

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)

Summer Semester (start: April)

June 1 for nomination, July 1 for pre-registration at RUB

December 1 for nomination, January 1 pre-registration at RUB

Application Procedure

Application	1. The partner university sends an official nomination via e-mail 2. The student completes the pre-registration process online. The link is sent to him/her via email. Which documents are needed to upload you will find on our website: 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 subject 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 2026/27: October 12, 2026 – February 5, 2027 Summer semester 2027: April 5, 2027 – July 16, 2027
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 subjects 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. More information on language requirements can be found here .
Language courses	During the semester, exchange students have the chance to attend language courses free of charge: ▪ 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 at RUB. However, each student must pay the so-called [social contribution fee](#) (approx. €360 per semester). This includes the semester ticket for public transportation throughout Germany (no ICE/IC trains).

RUB: Services, Offers, Diversity and Inclusion

AstA

The [General Student Committee \(AstA\)](#) is the representation of the students at RUB.

Psychological Study Counselling

The [Psychological Study Counselling Service](#) in the Peer Quarter offers workshops and support for students in difficult situations.

Anti-Discrimination Office

Students who experience or observe discrimination can contact the representatives of the [Anti-Discrimination Office](#) for counselling and support.

BZI

Disabled and chronically ill students can seek support from the Counselling Centre for the Inclusion of Disabled Students (BZI) for concerns regarding studying with an impairment.

Botanic Garden

[The Botanic Garden](#) offers students the opportunity to learn or relax.

University Sports

[University Sports](#) Bochum offers courses in a variety of sports every semester.

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 Enrollment

Enrollment

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

Orientation Course	Before every 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 €160-240, depending on the program and scope, and there are only a limited number of places. Exchange students, who are eligible, will receive an invitation via e-mail.
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 e-mail.

Estimated Living Costs (in € per month)

Accommodation	Between €325 and €420 in a university dormitory (side costs included) Between €350 and €650 in a private apartment
Licence Fee (TV taxes)	€18, 36
Food	Approx. €200
Academic Expenses	Approx. €40
Personal Expenses	Approx. €150 (depending on personal needs)
Health Insurance	Approx. €140
Social Contribution Fee	Approx. €360 (per semester)

Visa Requirements, Residence Permits & City Registration

Visa

Citizens of the European Union do not need a visa for Germany. Citizens from other countries need to enquire at the German embassy/consulate in their country to see whether visa is required. Incoming students are responsible themselves for obtaining a visa if needed. Please find more information [here](#).

Residence permit

To apply for a German residence permit after arrival, exchange students must submit the following documents to the local Foreigner's Office:

- ID/passport,
- Current certificate of enrollment (from Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
- Proof of health insurance
- Proof of financial means

These documents need to be uploaded during the online application on the website of the Foreigner's Office.

Further information can be found on the [following page](#) under "Non-EU citizens: Applying for the German residence permit". Here you can find more information on [financial proof](#).

City registration

After their arrival, exchange students who stay in Germany for longer than three months, must register at the City Administration Office of the city where they live. Please find more information [here](#).

Health Insurance

European students with the “European Health Insurance Card” do not need to take out additional 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 take out 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

Bochum is a student city and offers a wide range of cultural and leisure activities. Further information about student life in Bochum and the Ruhr region can be found [here](#).