How you can use our collections

All those who are interested can conduct research in the Archives.

To prepare a personal visit, it is recommended that you contact us in advance by e-mail or telephone.

We offer guided tours through the archive upon request. We will show you the facilities, give you a first introduction to using the archive and allow you an exclusive look at selected unique items.

Our website offers you

- Search tools, such as thematic inventories or an overview of our collections.
- Information on how to use the archive
- Materials on university history
- Digitized archival materials



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How to reach us

You can reach the University Archives at Wilhelmstr. 32 (Bonatzbau, 1st floor on the right) from the main train station

- → by foot in approx. 15 minutes (via Neckarbrücke / Mühlstraße)
- → by bus lines 1 4, 6, 7, and 17 (Tübingen public transport) to the stop "Uni / Neue Aula".

Parking is available in the Brunnenstraße parking garage (Brunnenstraße 29).

Opening hours

- → Research consultations and information: Monday Friday 9am-12pm and by appointment
- → Using documents in the manuscript reading room of the University Library in the Bonatzbau (same building, ground floor): Monday - Friday 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm.

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Who we are

The University Archives performs the tasks of a public archive for the University in accordance with the State Archive Law of Baden-Württemberg. As the historical "memory" of the Eberhardina-Carolina, it preserves rich holdings of documents, registers, protocols, files, scholars' estates and collections on the university's history. They go back to the time before the foundation of the university and are continuously expanding.



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What we do

- Evaluating, acquiring and processing archival materials
- Making the sources accessible for research and the interested public
- Collaborating in researching and communicating the history of the university
- Competent contact for questions concerning records administration





What you can find in our collections

We provide you with access to about 5000 linear meters of archival materials going back more than 500 years.

Following is a selected thematic list:

History of law: The consiliaries (expert opinions) of the law faculty are a unique source for the legal and social history of the 17th and 18th centuries.

Medical history: The Archives holds the administrative and medical records of Tübingen's University Hospitals. Other important holdings on the history of medicine are the administrative and medical records of the psychiatric clinic "Bellevue" in Kreuzlingen near Konstanz and the estate of the psychiatrist Ludwig Binswanger.

Bequests: The University Archives owns bequests, especially from the 20th century, of renowned representatives of almost all disciplines represented at the university.

Student records: There are files on every student going back to the first third of the 19th century. These records mainly contain lists of the courses attended, written by the students themselves. The collections of Georg Schmidgall, a historian of student life, and the archives of individual fraternities document student life since the beginning of the 19th century. The period of the student movement of the 20th century is represented by a comprehensive collection of pamphlets.

Serial sources: Senate protocols, which have been available since 1524, and the university registers, which date back to 1477, represent more than 500 years of university history.