Dear Students!

We are happy to present you the new issue of the RUBiss Newsletter! The newsletter for international students at Ruhr-Universität is published twice per semester.

We inform you about current activities and offers of the International Office and other university facilities and give you tips for the winter semester 2018/2019.

The team of RUBiss – RUB international student services wishes you a successful and exciting winter semester!

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Like the RUBiss Facebook page and stay up-to-date! Regularly, you will receive new information as well as useful tips from the RUBiss team about studying at Ruhr-Universität, events of the International Office and life in Bochum.

Like RUBiss – international students services on Facebook!

You can find photos of our activities and events of the semester programme on our Instagram profile. Share your photos of our events with the #rubiss.

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INTERNATIONAL OFFICE SERVICES

In winter semester 2018/2019 many different offers of the International Office await you. We hope that you will have a lot of fun at the activities and events. We are looking forward to seeing you. Your presence at Ruhr-Universität is an enrichment for our international campus!

SEMESTER PROGRAMME

The RUBiss team publishes a semester programme every semester. It lists various events, workshops and excursions that we organize especially for you.

The programme is designed to support you during your studies in Bochum and beyond. Furthermore, you can learn more about the culture and lifestyle in the Ruhr area. It offers opportunities for networking, for mutual exchange and for meeting your fellow students.

You can pick up a printed copy of the semester programme at the International Office or download it here.

Some highlights of the semester programme for the winter semester are already presented to you in this newsletter.

INTERNATIONAL WELCOME

Ruhr-Universität and the RUBiss team would like to welcome you to Bochum and wish you a successful and happy time at the university. At this official reception you will be welcomed by the university’s rectorate and by the International Office.

Moreover, a number of organizations of Ruhr-Universität and other partners present their offers for international students. After the official reception, you will have the chance to meet your fellow students and to socialise over some light refreshment.

Friday, 19 October 2018, 4.00 pm in the Veranstaltungszentrum (VZ) below the canteen in hall 2 a/b. Participation is free of charge.

Please sign up here for the International Welcome.

INTERNATIONAL EVENING

On Ruhr-Universität’s international campus, people from all over the world come together. Students from 130 countries enrich Ruhr-Universität and make it a diverse and colourful place for studying and research.

To celebrate this interculturalism, the International Office and AKAFÖ, with support of ESN Bochum, invite you to the International Evening Africa.

This time featuring a delicious buffet of unique specialities, music, dance and tradition from many African countries. Come and have fun experiencing the large cultural variety that Africa offers!

Wednesday, 07 November 2018, 6.00 pm, Mensa Bistro
Price 5,00€ (regular), 4,00€ (with ESNcard)
Included: Food and workshops

Advance sale at the International Office during RUBiss consultation hours (waiting number "Events") and at the coffee bar in the Mensa building during regular opening hours.

DAYTRIP TO GASOMETER IN OBERHAUSEN

The Gasometer Oberhausen is an outstanding landmark of the Western Ruhr Area and in particular of the town of Oberhausen. The dark and semi-glossy walls of the Gasometer, the extraordinary steel structure and the eight-time echo turn the building into an “industrial cathedral”. During the daytrip you can visit the current exhibition “The mountains are calling”. Highlight: You can take the glass elevator to the roof of the Gasometer and enjoy beautiful panorama of the Ruhr Area.

Saturday, 01 December 2018, meeting point 10.15 am, Entrance hall of Bochum main station
Price: 3,50€ (regular), 3,00€ (with ESNcard)
Registration at the International Office (SSC 1/225), waiting number „Events“.
Tickets as long as stocks last.

SPRACHCAFÉ – LANGUAGE PRACTICE MEET UP

Stop by the Sprachcafé (Language Practice Meet Up) and use the possibility to talk, practice, and discover a new foreign language in a relaxed setting and most of all have fun. The Sprachcafé opens every Monday during the lecture period between 5 and 9 pm. In the Max-Kade-Hall you will be able to follow your passion for languages and get to know other interested international and German students.

The principle behind the Sprachcafé is simple: pick the “island” of the language you want to practice and there you can chat to other learners and native speakers. Our Language Guides are on hand if you need any assistance. Feel free to join a group where your native language is being spoken – by doing so you will be helping other learners. Or perhaps you’d like to be Language Guide yourself?

Every Monday starting at 5 pm in Max-Kade-Hall, Laerholzstraße 82, 44801 Bochum.
The participation is free. A registration is not necessary.

Come and visit the Facebook page of our Sprachcafé.
INTERNATIONAL COURSE CATALOGUE

The International Course Catalogue contains information about lectures and seminars taught in English and other foreign languages at Ruhr-Universität Bochum.

It is designed for international students, staff and all those wishing to attend courses taught in English at Ruhr-Universität. It contains descriptions of each course with the amount of credit points available, it helps international students organise their semester timetables and provides useful contact information for the various faculties at the university. All courses are open to exchange students and students of related subjects.

You can find the international course catalogue online.

STARTsmart

Where can I find my new favourite place on campus? How long can I work besides my studies? And who can help me with applications? How do I write seminar papers and essays in Germany? Where can I get involved besides my studies? And how do I find my way around in Germany?

Find answers to all these questions together with your fellow students and register now for STARTsmart, the freshers’ course for international students. In a group of about 30 students from all over the world, you will attend weekly events that will help you to find your way around at RUB and in Germany. If you participate regularly, you will receive a confirmation of participation at the end of the semester. The course is held in German.

Registration is possible until 21 October 2018.

You can find an insight into the program and the possibility to register here.

INTEGRA – STUDY PREPARATION FOR REFUGEES

In winter semester 2018/2019, the Integra programme with special preparatory courses for refugees will start again. This semester about 120 participants will start with the Integra-12 programme. Volunteer teachers and interns could be won again in this semester to teach 8 hours of German classes in the programme.

33 participants of the Integra-12 programme will advance to the intensive Integra-24 programme in the summer semester. They will attend the intensive German courses of the Department of German as a Foreign Language (DaF) 5 days per week.

In addition to the German courses, systemic and social integration is an important component of the programme. In various preparatory workshops and events, the participants will get to know the university system.

The Sprachcafé Integra will again take place in the EuroEck every Wednesday during lecture period from 5 to 8 pm from 31 October 2018.

The next application phase for the Integra programme starts on 1 February, 2019.

Further information about the Integra programme can be found here.
GO ABROAD – INFORMATION SESSIONS

Are you planning to spend a semester studying or carrying out an internship abroad? If so, you can find out more at the information sessions offered by the International Office.

25 October 2018, 4 pm – 6 pm in HZO 80:
Exchange and Scholarship Programmes of RUB in general

28 November 2018, 4 pm – 6 pm in the International Lounge, level 01, Mensa building:
Information session for students who are interested in Erasmus+

More information about studying abroad.

PROMOS: SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STAYS ABROAD

PROMOS is a scholarship programme granted by the Bundesministerium für Bildung und Wissenschaft (BMBF) and launched by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Ruhr-Universität Bochum administers its PROMOS funds on behalf of the DAAD and awards scholarships to students who plan to study, intern or research abroad for up to six months.

The first application deadline (of three deadlines in total) for the PROMOS funding year 2019 is 06 November 2018, 4 pm, namely for stays abroad at RUB partner universities in the summer term 2019, internships (except of Erasmus countries), study trips and research stays (thesis abroad) starting between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019.

Two other application periods are planned for early March 2019 and early June 2019.
Find further information here.

ERASMUS+ INTERNSHIPS

Language assistant in Barcelona. Tertial in Warsaw. Research in Cambridge. Are you looking for practical experience during your studies or would you like to prepare your thesis? Then the Erasmus+ internship is just right for you, because your stay will be financially supported with up to 520€/month.

We will support your Erasmus+ internship if you
- are regularly enrolled at Ruhr-Universität
- the maximum possible Erasmus+ funding period of 12 months per phase of study (Bachelor, Master, doctorate) has not yet been fully exhausted

You can apply in the online portal of the International Office. The application deadline is one month before the first day of the internship at the latest.

Further information on the Erasmus+ internship can be found here.
SERVICES AT RUHR-UNIVERSITÄT

At Ruhr-Universität, many facilities offer services and events for you. Below you will find a selection of offers for winter semester 2018/2019.

UNIVERSITY SPORTS

The University Sports organises a diverse programme consisting of approx. 95 different sports. The offers include fitness and ball sports, swimming, diving, climbing, ballet, running clubs, sailing and much more. Moreover, the university-run gym “Unifit” is at your disposal in the centre of Bochum, where you can attend individual training programmes in state-of-the-art facilities on an area covering 1,100 m². Some university sports courses are regularly offered in English. Here you can find an overview of all sport activities.

You need to register for all courses with University Sports Bochum. The registration for winter semester 2018/2019 has already started on 04 October 2018. First, you need to buy a sports card (18€ for students). The costs for the courses vary from course to course.

You require a bank account from a SEPA country to register online. Detailed instructions on how to register.

If you have any questions or do not have a bank account from a SEPA country, you can visit University Sports during the designated office hours. Office hours of University Sports.

SCHREIBZENTRUM – WRITING CENTRE

The “Schreibzentrum” (Writing Centre) supports and advises students on how to write all kinds of academic papers. You can either visit one of the workshops or come in for an individual consultation. For students studying engineering, the project “Schreibmaschine” provides specific counselling and workshops to assist students in their scientific writing.

Here is a small selection of mini workshops in winter semester:

Start Writing: Developing Ideas and Conquering the blank page (in English language)
Friday, 09 November 2018, 10 am – 1 pm, SH 1/197

Writing the introduction for your paper/thesis (in English language)
Friday, 23 November 2018, 10 am – 1 pm, SH 1/197

In order to register for one of these workshops, please send an email with your name, your telephone number and the course, which you would like to attend, to schreibzentrum@rub.de.

More information and further workshops can be found here.
UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The University Library is open Mondays to Fridays from 8 am to 12 am, Saturdays from 11 am to 8 pm and Sundays from 11 am to 6 pm.

You are not yet familiar with the library system of Ruhr-Universität and need an introduction? On the following dates, there will be 60-minute introductions on how to use the library in English from 12.15 till 1.15 pm:

16 October 2018, 13 November 2018, 13 December 2018

Please register for the guided tours on this website.

BOSKOP – COURSE AND WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Just in time for the start of the winter semester, AKAFÖ-Kulturbüro BOSKOP presents its course and workshop programme. Over 50 courses for beginners and advanced students are available, for example: culture journalism, drawing, cooking, qi gong, impro theater, pole fitness, k-pop, sign language, capoeira, taiko, bouldering, singing – students can try out all of this, learn, or perfect with the help of their course instructors.

Registration period for the courses and workshops during the winter semester 2018/2019: 10 October 2018 till 18 October 2018, working days from 10 am – 4 pm
Registration in the Mensa foyer of Ruhr-Universität (coffee bar)

Here you can find the programme for the winter semester 2018/2019.

UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE CENTRE (ZFA)

Would you like to acquire new languages or expand your knowledge in another language? The University Language Centre (ZFA) offers courses in many modern languages, which you can attend in addition to your degree courses. The languages offered range from Arabic, Chinese and French to Turkish. The ZFA also offers technical language courses, e.g. technical and business English, or English for medicine and chemistry.

In addition to the language courses at different levels, there is also a tandem service. In a tandem, two people with different mother tongues work together and help each other to improve their languages skills in their partner’s mother tongue.

An overview of all available languages, registration and placement test dates are available at the ZFA webpages.

CAREER SERVICE

The Career Service of Ruhr-Universität Bochum supports students in the organization of practically oriented studies and the entry into the professional world. The Career Service offers a wide range of information, events, courses, lectures and workshops, as well as personal advice.

Events in winter semester 2018/2019
13 November 2018, Self-Presentation for Assessment Center and Job Interview, 10 am to 5 pm, Oase, room 6
15 November 2018, Applying for jobs in Germany, 10 am to 5 pm, Oase, room 6

For most events registration is required. Simply send an email including the following data to careerservice@rub.de: First and last name, email address, study subjects, desired degree, desired seminars, matriculation number.

A variety of other events of the Career Service can be found here.

FURTHER SERVICES

Get to know Bochum and Germany! In Bochum and the surrounding area there are many interesting events and projects in which you can participate. Here you will find a small selection for the winter semester 2018/2019. Have fun!

RECEPTION AT TOWN HALL

At the reception at the town hall, Mayor Thomas Eiskirch welcomes the new international students in Bochum every winter semester. At the reception, you will not only have the opportunity to experience the building built in 1931 with its rooms and corridors made of marble and bronze from the inside, but can also get in touch with the Mayor while enjoying small snacks and drinks. The Mayor is looking forward to your visit!

Friday, 23 November 2018, 6 pm, Bochum Rathaus

Please register online via the following website. Participation is free of charge.

SCHAUSPIELHAUS BOCHUM THEATRE FLATRATE

Bochum’s Schauspielhaus is one of the most renowned theatres in Germany and is a highlight in the Ruhr area. With a mixture of classical and experimental theatre, there is something for every taste. RUB students can visit the regular theatre performances at the Schauspielhaus as many times as they like – and for free!

The tickets can be reserved at the box office at the Schauspielhaus up to three days before the performance with the keyword “Theatreflatrate”. The collection of reserved tickets is only possible up to 30 minutes before the start of the respective theatre performance and only with a valid student ID at the box office.

Further information about the theatre flat rate can be found here.

In addition to Schauspielhaus, numerous other theatres such as PRINZREGENT-THEAHER, ROTTSTR5 Theater and Theater Total offer an attractive, avant-garde and wide-ranging programme in Bochum.
**EXPERIMENT: CHRISTMAS WITH A GERMAN HOST FAMILY**

Are you interested in spending the Christmas holidays with a German host family while getting to know a new town in Germany? If so, you may register for an exchange within Germany by the support of the association Experiment e. V.

If you
- are from another country and are enrolled at a German university,
- are interested in Germany and German habits,
- want to get to known Germans in their “natural environment”,
- want to use and improve your German language skills,

then please register at least 4 weeks before the desired stay for this “Experiment”. There is only a limited number of places available.

Costs: € 40 participation fee, food and accommodation provided by the German family. The travel expenses to and from the host family are covered by Experiment e. V.

[Further information can be found here.]

**RETROSPECTIVE**

A brief review of our projects from the last semester and the introductory events for winter semester 2018/2019 can be found here.

**ORIENTATION COURSE AND ORIENTATION DAYS**

Just like at the beginning of every semester, RUBiss hosted orientation events for new international students in the winter semester 2018/2019:

The **Orientation Course** for exchange students took place between 6 and 29 September 2018. 96 exchange students from various countries took part in the orientation course, which lasted 3 weeks. There were German courses in the mornings to prepare the students for their studies at Ruhr-Universität, and during the afternoons they received support dealing with formalities (registering at the city of Bochum, visa extension etc.). Alongside to the formal programme a lively programme of events during their free time was offered, including a visit of the football club VfL Bochum, a karaoke night, a visit to the German Bergbau-Museum and the Zeiss Planetarium.

[More information about the O-Course.]

The **Orientation Days** took place between 4 and 6 October 2018, which about 380 international students attended. During the O-Days the students got to know Ruhr-Universität and the city of Bochum – e.g. during the campus and city tours and evening events with ESN Bochum. German students – the “Campus Guides” – introduced the newcomers to their subjects, supported them by formalities and provided them with an insight into campus life. The first steps in Germany and Ruhr-Universität have been successfully mastered. Now you can start your studies!

[More information about the O-Days.]

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