

23 March 1912	Born in Wirsitz, Germany. Attended various schools in Germany, because his father (a government official) was frequently transferred.
1930 - 1932	Institutes of Technology Berlin and Zurich.
1932	B.S., Mechanical Engineering, University of Berlin.
1932 - 1934	Graduate School, University of Berlin.
1934	Ph.D. (Physics), University of Berlin.
Spring 1930	Joined Hermann Oberth and assisted him in his early experiments with liquid fuel rocket motors.
Sept 1930	When Oberth returned to his home town in a German-speaking settlement in Romania, von Braun became instrumental in getting up a small development station for liquid fuel rockets sponsored by the German Society for Space Travel. Worked at this station ("Rocket Field Berlin") during spare time.
Nov 1932	Joined German Ordnance Department (which had shown interest in the work performed at the "rocket Field") for the purpose of conducting practical liquid fuel rocket development under Ordnance sponsorship. Started with one mechanic, and built up a small development station at Kummersdorf Army Proving Ground which, by Spring 1937, employed about 80 people.
Dec 1934	Successful test launching of 2 rudimentary liquid fuel rockets of the A 2 type, which reached altitudes of 1.6 miles.
April 1937	Transferred activities from Kummersdorf to the newly-built Liquid Fuel Rocket and Guided Missile Center at Peenemuende

(which at its peak of activity employed more than 10,000 people). Technical Director of the Center from 1937 until the end of WW II.

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| 1936 - 1938 | Development of rocket-propelled aircraft, and developments of larger, gyroscopically-controlled liquid fuel rockets (A-3 and A-5). |
| 1939 - 1940 | Conducted about 25 successful test launchings of A-5 rockets (10 miles altitude, 12 miles range, parachute recovery). |
| 1940 - 1943 | Development of V-2 Rocket. |
| 3 Oct 1942 | First successful launching of a V-2 rocket. |
| 1943 - April 1945 | Development of anti-aircraft guided missile "Wasserfall." 44 successful launchings. |
| Spring 1945 | Surrendered, along with more than 100 fellow scientists, to the Allied Powers. |
| June - July 1945 | U.S. Army Interrogation Camp, Garmisch Partenkirchen, Bavaria. |
| Sept 1945 | Entered the United States. |
| Sept 45 - April 50 | Project Director, Research and Development Service, Sub-Office Rockets, U.S. Army Ordnance Corps, Fort Bliss, Texas. Simultaneously advisor for V-2 test firings at White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico. Accomplishments during this period listed below. |
| April 1950 | Transferred, along with entire German scientist team, to Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. |
| April 50 - Nov 52 | Technical Director, Guided Missile Development Group, Redstone Arsenal. Accomplishments of period listed below. |
| Nov 52 - Feb 56 | Chief, Guided Missile Development Division, Redstone Arsenal. |
| 14 April 1955. | Became citizen of the United States. |

Feb 56 - July 60	Director, Development Operations Division, Army Ballistic Missile Agency (ABMA). Accomplishments during this period listed below.
July 1960	Transferred with his ABMA development team to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) as the nucleus of the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center.
July 60 - Feb 70	Served as Director, Marshall Space Flight Center.
March 70 - July 72	Transferred to NASA Headquarters as Deputy Associate Administrator.
July 1972	Became Vice-president, Engineering and Development, Fairchild Industries, Germantown, Maryland.
Jan 1977	Retired due to ill health.
16 June 1977	Died after a prolonged illness.