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World's 10 most spectacular university buildings

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The library is part of the Rost- und Silberlaube complex at Freie Universität Berlin. Even though it appears to be part of the existing buildings, the library was conceived as a single building. There's enough space for 800,000 books. Architects: Foster + Partners.

Philologische Bibliothek (Germany)

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STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- New report details most beautiful university buildings in world
- Includes Lomonosov Moscow State University, world's tallest university building
- Swanston Academic Building in Australia "catches the eye with its wavy and jagged façade"

(CNN) -- If the memory of your university is a somewhat hazy mix of missed lectures, cheap food, empty beer cans and cold, concrete classrooms, you won't recognize this list.

Hamburg-based architectural data company Emporis recently released a report on what it's calling "the world's most spectacular university buildings."

"Lecture halls at dizzying heights, libraries with glass-domed roofs or crooked seminar rooms with slanting walls -- it is not just in the field of learning that universities have plenty to offer, but on an architectural level, too," the report stated.

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Building Name	Year	University	Country	Architect
Bradfield Hall	1888	Cornell University	U.S.A.	John Horwood & Associates
Compton Hall	1925	Harvard University	USA	Hugh H. Cannon
Wallerstein Building	1928	London School of Economics	UK	Charles Holden
University of Chicago	1929	University of Chicago	USA	Lawrence A. Currier
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The 10 buildings include Lomonosov Moscow State University, the world's tallest university building at 240 meters; Swanston Academic Building in Australia, which "catches the eye with its wavy and jagged façade"; and Bradfield Hall at Cornell University in the United States, which is "almost entirely windowless."

The report also describes how old school university buildings are gradually being replaced.

"One by one, chunky relics of the '60s and '70s are being torn down," it states, citing the demolition of the AfE-Turm in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, which was brought down earlier this month in Europe's largest inner-city controlled blasting.

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Is your favorite university building on the list? Tell us which others should be commended in the comment section.