

RWTH Aachen University

Division of Mineral Resources and Raw Materials Engineering – Facts, Figures and Study Opportunities



RWTH Aachen - The Big Picture in Figures





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- The state grant is 441.7 million € for the university without medicine and 120.6 million € for the faculty of medicine.
- The project funds are 403.7 million € for research and 83.0 million € for teaching.
- RWTH is the university in Germany with the most third party funds.
- Since 2010 the amount of third party funds for research increased by about 145 million €.



Students in Winter Semester 2020/21 - Overview



- Highest number of students in the history of RWTH: There has been an increase of nearly 15,000 students compared to ten years ago.
- Every tenth student at a (not-distance-learning) university in NRW studies at RWTH.
- Statistically spoken one in five inhabitants of Aachen is a student at RWTH.
- 34,470 of RWTH students are between 20 and 29 years old. This is equivalent to 57 % of all Aachen inhabitants in this age group.



Students in Winter Semester 2020/21 - Development of the Number of Students





Students in Winter Semester 2020/21 - by Discipline





Students in Winter Semester 2020/21 - International Students



- Students from 138 countries
- Students from 82 % off all large countries¹
- Most common countries of origin: China, India and Turkey
- Most common countries of origin related to the number of inhabitants: Luxembourg, Andorra, Cyprus, Bulgaria
- High amount of international students: 26 % in comparison to the average number of students at German universities (14 %)



Performance Indicators and Reputation



- Many rankings certify RWTH best scores.
- In its 2020 edition, the QS Ranking ranks RWTH Aachen University in 18th place among the best universities in mechanical engineering worldwide.
- In WiWo Ranking 2020 RWTH is placed first considering computer science and industrial engineering. In mecanical engineering, electrical engineering and natural sciences RWTH achieves the 2nd place.
- Allensbacher Inst. f. Demoskopie: 70% of German managers have got a positive image of RWTH Aachen – no other university was better evaluated.





Performance Indicator Publications



- More than 102,000 publications during the last eleven years
- About 900,000 citations since 2010 on RWTH publications
- In average 92,000 citations of publications of staff members of RWTH each year*

Source: RWTH Publications & Web of Science

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*Basis: citations of the years 2005-2018



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- Division of Mineral Resources and Raw Materials Engineering
- Division of Materials Science and Engineering
- Division of Earth Science and Geography





Division of Mineral Resources and Raw Materials Engineering









Raw Materials Production and Supply



Subsurface Space Utilisation for Energy and Storage



Carbon Economy Substitutes and Transformation



Ecological Functions of Hydro- and Biosphere

- Developing advanced mining, processing and metallurgical technologies for mineral resources extraction and supply from surface, underground, deep sea and space.
- Utilizing underground space for energy system transformation and storage of energy and unavoidable non-recyclable residues.
- Reducing CO₂ in metal production and design of transformation processes.
- Managing human interaction with ecological functions of hydro- and biosphere



Dimensions of sustainability and License to operate

 Evolving technologies with particular regards to societal and environmental impacts.





Research | Advanced Circular Economy



Sustainable Cities



Circular Industrial Processes

Materials Design for Recycling



Waste Management



Recycling 4.0: Interconnected Process Design

- Consideration of social accepted concepts for a sustainable city from the point of view of citizens and other urban actors (e.g. innovative waste sorting, logistics, urban planning and sustainable materials).
- Recovery of raw materials from waste without loss of quality; avoidance of noxious contaminants; application of robust and flexible processes for varying waste streams in small quantities and low quality.
- Increased tolerance of established alloys in terms of contamination with impurities; development of innovative alloys and products with a higher recycling efficiency.
- Minimization of residual waste; optimized mechanical and physical preparation; effective decision for re-use, recycling and material recovery; definition of a final sink.
- Use of Artificial Intelligence for increased raw material and energy efficiency through automated process control; application in the urban planning through smart logistics.







Study Sustainability Energy and raw materials for the future



Study in the field of raw materials, recycling and energy

Our study programs

• Bachelor:

- Sustainable Resources and Energy Supply
 - Mining
 - Recycling
 - Energy

• Master:

- Mineral Resources Engineering
 - Sustainable raw material extraction
 - Surveying
 - Processing of mineral raw materials
 - Recycling
- Sustainable Energy Supply





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Sustainable Resources and Energy Supply B.Sc.

Bachelor's thesis

Internship (40 Days)

Electives

Mining: Geology Mineralogy Raw Material Economy Energy Resources Mine Surveying Raw Material Extraction Recycling: Geology Mineralogy Raw Materials & Recycling Energy Resources Emission Reduction Thermal Waste Treatment

Energy Resources Energy Engineering Thermodynamics Fluid Mechanics Experimental Design Process Engineering

Fundamental courses

Mathematics, Mechanics, Chemistry, Electrical Engineering, Heat Engineering, Business Administration, Law, Simulation Technology





Sustainable Resources and Energy Supply B.Sc.

What makes the program so special?

- Choice of one of three different majors in the 3rd semester
- Elective area enables students to take subjects of other specializations / Change of specialization possible
- Fewer students than in other engineering programs
- Worldwide partnerships for semesters abroad and career prospects
- No NC (Numerus Clausus) necessary
- No previous internship necessary
- Non-technical subjects (e.g., field trips, scientific writing and presenting)







Mineral Resources Engineering M.Sc.

Master's thesis internship (50 Days)					
Mining			Recycling		
Sustainable Extraction: Drilling and Blasting	Mine Surveying: Mine Design &	Processing: Special Processing	thermal waste treatment business administration		
Mine Design & Simulation Mine Ventilation Machinery Techniques	Simulation Surveying Geoinformation Photogrammetry	Chemistry Metallurgy Software Techniques	waste management environmental analysis		
Mandatory module: Mining Economics, Responsible Mining, Mine Planning			Mandatory module: Chemie, process technology		







Master's thesis internship (50 days)					
Mechanical Engineering: Power plant technology Solar energy Energy technologies Hydropower	Raw Materials: Fuel processing Geoenergy Secondary raw materials Deposits	Electrical Engineering: Electrical grids Wind energy Photovoltaics Electricity supply	Non-technical Fields: Energy industry Economy Simulation technology		
Mandatory module: Planning seminar, Technology assessment, Bioenergy, Energy conversion					





Career perspectives

Future topics in the fields of mining, recycling and energy

- Structural change (e.g. hard coal, lignite and nuclear power)
- Rare metals
- Environmental protection
- Resource conservation
- Waste prevention
- Recycling of composite materials
- Security of supply (population growth)
- Energy storage









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Where can I get more information?





Thank you for your attention!





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