

Dresdner Seniorenakademie Wissenschaft und Kunst



The *Dresdner Seniorenakademie Wissenschaft und Kunst* (Dresden Senior Academy for Science and Art) was established in 1993 by *Technische Universität Dresden*, *Deutsches Hygiene-Museum Dresden* and ten other institutions. Two years later the association *Freunde und Förderer der Dresdner Seniorenakademie* (Friends and Sponsors of the Dresden Senior Academy) was founded to manage the Academy's legal and financial responsibilities. The activities of the *Dresdner Seniorenakademie* are made possible entirely by the support of volunteers – members of the Association, students and lecturers involved in the programme as well as the Academy's partner institutions in Dresden.

With approximately 40 partners, among them *Technische Universität Dresden*, *Deutsches Hygiene-Museum*, *Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden* and many other educational institutions, museums and establishments in the city of Dresden, the *Dresdner Seniorenakademie* is able to offer a broad and versatile programme of study with 600 to 800 participating senior students per semester.

The Academy is open to all citizens of Dresden and its surrounding regions who are looking for opportunities to pursue intellectual interests as well as educational and artistic activities. Age, previous educational background or academic achievements are not important and no previous academic degree is required. The programme is extensive and contains courses in science, economy, medicine, history, art, and many more. In addition to classes, the Academy also organises events from guided tours and city walks to overnight educational travel excursions.

The *Dresdner Seniorenakademie* further includes approximately 10 special subject groups (Internet, Drama, Video and Film, History, Philosophy, Creative Writing, Painting, Design, Discussion group, etc.) which are meant to encourage participants to explore creative interests or receive help and suggestions. Within the scope of those groups are more than 350 annual events and free access to the entire programme of the *Bürgeruniversität* (a public programme offered by the German university system) of the *Technische Universität Dresden* which offers approximately 100 lectures per semester.

The work of the *Dresdner Seniorenakademie* is organised entirely by volunteers of the association *Freunde und Förderer der Dresdner Seniorenakademie*. Each member pays a fee of 40 € per semester. The foundation *Stiftung der Dresdner Seniorenakademie Wissenschaft und Kunst* – founded to secure the ongoing financial stability of the *Dresdner Seniorenakademie* – manages the financial affairs.

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