General Travel Information

The university has excellent road and rail links.

By Car
The campus of the University of Dortmund is situated close to the motorway intersection Dortmund West, where the “Sauerlandlinie A 45” (Frankfurt-Dortmund) crosses the “Ruhr-schnellweg B 1 / A 40”. That’s how the university is connected to the west with the motorway network of the Ruhr Area and beyond that to the regions of the Lower Rhine and the Netherlands. In the eastern direction the B 1 leads through Dortmund to Unna, where there is a connection with the motorways leading to Bremen, Hannover/Berlin and Kassel. In the north, the A 45 ends after a few kilometres at the A 2, leading to the Kamener Kreuz and in the other direction to Oberhausen. In the Westhofener Kreuz, south of the university, the A 45 crosses the A 2, leading to Bremen and Köln. The best motorway exit you find on the A 45 is "Dortmund-Eichlinghofen" (closer to the Campus South) and on the B 1 / A 40 "Dortmund-Dorstfeld" (closer to the Campus North). There are signs at both exits leading you to the university. The local road network is equipped with signs leading you to the Campus North and the Campus South. To get from Campus North to Campus South by car there is only a small winding road (Vogelpothsweg / Baroper Straße). Out of consideration for the residents the speed limit is 30 km/h. It is more advisable to leave the car on one of the car parks and use the H-Bahn (suspended monorail system) on the campus.


By Train
The university has its own suburban train station ("Dortmund Universität"). From there suburban trains leave for the Dortmund main station ("Dortmund Hauptbahnhof") and the Düsseldorf main station via the “Düsseldorf Airport train station” (take the S-Bahn number 1 which leaves every 20 or 30 minutes). So the university is within easy reach from Bochum, Essen, Mülheim an der Ruhr and Duisburg. During the semester there are additional suburban trains shuttling back and forth between Dortmund and Bochum. Above that you can get from the Dortmund city to the university by bus or tram: from the Dortmund main station you get to the stop “Stadtgarten” using one of the underground routes U41, U45, U47 or U49 from there to the stop “An der Palmweide” using the underground route U42 and from there finally to the stop “Dortmund Universität S” using the bus number 468 or 447. Another possibility is to take the underground routes mentioned above from the main station to the stop “Dortmund Kampstraße”, from there to the stop “Dortmund Wittener Straße” using the
tram number 403 and from there finally to the stop “Dortmund Universität S” using the bus number 447. For individual timetable information about the public passenger traffic see the homepage of the Verkehrsverbund Rhein-Ruhr (that is the regional public transportation system; click www.vrr.de).

By Plane
From the Dortmund airport (click www.flughafen-dortmund.de) you can fly to several places in Central Europe. There are regular air connections with Amsterdam, Berlin, Dresden, Katowice, Kraków, Leibzig-Halle, London, München, Nürnberg, Paris, Poznán, Stuttgart, Vienna and Zurich e.g. To get from the Dortmund airport to the campus, approximately 20 kilometres apart, you can use a shuttle bus to the railway station "Bahnhof Holzwickede" from which trains depart to the Dortmund main station (for your individual timetable click again www.vrr.de). Normally it is faster to use a taxi. The Rhein-Ruhr-Airport in Düsseldorf (click www.duesseldorf-international.de), 60 kilometres away from Dortmund, offers far more air connections. It can be reached directly from the university’s train station using the S-Bahn number 1, but normally it is faster to use the S-Bahn to the Dortmund main station and then take a train to Düsseldorf, which does not stop so often than the S-Bahn (e. g. a "Regional Express").

The H-Bahn (automatically controlled suspended monorail system)
The H-Bahn is one of the symbols of the university. It is an automatically controlled suspended monorail system in Germany. It carries more than 5,000 passengers per day. There are two stations on the Campus North. One ("Dortmund Universität S") is directly above the suburban train station "Dortmund Universität" and can easily be reached from there by lift. The other one ("Campus Nord") is situated in the centre of the Campus North, at the bridge between the university library and the student restaurant, right beside the Audi-max. The H-Bahn leaves from the station "Campus Nord" to the station "Dortmund Technologiezentrum" and in the opposite direction to the station "Dortmund Eichlinghofen" via "Campus Süd". From the station "Dortmund Eichlinghofen" the bus number 440 takes you directly to the Dortmund airport (click www.flughafen-dortmund.de). The two lines of the H-Bahn are operating Monday to Friday from 6:26 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Line 1 connects the district of Eichlinghofen with the science park with transfer stations "Campus Süd" and "Do-Universität S" every ten minutes. The coordinated time tables of the monorail and urban railway offer optimal connections to Düsseldorf International Airport and Dortmund central station. Line 2 connects the two university campuses in a five-minute cycle. The main route between "Campus Süd" and the branch to the station "Technologiezentrum" is used by both lines.

Further information

VRR Online information about the local traffic, useful for connections within Dortmund as well as e.g. from Dusseldorf airport, only available in German

Deutsche Bahn AG information about the German Rails connections

Stadtpläne city map of Dortmund, you may search for streets etc.

Wetteronline Weatherforecast for Dortmund