

Campaign in Münster: Participate!

Are you studying or working at
the University of Münster?
Or do you simply not want
the University of Münster to support a
colonial state?
Then sign the open letter
calling for an academic boycott!

We in Münster are joining the global movement
and focus on the academic boycott. Our university
must no longer be complicit with a regime that has
been oppressing the Palestinian people for decades.

Our **working group End Academic Complicity** is
working to ensure that the University of Münster
implements our demands—and to do so, we must
build joint pressure from below.

Around the world, more and more **universities are
ending their cooperation with Israeli institutions**
involved in occupation, apartheid, and military
research. The academic boycott has become an
important means of exposing Israel's colonial
system of oppression and building international
pressure.

Academic boycott is effective! This is confirmed
by various assessments made by high-ranking
Israeli politicians and institutions.

In 2015, the then Israeli president classified the
academic boycott as a **“strategic threat of the
first order.”** In April last year, the Israeli Ministry of
Intelligence and Special Operations declared the
academic boycott **a threat to “Israel’s scientific
and technological position in the world.”**

**Together with other strategies of
resistance, effective solidarity with the
Palestinian people can be built in Münster
and elsewhere.**

Join us!

**Do you want to get involved?
Or do you want more information?
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Open letter & our demands

- 1. Develop ethical guidelines** that prohibit research or
research collaborations if they are linked to military
use or human rights violations! Expand your civil
clause so that there is no cooperation with
universities or companies involved in military
research or use, and commit yourself to
implementing this consequently!
- 2. Provide transparency** regarding all existing
collaborations with Israeli institutions!
- 3. End all existing cooperations** with Israeli
institutions, whether in the context of research
projects or exchange programs!
- 4. End all existing cooperation with companies and
institutions** that support the oppression and
genocide of Palestinians!
- 5. Establish direct academic and solidarity
relationships with Palestinian universities** and
academics! Accept Palestinian students, especially
those from Gaza!
- 6. End repressions against students and staff who
show solidarity with Palestine!**



Sign the open letter here!




ACADEMIC BOYCOTT NOW!

**How is the University of
Münster connected to
Israel?**

**And why these ties
must be severed!**

What is academic boycott?


The academic boycott originated from the **Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott (PACBI)**, founded in 2004. PACBI is a founding member of the Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC) and advocates for a boycott of Israeli academic and cultural institutions in order to support the liberation of Palestine.

 **The PACBI principles of academic boycott and more information can be found on our website!**

Why should we boycott universities?

Israeli universities are not neutral places of free science. They are pillars of the Israeli regime of oppression. They develop weapons systems and provide legal and moral legitimization for the colonization of Palestine. Research and teaching are actively used to stabilize and legitimize the Israeli occupation and genocide in Gaza.

An academic boycott is therefore not an attack on science, but a necessary form of resistance against its instrumentalization for oppression.

 **Principally, PACBI rejects boycotts of individuals based on their opinions or identity.**



Israeli universities are **part of the political strategy** of Zionism. The location of a university, for example, is rarely random, but serves to consolidate Jewish supremacy, land grabbing, and the marginalization of the Palestinian population.



Israeli universities **cooperate closely with the military and the arms industry**. In joint projects, surveillance technologies and weapons are developed which are used in the West Bank and Gaza.



By providing **legal training to personnel for the judiciary and military**, Israeli universities are creating the institutional foundations for maintaining the occupation and oppression of the Palestinian people. This takes place within the framework of the state of emergency that has been in place since the state was founded.

Example: Hebrew University



- The campuses of the Hebrew University in East Jerusalem were built **on illegally occupied land and the ruins of destroyed Palestinian villages**. Mount Scopus serves specifically as a Zionist outpost for the oppression of the neighboring Palestinian residents.
- The university maintains close **personal ties to the military and the arms industry**. Elbit Systems CEO Michael Federmann sits on the board of directors, and former intelligence chief Carmi Gillon was vice president.
- Parts of the **campus are used as military bases**. Special programs such as "Talpiot" and "HavatzaLot" combine academic and military training for intelligence services and high-tech warfare.
- The Archaeology Institute conducts **illegal excavations in occupied territories**, cooperates with settler organizations such as Elad, and exploits Palestinian cultural heritage for Israeli narratives.



Through these practices, the university actively supports land grabbing, occupation, and the displacement of the Palestinian population.



More information about the individual universities and their complicity can be found on our website.

Connections between the University of Münster and Israeli universities

The University of Münster is **involved in numerous research collaborations and exchange programs** with Israeli companies and universities. These are deeply embedded in the political, military, and ideological system that **materially and ideologically upholds the oppression of Palestinians**.

In addition, the University of Münster has **contracts with tech companies** that contribute to and profit from the oppression of the Palestinian people.

Research and exchange programs

- Bar-Ilan University
- Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- Tel Aviv University
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Weizmann Institute
- Technion



Research with companies



- BioBee Ltd.
- FreezeM Cryogenics Ltd.
- Thales

Complicit tech companies

- Cisco Systems
- Dell

