hochschule Aachen	●●●		1 RU	●●	●●●	●●●●	-	-
Universität Bamberg	●	- ●●●●●	8 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	+	+
Freie Universität Berlin	●●	- ●●●●●	8 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●●●	∅	∅
Universität Bochum	●●	- ●●●●	7 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●●	+	+
Universität Dortmund	●	- ●●●	8 RU	●●●	●●	●●●●	+	∅
Universität Frankfurt a.M.	●	- ●●●●	10 RU	●●●●	●●	●●●●	∅	∅
Universität Göttingen	●●●	- ●●●●	4 RU	●●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	+	∅
Universität Mannheim	●●●●●		1 RU	●●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	-	-
Technische Universität Chemnitz	●●	- ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	-
Technische Universität Darmstadt	●●	- ●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Technische Universität Dresden	●	- ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Duisburg-Essen	●	- ●●●	10 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	+	+
Universität Düsseldorf	●●●●		2 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●	∅	-
Universität Erfurt	●●●	- ●●●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●●	●●●	-	-
Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (Erlangen)	●●●		1 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder)	●●●●		1 RU	●●	●●●●	●●●	-	-
Universität Freiburg	●●●		2 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	+	∅
Universität Gießen	●●	- ●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	+
Universität Halle-Wittenberg	●	- ●●●	10 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●●	+	+
Universität Hamburg	●●	- ●●●	4 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Heidelberg	●●	- ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	-	-
Universität Magdeburg	●●	- ●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●●	∅	∅

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Institution	Research quality (range and number of research units)		Impact	Efficiency	Promotion of young researchers	Knowledge transfer	Public understanding of science
Universität Marburg	● - ●●●	7 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität München	●●●● - ●●●●●	6 RU	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	-	∅
Universität Stuttgart	●●●	2 RU	●●	●●	●●●	+	-
Universität Trier	● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●	●●●	+	-
Universität Tübingen	● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●	●●●	●●●	∅	-
SOEP am DIW	●●●●●	1 RU	●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	+	+
Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung	●●● - ●●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	+
Universität Augsburg	●● - ●●●	4 RU	●●●	●●●●	●●	∅	-
Universität Bayreuth	●● - ●●●	3 RU	●	●●	●●	-	∅
Technische Universität Berlin	●● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	-	∅
Universität Bonn	●●●	1 RU	●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt	● - ●●●●	3 RU	●●	●●●	●●	-	-
Universität Hannover	●●●	1 RU	●●	●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Jena	●● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●	+	+
Universität Kassel	● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Kiel	● - ●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Köln	●● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Deutsche Sporthochschule Köln	●●●	2 RU	●●	●●	●●	+	-
Universität Konstanz	●●● - ●●●●●	5 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●	-	-
Universität Mainz	●● - ●●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●	+	+
Universität der Bundeswehr München	●●● - ●●●●	3 RU	●●	●●	●●	-	-
Universität Osnabrück	● - ●●●	7 RU	●	●●	●●	+	-
Universität Rostock	●● - ●●●●	3 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	+
Universität Wuppertal	●●●	1 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
FernUniversität Hagen	●● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●	●●	●	-	-
Universität der Bundeswehr Hamburg	●● - ●●●●	3 RU	●	●	●	-	∅

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Institution	Research quality (range and number of research units)		Impact	Efficiency	Promotion of young researchers	Knowledge transfer	Public understanding of science	
Universität Potsdam	●●	- ●●●	4 RU	●	●	●	-	-
Universität Siegen	●	- ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●	-	∅
Jacobs University Bremen	●	- ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●●●		∅	-
Universität Leipzig	●●	- ●●●●	8 RU					
Universität Münster		●●●	1 RU					

Legende	
●●●●●	5 excellent
●●●●	4 very good
●●●	3 good
●●	2 satisfactory
●	1 unsatisfactory
+	above average
∅	average
-	below average
	not rateable
RU	research units

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Institution	Research quality (range and number of research units)		Impact	Efficiency	Promotion of young researchers	Knowledge transfer	Public understanding of science
Universität Bamberg	● - ●●●●	8 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	+	+
Humboldt-Universität Berlin	●● - ●●●●	9 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	+	∅
Universität Bielefeld	●● - ●●●●	10 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●●●	+	-
Universität Bochum	●● - ●●●●	7 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●●	+	+
Universität Dortmund	● - ●●●	8 RU	●●●	●●	●●●●	+	∅
Universität Duisburg-Essen	● - ●●●	10 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	+	∅
Universität Freiburg	●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	+	∅
Universität Göttingen	●●● - ●●●●	4 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	+	-
Universität Halle-Wittenberg	● - ●●●	10 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●●	+	+
Universität Jena	●● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●	+	∅
Deutsche Sporthochschule Köln	●●●	2 RU	●●	●●	●●	+	∅
Universität Mainz	●● - ●●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●	+	∅
Universität Osnabrück	● - ●●●	7 RU	●	●●	●●	+	-
Universität Stuttgart	●●●	2 RU	●●	●●	●●●	+	-
Universität Trier	● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●	●●●	+	
SOEP am DIW	●●●●●	1 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●	+	∅
Universität Augsburg	●● - ●●●	4 RU	●●●	●●●●	●●	∅	-
Freie Universität Berlin	●● - ●●●●	8 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●●●	∅	-
Universität Bonn	●●●	1 RU	●●	●●●	●●	∅	+
Universität Bremen	●● - ●●●●	4 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	∅	∅
Jacobs University Bremen	● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●●		∅	∅
Technische Universität Chemnitz	●● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Technische Universität Darmstadt	●● - ●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Technische Universität Dresden	● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	+
Universität Düsseldorf	●●●●	2 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●	∅	+
Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (Erlangen)	●●●	1 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅

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Universität Frankfurt a.M.	● - ●●●●	10 RU	●●●●	●●	●●●●	∅	∅
Universität Gießen	●● - ●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	-
Universität Hamburg	●● - ●●●	4 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	-
Universität Hannover	●●●	1 RU	●●	●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Kassel	● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Kiel	● - ●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Köln	●● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	+
Universität Magdeburg	●● - ●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●●	∅	-
Universität Marburg	● - ●●●	7 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	-
Universität Rostock	●● - ●●●●	3 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	-
Universität Tübingen	● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Wuppertal	●●●	1 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung	●●● - ●●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	-
Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Köln	●●●●●	1 RU	●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	∅	∅
Technische Hochschule Aachen	●●●	1 RU	●●	●●●	●●●●	-	+
Universität Bayreuth	●● - ●●●	3 RU	●	●●	●●	-	-
Technische Universität Berlin	●● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	-	∅
Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt	● - ●●●●	3 RU	●●	●●●	●●	-	∅
Universität Erfurt	●●● - ●●●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●●	●●●	-	-
Universität Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder)	●●●●	1 RU	●●	●●●●	●●●	-	
FernUniversität Hagen	●● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●	●●	●	-	-
Universität der Bundeswehr Hamburg	●● - ●●●●	3 RU	●	●	●	-	-
Universität Heidelberg	●● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	-	+
Universität Konstanz	●●● - ●●●●●	5 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●	-	∅
Universität Mannheim	●●●●●	1 RU	●●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	-	-
Universität München	●●●● - ●●●●●	6 RU	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	-	-

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Institution	Research quality (range and number of research units)		Impact	Efficiency	Promotion of young researchers	Knowledge transfer	Public understanding of science
Universität der Bundeswehr München	●●● - ●●●●	3 RU	●●	●●	●●	-	-
Universität Potsdam	●● - ●●●	4 RU	●	●	●	-	∅
Universität Siegen	● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●	-	+
Universität Leipzig	●● - ●●●●	8 RU					+
Universität Münster	●●●	1 RU					+

Legende	
●●●●●	5 excellent
●●●●	4 very good
●●●	3 good
●●	2 satisfactory
●	1 unsatisfactory
+	above average
∅	average
-	below average
	not rateable
RU	research units

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Institution	Research quality (range and number of research units)		Impact	Efficiency	Promotion of young researchers	Knowledge transfer	Public understanding of science
Universität Bamberg	● - ●●●●	8 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	+	+
Universität Bielefeld	●● - ●●●●	10 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	+	+
Universität Bochum	●● - ●●●●	7 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●●	+	+
Universität Duisburg-Essen	● - ●●●	10 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	+	+
Universität Gießen	●● - ●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	+
Universität Halle-Wittenberg	● - ●●●	10 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●●	+	+
Universität Jena	●● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●	+	+
Universität Mainz	●● - ●●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●	+	+
Universität Rostock	●● - ●●●●	3 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	+
SOEP am DIW	●●●●●	1 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●	+	+
Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung	●●● - ●●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	+
Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Köln	●●●●●	1 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●●●	∅	+
Universität Bayreuth	●● - ●●●	3 RU	●	●●	●●	-	∅
Freie Universität Berlin	●● - ●●●●●	8 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●●●	∅	∅
Humboldt-Universität Berlin	●● - ●●●●	9 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	+	∅
Technische Universität Berlin	●● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	-	∅
Universität Bonn	●●●	1 RU	●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Bremen	●● - ●●●●	4 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	∅	∅
Technische Universität Darmstadt	●● - ●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Dortmund	● - ●●●	8 RU	●●●	●●	●●●●	+	∅
Technische Universität Dresden	● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (Erlangen)	●●●	1 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Frankfurt a.M.	● - ●●●●	10 RU	●●●●	●●	●●●●	∅	∅
Universität Freiburg	●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	+	∅
Universität Göttingen	●●● - ●●●●	4 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	+	∅
Universität Hamburg	●● - ●●●	4 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅

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Universität der Bundeswehr Hamburg	●●	- ●●●●	3 RU	●	●	●	-	∅
Universität Hannover		●●●	1 RU	●●	●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Kassel	●	- ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Kiel	●	- ●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Köln	●●	- ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Universität Magdeburg	●●	- ●●●	4 RU	●●	●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität Marburg	●	- ●●●	7 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	∅
Universität München	●●●●	- ●●●●●	6 RU	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	-	∅
Universität Siegen	●	- ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●	-	∅
Universität Wuppertal		●●●	1 RU	●●●	●●●	●●	∅	∅
Technische Hochschule Aachen		●●●	1 RU	●●	●●●	●●●●	-	-
Universität Augsburg	●●	- ●●●	4 RU	●●●	●●●●	●●	∅	-
Jacobs University Bremen	●	- ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●●●		∅	-
Technische Universität Chemnitz	●●	- ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	∅	-
Universität Düsseldorf		●●●●	2 RU	●●●●	●●●●	●●●	∅	-
Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt	●	- ●●●●	3 RU	●●	●●●	●●	-	-
Universität Erfurt	●●●	- ●●●●●	2 RU	●●●	●●●●	●●●	-	-
Universität Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder)		●●●●	1 RU	●●	●●●●	●●●	-	-
FernUniversität Hagen	●●	- ●●●●	6 RU	●●	●●	●	-	-
Universität Heidelberg	●●	- ●●●●	5 RU	●●●	●●●	●●●	-	-
Deutsche Sporthochschule Köln		●●●	2 RU	●●	●●	●●	+	-
Universität Konstanz	●●●	- ●●●●●	5 RU	●●●●	●●●	●●	-	-
Universität Mannheim		●●●●●	1 RU	●●●●●	●●●●	●●●●	-	-
Universität der Bundeswehr München	●●●	- ●●●●	3 RU	●●	●●	●●	-	-
Universität Osnabrück	●	- ●●●	7 RU	●	●●	●●	+	-
Universität Potsdam	●●	- ●●●	4 RU	●	●	●	-	-

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Institution	Research quality (range and number of research units)		Impact	Efficiency	Promotion of young researchers	Knowledge transfer	Public understanding of science
Universität Stuttgart	●●●	2 RU	●●	●●	●●●	+	-
Universität Trier	● - ●●●●	6 RU	●●●	●●	●●●	+	-
Universität Tübingen	● - ●●●●	5 RU	●●	●●●	●●●	∅	-
Universität Leipzig	●● - ●●●●	8 RU					
Universität Münster	●●●	1 RU					

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●●●●●	5 excellent
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