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 of the International Office and other university facilities and give you tips for the semester break.

The team of RUBiss – RUB international student services wishes you a nice and relaxing semester break!

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In the coming summer semester 2020, many different and interesting 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!

INTEGRA – INTEGRATION PROGRAMME FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS

Ruhr-Universität Bochum supports refugees who want to study in Germany with special preparatory courses, these combine a German language course (8 hours per week) with a propaedeutic programme (4 hours per week).

From 1 February to 28 February 2020, the application period for the Integra-12 programme of the International Office for summer semester 2020 takes place. The application is online.

Here you can find all the information about the preparatory courses and the application process.

GRADUATION GRANTS

The International Office of RUB offers graduation grants funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for the summer term 2020.

The scholarships are offered to international students who:
• are studying at RUB and graduated from a foreign school and/or completed their first university degree abroad.
• are close to their final degree (Bachelor; Master; State Examination or equivalent degree) and will therefore finish after one more semester maximum
• effected good to very good performances during their studies.
• are reliant on financial support during their final phase of study

The scholarships are amounting to €400 monthly for the period from May to August 2020. Application deadline 12/04/2020.

Further information about the graduation grants can be found here.
SEMESTER PROGRAMME

The RUBiss Team publishes a semester programme every semester with a list of various 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.

From April 2020, you will find the semester programme online on our website. You can get a printed version at the International Office.

Below you will find a selection of the first events from the semester programme for the summer semester 2020.

Further information about the semester programme can be found here.

ORIENTATION EVENTS

Get started - The **Orientation Days** take place from 3 to 5 April 2020.

During the O-Days German Students – the “Campus Guides” – introduce the newcomers to their subjects, support them by formalities and provide them with an insight into campus life. The RUBiss team will answer your questions about studying and living in Bochum. On Friday evening, the International Office will organize a German evening.

There you have the opportunity to chat with your Campus Guides and your fellow students while trying out a variety of typical German snacks and food.

The participation is free of charge.

More information about the O-Days.

INTERNATIONAL WELCOME

**Thursday, 16 April 2020 at 4 pm, Veranstaltungszentrum (VZ) below the canteen in hall 2a/b**

At the beginning of every semester, we invite all new international students to our International Welcome to welcome them to Ruhr-Universität Bochum. An informal reception will be accompanied by a “market of opportunities” where various university institutions introduce themselves and their offers for international students at information stands. This should make the start of your studies easier for you.

The participation is free of charge.

Please sign up here for the International Welcome.
INTERNSHIPS AND ENGAGEMENT

The International Office is looking for volunteer “Campus Guides” for the summer semester 2020. During the Orientation Day (3 April 2020) you will accompany a small group of international students during their first steps at Ruhr-Universität.

You will support the newly arrived students in starting their studies and help them to settle in Bochum - e.g. by assisting them with formalities at the university, with the orientation on campus and by answering questions about studying and living in Bochum. As a Campus Guide you can develop your intercultural competence, get to know new cultures and deepen your knowledge of foreign languages.

▶ Further information and the link for registration can be found here.

Campus Guides

Internship at RUBiss to support international students
As an intern, you will support international exchange and degree seeking students in starting their studies. Throughout the semester, you will be a contact person for the students, organize the cultural and event programme of RUBiss (excursions, cultural evenings, etc.) and take on individual tasks at the International Office. The focus lies on organizing and running the weekly language practice meet up “Sprachcafé” in the Max-Kade-Hall (every Monday evening during the lecture period). The internship is credited with 5 CP in the “Optionalbereich”. Fluent German (C1) is required.

We look forward to receiving your application (covering letter and curriculum vitae), which you should send by email to rubiss@rub.de by 6 February 2020. Further information can be found here.

Internship to support the services for refugees
As an intern, you accompany the preparatory programme for refugees interested in studying. The Integra programme consists of German language courses and a propaedeutic programme to help prospective students with a refugee background to start their studies at a university.

The interns will help to organize and support the activities of the propaedeutic programme. A preparatory workshop or intercultural training will prepare you for your work. The internship is credited with 5 CP in the “Optionalbereich”. Fluent German (C1) is required.

We look forward to receiving your application (covering letter and curriculum vitae), which you should send by e-mail to welcome@rub.de by 8 March 2020. Further information can be found here.
Students of Ruhr-Universität can complete a voluntary internship in the International Office between 15.03.2020 and 15.06.2020.

The internship offers the opportunity to gain insight into the individual work areas of the International Office:
- International Student Services (RUBiss): RUB service and advice centre for international students and prospective students
- Outgoing Services: Counselling Office for Ruhr-Universität students planning a stay abroad
- Welcome Centre: Contact point for international scientists

Fluent German (C1) is required.

Further information about the application and the tasks during the internship can be found here.

The internship is carried out by the International Office in cooperation with the Department German as a Foreign Language (DaF). As an intern, you will be – after completing a preparatory workshop – teaching a German course together with a partner. The internship is credited with 5 CP in the “Optionalbereich”.

The Integra-12 programme offers a German course (8h/week) as well as academic and cultural events like lectures and workshops (4h/week) in a total of 12 hours per week.

This placement is suitable for students from all faculties who have an interest in acquiring a qualification as a voluntary teacher of German as a Foreign Language. This module fulfils the basic requirements to apply successfully as an Assistant Teacher Abroad (e.g. as a DAAD Language Assistant in schools or universities outside Germany).

Further information 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 the semester break.

SCHREIBZENTRUM – WRITING CENTRE

Who doesn’t know this? The semester break has just started and you already have to write your term papers. In order to help you with this task the writing centre at Ruhr-Universität offers a whole writing week for students, postgraduates, and academics from 9 to 13 March 2020 where you can keep writing non-stop. The idea behind this is to use the writing week as a binding framework and free space for writing, to meet others, to help each other, give feedback, etc., using worksheets, tips and advice from the writing centre team, appreciating and celebrating progress, or simply drinking coffee and chatting.

Various mini-workshops are also held during the lecture-free period. 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.

Here is a small selection of mini workshops during the semester break:

- Essays schreiben (in German language)
  Friday, 14/02/2020, 9 am to 12 pm

- Blockaden vermeiden: Schreibstrategien
  (in German language)
  Friday, 28/02/2020, 10 am to 1 pm

Further workshops and offers can be found here.

UNIVERSITÄTSBIBLIOTHEK

The University Library is open during its regular opening hours also in the lecture-free period: Mondays to Fridays from 8.00 a. m. to 11.00 p. m., Saturdays from 10.00 a. m. to 9.00 p. m. and Sundays from 10.00 a. m. to 9.00 p. m.
You are not yet familiar with the library system of Ruhr-Universität and need an introduction? There will be 60-minute introductions on how to use the library in English which can be requested via ub-kurse@rub.de.

Further information 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. Here you can find an overview of all sport activities.

University Sports Bochum is offering a special programme during the semester break. Those who have taken part in the sports programme during the term only have to book the new courses. New participants also have to book a sports card (9€ for RUB students). The registration for the holiday programme has already started on 29 January 2020— so make sure you quickly secure your desired courses!

Tip: Sport in English!
STRONG by Zumba (in Englisch langueau)
Friday, 4:30 pm
Yoga Hatha (in English language)
Monday 8:30 pm
Unifit Starting Classes (in English language)
Monday, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, 12 pm

If you have any questions or do not have a German bank account, you can visit University Sports Bochum during the designated office hours.

To register online a German bank account is required. Detailed instructions on how to register.

STUDY-BUDDY-PROGRAMME

New at the RUB?

The Study Buddy Programme connects international first-year students at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum with local students as peer tutors.

As Study-Buddies, local students (mentors) help international students (mentees) to find their way in the foreign environment so both sides have the opportunity to get to know the other culture.

Registration online: Register here.

Further information 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 lecture-free time. Have fun!

SCHAUSPIELHAUS BOCHUM THEATERFLATRATE

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 “Theaterflatrare”. 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, ROTTSTRA,5 and Theater Total offer an attractive, avant-garde and wide-ranging programme in Bochum.

EXPERIMENT: HOMESTAY FOR STUDENTS

Are you interested in spending the semester break 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 know Germans in their “natural environment”
• want to use and improve your German language skills,

please register for the “Experiment” at least 4 weeks before the desired stay. 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

Thank you for your great participation in our events during the winter semester 2019/20! In the following, learn more about some of the highlights from the past semester.

EVALUATION OF THE RUBISS SEMESTER PROGRAMME

We would like to continue to offer you a great and varied programme in the next semester. Therefore, we would like to ask you to take a moment and complete our evaluation sheet online. You would be supporting our work very much and we are looking forward to your suggestions, criticisms and ideas. The survey is anonymous.

Click here to take part in the survey.

INTERNATIONAL EVENING – EUROPE

People from all over the world come together on the international campus of the Ruhr-Universität. Students from 130 countries enrich the RUB and make it a diverse and colourful place for learning and research.

To celebrate this interculturality, the International Office and the AKAFÖ with the support of ESN Bochum invited you to the International Evening with emphasis on Europe.

A delicious, European-inspired buffet, music, dance and traditions from many different European countries awaited the guests. Besides watching, the opening song and several dance workshops on Greek dance and Schuhplattler required physical effort!

We would like to thank all participants and dedicated volunteers.
CULTURAL EVENING – VIETNAM

Every semester RUBiss organizes cultural evenings where students can present the culture, special food, music and traditions of their home country.

In winter semester 2019/20, the International Office together with your Vietnamese fellow students invited you to a Vietnamese evening. 150 guests got to know the culture of Vietnam, Vietnamese music, its dances and had the opportunity to taste many dishes typical for the country, such as homemade summer rolls.

The International Office would like to thank all volunteers who planned and realized this cultural evening and made it a complete success.

If you would also like to organize a cultural evening about a specific country, please contact us via rubiss@rub.de.

SPRACHCAFÉ – LANGUAGE PRACTICE MEET UP

The RUBiss-Team would like to thank all participants, language guides and volunteers for a successful language practice meet up in summer semester 2018! The Sprachcafé is now taking a semester break.

From 20 April 2020 on, the Sprachcafé will take place again every Monday from 5 pm at Max-Kade-Hall, Laerholzstraße 82, 44801 Bochum.

In the language practice meet up you have the opportunity to improve your language skills while getting in contact with other international and German students. Several tables will be set up in a relaxed setting where you can talk, practice, and discover a new language and most of all have fun.

Visit the Facebook page of the Sprachcafé!
INTEGRA – INTEGRATION PROGRAMME FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS

In winter semester 2019/20, 173 refugees were successfully participating in the International Office's Integra programme. The programme offers special preparatory courses for refugees who are qualified to study, which combine a German language course with a preparatory course. This semester’s preparatory courses and offers once again included a varied programme.

The series “A closer look” gave the participants insights into potential study subjects. This semester, among others, the Hochschule für Gesundheit, the DASA, the “Haus der Geschichte” in Bonn and the Geothermal Centre were visited. These events are supported by students, with whom the participants can talk and exchange ideas about study subjects.

In a weekly tutorial and student counselling sessions the participants learned all about the Ruhr-Universität and “life on campus”, as well as learning techniques and other study-related competences.

A highlight of this semester was the excursion to Bonn: With 50 participants we were guided through the museum “Haus der Geschichte”. Afterwards, the participants were able to get to know Bonn and visit the Christmas market, accompanied by a city rallye.

In addition, 21 Integra participants visited the parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia and got an insight into the parliamentary work by means of a guided tour and participation in a plenary session. In addition, those present were able to ask questions in a discussion with the members of parliament Serdar Yüksel, Carina Gödecke and Prof. Dr. Karsten Rudolph.

The end of the semester will be celebrated on 14/02/2020 together with the volunteer teachers and all supporters at the Mensa Bistro.
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 o. 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: 10.30 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: 10.30 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 studying

Tuesday: 10.30 am – 12.30 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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