

Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Information for Partner Institutions & Prospective Exchange Students



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Erasmus Code

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EUC Number

29880

Nomination and Application Deadline

Winter Semester (start: October)

15 June for nomination and 15 July for application

Summer Semester (start: April)

15 December for nomination and 15 January for application

Application Procedure

Application	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The partner university sends an official nomination via email2. The student completes the pre-registration process online. The link is sent to him/her via email. Which documents you need to upload you will find on the page of our exchange programmes: https://international.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/en/exchange-programs
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

Lecture Period	Winter semester 2023/24: 09 October 2023 – 02 February 2024 Summer semester 2024: 01 April 2024 – 12 July 2024
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	https://international.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/en/course-catalogue
Language Proficiency	Most of the courses at RUB are taught in German. However, there are also some courses taught in English that are published in our International Course Catalogue. Students should have good language skills (at least B1/B2) in order they can follow the classes.
Language courses	During the term, exchange students have the chance to attend language courses free of charge: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ German▪ Other languages
Credit System	Courses at RUB are credited with credit points (CP). 1 CP is equal to 1 ECTS (= 30 working hours).
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 finding a supervisor. In order to contact the right department, we need to know which subject your project is going to be.

Tuition Fees There are no tuition fees. However, each student must pay the so called social contribution fee (approx. €360 per semester) which includes the semester ticket for public transport in the whole region of [North Rhine-Westphalia](#).

Accommodation

The International Office offers a special service for exchange students. 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](#).

Arrival and Enrolment

Enrolment The enrolment at RUB takes place online. The International Office will support you during this process.

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 Before every winter semester we offer an [Orientation Course](#) for exchange students including a language course and social activities. The course starts three to four weeks before the lecture period officially begins. Participation in the course costs between 180-300€, depending on the programme and scope, and there are only a limited number of places. Exchange students, who are eligible, will receive an invitation via email.

International Welcome At the beginning of each semester, [International Welcome](#) is held for international students. There they get a 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)

Accommodation	Between €335 and €600 in a dormitory (side costs included) Between €350 and €500 in a private apartment
Licence Fee (TV taxes)	Approx. €18
Food	Approx. €200
Academic Expenses	Approx. €40
Personal Expenses	Approx. €150 (depending on personal needs)
Health Insurance	Approx. €110
Social Contribution Fee	Approx. €360, 00 (per semester)

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 visa is required. Incoming students are responsible themselves for obtaining a visa if needed.

Please find more information [here](#).

In order to apply for the residence permit or visa extension, students have to bring proof of finances.

Please find more information [here](#).

After arrival, each student who is staying for more than three months has to register at the City of Bochum. Please find more information [here](#).

Health Insurance

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 II or T/A II acquired at their own health insurance company. Students from non-European countries can register for a private or statutory health insurance. You can find more information [here](#).

Bank Account

We recommend that students open a German bank account to make payments of rent and the semester contribution fee easier. 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](#).