

## Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Information for Partner Institutions & Prospective Exchange Students



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**Erasmus Code** D Bochum 01  
**EUC Number** 29880

## Application and Nomination Deadline

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

## 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/programme/index.html.en>

**Learning Agreement**

If a student's home university requires a Learning Agreement, please contact the respective departmental coordinator at RUB directly in order to get the document reviewed and signed. If you require the contact details of your coordinator, please contact the International Office.

## Academic Information

**Semester Dates**

Winter Semester 2017/18:	October 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018
Summer Semester 2018:	April 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018

**Lecture Period**

Winter Semester 2017/18:	October 9, 2017 – January 26, 2018
Summer Semester 2018:	April 9, 2018 – July 20, 2018

**Examination Period**

Dates for exams are set by each faculty. However, exams usually take place in the last week of the lectures or the week afterwards. Please note, they may 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 a B1/B2 level for courses taught in German.

**Language courses**

During the term, exchange students have the chance to attend language courses free of charge:  
German: [www.daf.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/sbgk/index.html.en](http://www.daf.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/sbgk/index.html.en)  
Others: [www.zfa.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/sprachen/index.html.en](http://www.zfa.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/sprachen/index.html.en)

**Credit System**

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 completing a project or a Master's thesis, 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, however, each student must pay a semester contribution fee (approx. €320 per semester) which includes a travel ticket for public transport.

### **Accommodation**

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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 accommodation application can be found here: <http://international.rub.de/gaststudis/accommodation/index.html>

### **Arrival and Enrolment**

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#### **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 of accommodation.

#### **Orientation Course**

Every wintersemester we offer an Orientation Course for exchange students including a language course and social activities. The course starts before the lecture period officially begins (mid-September). The price for the course is about €300 and there is a limited number of places. Exchange students, who are eligible, will receive an invitation via email.

#### **Orientation Days**

At the beginning of each semester, Orientation Days are held for international students. Here they get the chance to meet other students and receive important information. Exchange students will be informed about this offer via email.

### **Estimated Living Costs (in € per month)**

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#### **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. € 90

### **Visa Requirements and Residence Permits**

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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 or not a visa is required. Incoming students are responsible for obtaining a visa if needed. Information can be found at:

<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/bewerbung/en/9199-visas/>

**In order to apply for a visa or an extension 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**

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European students with the "European Health Insurance Card" do not need to take out health insurance in Germany. Students from Turkey can bring the form "T/A 11" acquired at their own health insurance company. Students from non-European countries can register for German student health insurance, which generally costs approx. € 90 per month.

### **Bank Account**

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We recommend that students open a German bank account to make payments of 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**

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

[www.rub.de/universitaet/campus-und-kultur/bochum-metropole-ruhr/index\\_en.html](http://www.rub.de/universitaet/campus-und-kultur/bochum-metropole-ruhr/index_en.html)

