

Did you know...

... that the total number of registered students at Tilburg University has exceeded 20,000.

... that Student Parties Front and SAM sent a letter to the Executive Board regarding their concerns on examination during COVID-19. The executive board responded by an email to all students regarding the procedure they have to follow.

... that in the CUBE you can see the new artwork 'Weaving Character', in which the university's education vision (knowledge, skills, character) is expressed in an abstract way.

... that last years total expenses of Tilburg University are €269,192,000.

Tilburg University Challenge

On December the 9th, the Tilburg University Challenge took place. The Tilburg University Challenge, challenged students to come up with innovative ideas, related to societal and entrepreneurial issues, and to make real progress in realizing a viable business plan. The categories, Ideation and Business Ready/Startup, had eight/six finalists who pitched their ideas during the Grand Finale.



The winner of the Ideation award was 'AnDa'. They addressed the need for a replacement of alcohol and soda beverages combined with the need for a sustainable transition in the beverage industry. The solution is a savory beverage that is made of 100% natural origins, it's healthy and comes in a powder/syrup form so that people only have to add water.

The winner of the Business Ready/Startup category was Bigger Picture Clothing. This startup is all about sustainable clothing with social impact attached to it. This means that every customer is able to exactly see which impact they have with their purchase. He also won the Audience award.

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Strategy towards 2027

This University Council, the Strategy for the next five years has been discussed. In 2027, the University celebrates its 100-year anniversary. This Strategy is called **Weaving Minds & Characters** and is built around four main values, these values are:



Curious: The University wants to be curious. They are essentially curious and always in search of new and fundamental knowledge and insights. The University is curious about the new possibilities that digitalization offers us to study people and society. They opt for a clear commitment to Blended Learning (the new standard) and flexible learning lines will become more available than at present. Next to this, the University wants to create a mobility window, which should make it possible for every student to do an internship, have an international experience or do a minor.

Caring: The University wants to be caring, respecting each other and our environment. Human dignity and sustainability are the basis for their decisions and their actions. They want to pay even more attention to student wellbeing.

Connected: The University wants to be connected with each other, with society, with other disciplines, and other cultures. They embrace variety and multiple perspectives and recognize and value each other. The University chooses to stimulate interdisciplinarity. Furthermore, they want to organize more cultural events on campus in the evenings and weekends to make the campus a more lively place.

Courageous: The University wants to be courageous in thought and action. Critical, independent, and decisive: the academic spirit and the independence of academic education and research are essential values in this. Together with the faculties, the University is launching an ambitious program to improve the student-staff ratio.

Initiatives this University Council

Student Party SAM submitted an initiative in the previous University Council about 'Lunch Lectures'. This initiative makes it possible to organize labour-market-orientated events on campus. Rooms will be made available so that associations can invite companies to meet students.



Student Party Front submitted an initiative in this University Council on Master Specialization. This initiative proposes the introduction of course bundles in master programs, creating the opportunity for master's students to pursue a specialization in another area of study in addition to their own curriculum. Front has proposed that this specialization will be explicitly named on the master's degree, so it is properly recognized.



Student Party SAM submitted a memo on the BSA (Binding Study Advice). They propose to lower the BSA to 30 ECTS or to make the BSA nonbinding (advisory) for every study program at Tilburg University this year.

