Dear students!

We are happy to be able to send you the new issue of the Newsletter International! The newsletter for international students at RUB is published twice per semester.

We inform you about current activities and offers from the International Office and other university facilities and give you tips for the winter semester 2019/20.

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

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For the marked dates you will find more information in this newsletter.
INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The RUBiss Team publishes a semester programme every semester with a list of various events, workshops and excursions. **International and German students** will be present at all of the events and you will have the opportunity to meet many new people. Some highlights of the semester programme for the winter semester are already presented to you in this newsletter.

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

INTERNATIONAL WELCOME

Friday, 11 October 2019 at 4 pm, Veranstaltungszentrum (VZ) below the canteen in hall 2a/b

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. *The participation is free of charge.*

Please sign up here for the International Welcome.

SPRACHCAFÉ – LANGUAGE PRACTICE MEET UP

Every Monday from 5 pm in Max-Kade-Hall, Laerholzstraße 82, 44801 Bochum

Every Monday during the lecture period you can visit the Sprachcafé between 5 and 9 pm and can use the possibility to talk, practice and discover a new foreign language in a relaxed setting and most of all have fun. The principle 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? Start: 14/10/2019

*The participation is free. A registration is not necessary.*

Come and visit the Facebook page of our Sprachcafé!
DAYTRIPS TO BONN AND ESSEN

Join us on our trips to the city of Bonn and the “Haus der Geschichte” (Museum of German history) or to the Ruhr Museum in Essen, which is located on the grounds of the Zollverein colliery, once the largest industrial complex in Europe and part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2001.

**Bonn - Saturday, 26 October 2019**
09:00 am, University library main entrance
→ Visit of the “Haus der Geschichte” and the city center and old town of Bonn

**Essen - Saturday, 14 December 2019**
10:00 am, Entrance hall of Bochum main station
→ Visit of the Ruhr Museum and the Zollverein Heritage Side. Optional: Ice-skating (not part of the excursion).

Price: €3.50 (regular), €3.00 (with ESNcard)
Registration at the International Office during the RUBiss consultation hours (waiting number “Events”)

ERASMUS NETWORKING EVENT

The International Office invites you to the very first Erasmus Networking Event at RUB. In addition to other Erasmus Incomings and the Erasmus Student Network (ESN), we have invited future Erasmus outgoing students who will be going to your home country or maybe even to your home university next summer. Over some light refreshments, you can share experiences with other incoming students and ask the locals questions about studying and living in Bochum. It is a unique opportunity to expand your global network.

For RUB Erasmus students only.

Please register online for the event.

EUROPEAN EVENING

This is Europe! More than 800 million people live in Europe, more than 3000 of them from over 30 different countries study at RUB. They contribute to making the RUB a diverse and colourful place for learning and research. In keeping with the year of the European elections, the International Office and the AKAFÖ, supported by ESN Bochum, invite you to the European Evening to present and celebrate this diversity.

Come by and meet Europe in Bochum! A delicious European buffet, music, dance, games and many opportunities for intercultural exchange await you!

Price €5 (regular), €4 (with ESNcard)
Advance sale at the International Office during the RUBiss consultation hours (waiting number “Events”) and online.
INTERNATIONAL COURSE CATALOGUE

The “International Course Catalogue” contains information about lectures and seminars taught in English and other foreign languages.

It is designed for international students, staff and all those wishing to attend courses taught in English at RUB. 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.

INTEGRA – STUDY PREPARATION FOR REFUGEES

In the winter semester 2019/2020, 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 were won again in this semester to teach 8 hours of German classes in the programme.

55 participants of the Integra-12 programme will advance to the intensive Integra-24 programme in the winter 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 30 October 2019.

The next application phase for the Integra programme starts on 1 February 2020.

Further information about the Integra programme can be found here.
GROUP INFO SESSIONS – GOING ABROAD

The International Office will offer a variety of information sessions on studying, interning, and researching abroad in the winter term 2019/20. Most importantly, we will tell you how you can support yourself while going abroad. Don’t miss out on great opportunities to learn more about going abroad and scholarship opportunities for your global experience!

- Monday, 28 October, 12-1 pm
- Wednesday, 6 November, 4-5 pm
- Thursday, 21 November, 1-2 pm
- Wednesday, 11 December, 12-1 pm
- Thursday, 16 January 2020, 4-5 pm

The group consultations all take place in SSC 1/263.

Please sign up via Doodle. More information about going abroad can be found here.

ERASMUS+ INTERNSHIPS

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 555€/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 can be found here.

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). RUB 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 for the PROMOS funding year 2020 is 01 November 2019, namely for stays abroad at RUB partner universities in the summer term 2020, internships (except of Erasmus countries), study trips and research stays (thesis abroad) starting between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020.

Two other application periods are planned for early March 2020 and early June 2020.

Find further information here.
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.

The registration for language courses is possible until 10 October 2019, 12:00 noon.

Please note: The ZFA does not offer German language courses. If you would like to improve your German you can attend a course at the Department for German as a Foreign Language (Bereich Deutsch als Fremdsprache). The registration for the winter semester 2019/2020 already ended at the end of September.

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

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The University Library is open Mondays to Fridays from 8 am to 12 am, Saturdays from 10 am to 8 pm and Sundays from 10 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:

29 October 2019, 20 November 2019, 19 December 2019

Please register for the guided tours on this website (course "Library introduction").
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.

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.

Events in winter semester 2019/2020:

12 November 2019, Self-Presentation for Assessment Center and Job Interview, 10 am to 5 pm, Oase, room 6
3 December 2019, Applying for jobs in Germany, 10 am to 6 pm, Oase, room 6

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

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. In winter semester 2019/2020 the Schreibzentrum offers diverse mini-workshops that might be interesting for international students too.

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

Here is a small selection of mini workshops in winter semester 2019/2020:

Developing Ideas (in English language)
Friday, 29 November 2019, 10 am to 2 pm, FNO 02/73

Using the 'Academic Phrasebank': Writing in English (in English language),
Friday, 31 January 2020, 10 am to 1 pm, FBO 02/73

More information and further workshops can be found here.
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. This semester e.g. Unifit Starting Classes, HIIT, STRONG by Zumba, Circuit Training and Hatha Yoga.

Here you can find an overview of all sport activities.

You need to register for all courses with University Sports Bochum. The registration for the winter semester 2019/2020 starts von 02 October 2019. First you need to buy a sports card (€18 for students; valid for one semester). 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.

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 2019/20:
09 October 2019 till 17 October 2019, 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 2019/2020.
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 2019/2020. Have fun!

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 “Theaterflatrate”. 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-THEATER, ROTSTR5 Theater and Theater Total offer an attractive, avant-garde and wide-ranging programme in Bochum.

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!

Participation is free charge.

Registration is possible via the RUBiss website.

Friday, 22 November 2019,
6 pm, Bochum Rathaus
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.
RUBiss – international student services is your contact at the International Office at Ruhr-Universität, providing support when it comes to social, cultural and university matters as well as administrative and legal issues. Furthermore, we organise a varied and colorful event program for you every semester, which accompanies you in your student life.

Advice and support

Do you have any questions regarding visa and residence permits, degree courses, finding an apartment, leisure activities or financing your studies? In most cases, we will be able to help you in a quick and unbureaucratic manner! Visit us during our consultation hours in the SSC building (level 1) on the campus of Ruhr-Universität.

To visit the consultation hours of the RUBiss team, please ask for a waiting number at the reception desk of the Studierenden-Service-Center (SSC) – level 0. You will be called via screen.

Consultation for international degree seeking and exchange students (Incomings)

Monday and Thursday: 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Tuesday and Friday: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
E-Mail: rubiss@rub.de

Information and registration for RUBiss events

Monday and Thursday: 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Tuesday and Friday: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
E-Mail: rubiss@rub.de

Information and consultation regarding accommodation

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.00 am – 12.00 pm
E-Mail: accommodation@uv.rub.de

Information and consultation for refugees interested in studies

Tuesday: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
Thursday: 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
E-Mail: welcome@rub.de
RUBiss on Facebook and Instagram

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.

Follow us on Instagram!

Would you like to receive the newsletter on a regular basis? Register here!

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