

# Mission Statement for Teaching and Learning

## **Hochschule Niederrhein. Your way.**

We are guided by a compass founded on the fundamental values of a free democratic society, which we, the faculties' members, students and staff, represent, and by which we live. Against this backdrop, we regard processes of change such as the digitalization of everyday life as well as life in the workplace environment, or climate change, as creative challenges.

That is why we, the faculty and staff, see it as our task to enable our students to act responsibly in society and the business world and to foster their talents. We prepare students for their professional lives by providing them with scientifically sound perspectives on the world. We regard our University of Applied Sciences as a place of lifelong learning. We support our students in the development of their own personalities with an ability to act in a communal spirit and to follow their individual paths even in these uncertain times.

We especially regard the following skills as prerequisites for social participation and economic success: analysing and evaluating the world scientifically, using and applying goal-oriented methods, instruments and technologies; learning through multimedia; working collaboratively and interculturally across disciplinary boundaries; creatively developing solutions to problems in diverse teams; making proactive decisions that point the way forward and taking responsibility accordingly. We, the students, contribute the willingness, the curiosity and the positive attitude to create the necessary teaching and learning environments together with the faculty.

To continue to do justice to our tasks, we – in a university-wide process – have jointly agreed on the definition of coordinates for good teaching and learning that guide our actions.

Our Mission Statement is a living document. We, the members of the Hochschule Niederrhein, fully commit to it, and make it part of our everyday life at our University of Applied Sciences

## Our teaching and learning ...

### ... prepare students for the world of tomorrow

We ...

- combine scientific and methodological knowledge.
- shape social and digital transformations.
- think and act sustainably.

We make an impact on today and the future.

### ... are guided by knowledge and recognition

We teach and learn...

- on a practical and research-oriented basis.
- with an application-oriented and scientifically sound approach.
- in an interdisciplinary manner with transdisciplinary collaboration.

We teach and learn with enthusiasm.

### ... have an impact beyond the lecture hall

Our knowledge and skills...

- qualify graduates for working in a huge variety of professional fields.
- are developed in dialogue with partners from society and the business world.
- are committed to renewal and progress.

We share our knowledge and skills.

### ... is a collaborative task

The Hochschule Niederrhein is a place...

- where we practice and live by our standards of social responsibility.
- where we try out and reflect on new formats and methods of teaching and learning.
- where each one of us takes responsibility for successful learning.

Our University of Applied Sciences is a place of constructive and critical dialogue.

### ... is based on appreciation and respect

We ...

- treat each other fairly – both on campus and in the digital world.
- respect our different ways of studying and ways of living our lives.
- value and encourage the involvement and commitment of all University members

We regard diversity as a strength and an opportunity.

**This is us: the University of Applied Sciences Hochschule Niederrhein.**