

Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Information for Partner Institutions & Prospective Exchange Students



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Application and Nomination Deadline

Winter Semester (start: October) 15th June
Summer Semester (start: April) 15th December

Application Procedure

- Application**
1. The partner university sends an official nomination via post, email or e-nomination.
 2. The student completes the pre-enrolment process online (the link is sent to him/her via email)
 3. The student sends the required documents listed on our website:

<http://international.rub.de/gaststudis/index.html.en>

Learning Agreement

If a student's home university requires a Learning Agreement to be signed before the beginning of the exchange, please include the Learning Agreement in the application package. Students who are required to hand in a Learning Agreement to their home university after having started the exchange at RUB should bring it with them and have it signed by the departmental coordinator at RUB after arrival.

Academic Information

Semester Dates	Winter Semester 2016/17: October 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017 Summer Semester 2017: April 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017
Lecture Period	Winter Semester 2016/17: October 17, 2016 – February 10, 2017 Summer Semester 2017: April 18, 2017 – July 28, 2017
Examination Period	The dates for exams are set by the different faculties. Usually exams take place in the last week of lectures or the week after, but they can also take place later (e.g. in Engineering or Economics).

Course Catalogue <http://international.rub.de/gaststudis/ankunft/studienorganisation.html.en>

Language Proficiency Most of the courses at RUB are taught in German. There are courses in English that are published in our International Course Catalogue. Students should have a good knowledge of German, at least level B1/B2 for courses taught in German.

Language courses During the term exchange students have the chance to attend German language courses free of charge:

<http://www.daf.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/sbgk/index.html.en>

Credit System The courses at RUB are credited with credit points (CP). 1 CP is equal to 1 ECTS.

Grading System RUB uses the German grades from 1-5 (1 = very good, 5 = fail). There are some faculties using percentages (0-100%).

Master's Thesis / Project For students who intend on doing project work or a Master's thesis at RUB, it is important to establish contact with a supervisor at RUB before arrival. The International Office can help find a supervisor. In order to contact the right department, we need to know which subject the project will be carried out in.

Tuition Fees There are no tuition fees but each student must pay a semester contribution fee (approx. €300 per semester) which includes a travel ticket for public transport.

Accommodation

The International Office offers a special service for exchange students from partner universities. Students can apply for accommodation for the duration of their exchange (1-2 semesters). Since the International Office can only reserve a limited number of rooms for exchange students, early registration and flexibility is useful. Information on the application for a room can be found here:

<http://international.rub.de/gaststudis/accommodation/index.html.en>

Arrival and Enrolment

Enrolment	The exact date and time for exchange students' enrolment at RUB will be announced by email shortly before semester starts.
Pick-up Service	The student group 'Erasmus Student Network' (ESN) offers a pick-up service for new exchange students at the beginning of each semester. Information about the pick-up service will be sent with the booking confirmation for the accommodation.
Orientation Course	Every semester we offer an Orientation Course for exchange students including a language course and social activities. The course starts three weeks before the lecture period officially begins (mid-September and mid-March). The price for the course is about €300 and there are a limited number of places. Exchange students, who are eligible, will receive an invitation via email.
Orientation Days	At the beginning of every semester, there are Orientation Days for international students where they can meet other students and receive important information. Exchange students will be informed about this offer via email.

Estimated Living Costs (in € per month)

Accommodation	Between € 260 and € 400 in a dormitory Between € 300 and € 500 in a private apartment
Licence Fee (TV taxes)	Approx. € 18
Food	Approx. € 150
Academic Expenses	Approx. € 40
Personal Expenses	Approx. € 150 (depending on personal needs)
Health Insurance	Approx. € 80

Visa Requirements and Residence Permits

Citizens of the European Union do not need a visa for Germany. Citizens from other countries need to check with the Federal Foreign Office to see whether they need a visa or not. The incoming student is responsible for obtaining the visa. Information can be found at:

http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/DE/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Visabestimmungen_node.html

In order to apply for a visa after arrival, the student has to bring proof of finances.

After arrival, each student who is staying for more than 3 months has to register at the City of Bochum.

Health Insurance

Students from European countries who have the "European Health Insurance Card" do not need to take out health insurance in Germany. Students from Turkey can bring the form "TA 11" from their own health insurance company. Students from outside Europe can register for German student health insurance that costs approx. € 80 per month.

Bank Account

We recommend that students open a German bank account to make payments such as the rent and the semester contribution fee easy. A bank account for students is usually free of charge.

The City of Bochum and the Ruhr Area

Information about the City of Bochum and the Ruhr area can be found here:

http://www.rub.de/universitaet/campus-und-kultur/bochum-metropole-ruhr/index_en.html

