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50 years ago, a university that was supposed to overcome boundaries was founded in Bremen. Boundaries between research and teaching, and boundaries between the various scientific disciplines. The founders were convinced that this was the only way to find answers to society's most pressing questions.

When the first semester started on October 19, 1971, the young reform university had only 459 students. Together with highly motivated, mostly very young professors, they practiced the "Bremen Model" on campus, which anticipated a progressive development that was to come to all universities: research-based learning and interdisciplinary collaboration beyond disciplinary boundaries. Today, these are considered essential ingredients of modern university education.

In 2021 – 50 years after its foundation – more than 19,000 students from more than 120 countries are studying at the University of Bremen. Much has changed, and the university has become larger, increasingly modern, and more diverse. Today, for example, the university offers well over 100 degree courses covering almost every area of life, from the deep sea to outer space. The university's experts are in demand. They work on national and international projects that range from basic research to practical applications and provide important impetus to society. The University of Bremen has retained its pioneering spirit of the early days: flat hierarchies, tolerance, and students who engage in their own research and assume responsibility as early as in their first semesters.

*"The University of Bremen has undergone an impressive development since its foundation in 1971," says **Professor Bernd Scholz-Reiter, President of the University of Bremen**. "It is strong in research and an inspiring place of education – on a national and international level. It is also known all over the world for its pioneering and team spirit. In our anniversary year, we want to show this spirit to the public and share it with the community. All Bremen residents, who also co-finance the university to a large extent with their tax money, need to know and appreciate what the University of Bremen has to offer them."*

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