

Election Announcement
For the election of the 18th Student Parliament
and the Autonomous Foreigners Department 2024

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1. The Electoral Commission (Wahlkommission)

In its meeting on 01.02.2024, the student parliament of the constituted student body of the TU Dortmund University elected the following persons as members of the election commission:

Leon Arlt, Beyzanur Bayrak, Ayse Döngel, Victoria Hilpert, Leon Gerigk.

The Election Commission was constituted on 26.02.2024 by the Presidium of the Student Parliament. At the constituent meeting, Leon Arlt was elected as Election Officer and Ayse Döngel as Deputy Election Officer.

The address of the Electoral Commission and the Election Administration is:

**Die Wahlkommission
c/o AStA TU Dortmund
Emil-Figge-Str. 50
44227 Dortmund**

The e-mail address of the Election Commission and the Election Management is:

wahlkommission@asta.tu-dortmund.de

For more information on the Election Commission and the election, please visit:

<https://stupa-dortmund.de/stupa-wahlen/>

According to the statutes of the Autonomous Foreigners Department, the Election Commission for the election of the Student Parliament is also the Election Commission for the election of this autonomous department.

2. Election period, type of election and access to the electoral system

By resolution of the student parliament of 01.02.2024, the elections to the student parliament will take place from **13.05.2024** to **23.05.2024**.

According to the statutes of the Autonomous Foreigners Department, the election for this department takes place together with the elections to the student parliament.

The elections will be held in electronic form in accordance with the resolution of the student parliament of 01.02.2024.

An election notification with the access options to the voting system will be sent separately by e-mail.

For eligible voters who do not have the option of electronic voting, there will be the opportunity to vote online on weekdays on the premises of the General Student Committee (AStA), in the building Emil-Figge-Straße 50, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

3. Bodies to be elected and eligibility to vote

3.a. Student Parliament

The student parliament of the constituted student body at the TU Dortmund University is elected. The student parliament consists of a maximum of 35 members.

Students who are enrolled as regular students at the TU Dortmund University on 05.04.2024 enjoy active and passive voting rights, second auditors and guest students are not entitled to vote (§3 Wahlordnung).

Elections are held on the basis of electoral lists, and their establishment is free. The internal structure of the electoral list must follow democratic principles.

Every student has one vote.

Out of the total number of seats to be allocated, each electoral list shall be allocated as many seats as it is entitled to in proportion to the number of votes allocated to it in accordance with the Sainte-Laguë maximum number method (divisor method with standard rounding).

The seats of each electoral list determined by the above procedure are allocated according to the number of votes cast by each candidate within the electoral list. In the event of a tie between several candidates on an electoral list, or if several candidates did not receive any votes, the order of the candidates on the electoral list determines the order of precedence. In the event of a tie between several electoral lists, the returning officer decides by lot which electoral list the seat is to be allocated.

3.b. Autonomous Foreigners Department

The Autonomous Foreigners Department of the Constituted Student Body of the TU Dortmund University is elected. The Autonomous Foreigners' Department consists of a maximum of five officers.

Foreign students who are enrolled as foreign regular students (ordentliche Studierende) at the TU Dortmund University on 05.04.2024 enjoy the right to vote and stand for election. Persons who have already been speakers for the Autonomous Foreigners Department three times are excluded from the right to stand for election, while secondary auditors and guest students are not entitled to vote.

The election is a personal choice; Students who have the right to vote have five votes, which can be used to elect up to five candidates. Vocal accumulation on a single candidate is not possible.

The five candidates who have five different nationalities and received the most votes are elected (five-country rule). If, taking into account the five-country rule, there is no woman/man among the elected speakers, the woman/man with the highest number of votes moves up as the fifth member, and the five-country rule must also be taken into account first.

If it is not possible to decide which person is elected due to a tie vote, the election officer decides by lot.

4. Nominations

Nominations must be submitted to the Election Commission by **19.04.2024 at 1 p.m.** From now on, the nominations can be deposited in the box of the Election Commission in the AstA, Emil-Figge-Str. 50, during its opening hours. An appointment will be offered for personal drop-off: Friday, 19.04.2024, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the AStA. The announcement of the admission of nominations is made on the website of the Electoral Commission (see also: Available documents).

4.a. Student Parliament

Every eligible voter can nominate himself or other eligible voters for election.

With the nomination, each candidate must submit an irrevocable declaration that he or she has agreed to be included in the nomination. The declaration must be made in writing, i.e. signed by hand.

A candidate may not be included in more than one nomination.

The nomination must contain at least surnames, first names, addresses, the e-mail address assigned by TU Dortmund University and the matriculation numbers of the candidates, as well as the election for which it is to apply. In addition, the nomination must state the name of the electoral list. The length of the name of the electoral list may not exceed 70 characters.

In each nomination, a person of trust and a deputy should be appointed.

In addition, the list name as well as the first and last names of all candidates must be sent to the e-mail address of the Election Commission in an electronically evaluable form as a file.

Examples and forms are published on the website of the Electoral Commission (see also: Documents Online).

4.b. Autonomous Foreigners Office

Anyone can nominate themselves or other eligible voters for election.

With the nomination, each candidate must submit an irrevocable declaration that he or she has agreed to be included in the nomination. The declaration must be made in writing.

The nomination must contain at least the surname, first name, address, the e-mail address assigned by TU Dortmund University and the matriculation number of the candidate, as well as the election for which it is to apply.

5. Election newspaper

The Electoral Commission publishes an election newspaper in accordance with the Electoral Regulations.

Submissions will be accepted until the end of **25.04.2024**. In accordance with § 7 para. 11 of the Election Regulations, a person responsible for the contribution must be identified in all contributions in accordance with the State Press Act.

Entries can be submitted by e-mail to the address of the Electoral Commission. If mails are rejected by the mail servers due to oversized attachments, Sciebo, for example, is available. The resulting download link must be sent to the Electoral Commission. Contributions submitted via cloud services must be available at least one week after the submission deadline.

The technical specifications for contributions from lists and candidates are as follows: The lists for the student parliament each have a double page spread in A4 format (i.e. two A4 pages next to each other in portrait format). For individual candidacies for the Autonomous Foreigners' Department, one place is available in A5 landscape format. Therefore, up to 2 candidates of the autonomous department are presented on a DIN A4 page in the election newspaper.

The contributions should be presented in the highest possible quality and will also be published online. It is up to the candidates to decide on the file format to be created and whether double pages are to be made available as a printed sheet or as two single pages. In particular, the PDF or TIFF file formats with a resolution of 300 dpi are recommended.

6. Electoral roll

Electoral rolls are drawn up, if necessary separately for the bodies to be elected. These are available from 12.04.2024 to 20.04.2024 during the opening hours of the AStA, at the AStA's office.

Objections to the correctness of the voters' register can be submitted to the election management in writing or for the record within the interpretation period. As a rule, the Electoral Commission decides on the objection without delay, but no later than 23.04.2024.

Persons who are not registered on the electoral roll are not entitled to vote.

7. Postal vote

According to the election regulations, there is **no** possibility of postal voting due to electronic voting.

8. Drawing lots for the order of the list and the order of candidates

The draw for the list order for the parliamentary election or the order of the candidates for the Autonomous Foreigners Department will take place in a public meeting of the Election Commission on 24.04.2024 at 4 p.m. at the AStA, Emil-Figge-Straße 50.

Details will be announced with the summons to the meeting.

9. Counting

Immediately after the conclusion of the election, a first public count will be carried out. Details will be announced with the election notification.

10. Announcement of election results

By 28.05.2024 at the latest, the election results will be announced on the premises of the General Student Committee (AStA), in the building Emil-Figge-Straße 50, as well as on the homepage of the student parliament of the TU Dortmund University (<https://stupa-dortmund.de/> or on subordinate pages).

11. Scrutiny

Any eligible voter may object to the validity of the election within 14 days of the announcement of the election result. The objection must be submitted to the returning officer in writing or for the record, stating the reasons. Objections to the validity will be decided by the newly elected parliament.

12. Meeting of the new Student Parliament and the Autonomous Foreigners' Department

The election management invites the newly elected student parliament and the newly elected Autonomous Foreigners' Department to the constituent meetings. The place and date of the meetings will be publicly announced together with the announcement of the election results.

13. Availability of documents

Documents, templates and protocols are available at:

<https://stupa-dortmund.de/stupa-wahlen/>

and the Child Pages.

Leon Arlt

(Election Officer of the Electoral Commission)

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