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 provide an overview of important dates in the summer semester 2019.

Have a sunny and successful summer semester 2019!
Your RUBiss team – RUB international student services

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For the marked dates you will find more information in this newsletter.
INTERNATIONAL OFFICE SERVICES

SEMESTER 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 summer semester are already presented to you in this newsletter.

Here you can find the semester programme for the summer semester 2019 online.

INTERNATIONAL WELCOME

Thursday, 11 April 2019 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 you 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.

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

Come and visit the Facebook page of our Sprachcafé!
HIKING TRIP: BURG ALTENA

Our hike will take us about 15 kilometres through the landscape of the Sauerland. Along slopes and cliffs, through woods, with a beautiful view of Burg Altena. The next day, after a night at the oldest youth hostel of Germany in Burg Altena, we will go to the Sorpesee and have a ship tour as well as time to explore the lake or to take a swim.

**Information:** Journey there and back by coach. Overnight accommodation with breakfast. Appropriate footwear and perhaps a rucksack, enough snacks, refreshments and clothes for changing are recommended.

- Price 40€ (regular), 35€ (with ESNcard)
- Registration at the International Office until 2 June 2019. Waiting number “Events”

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS’ DAY

Today is your day! Find out what RUB has to offer – exciting workshops and lectures from Career Service to Writing Centre and beyond. Choose the events that interests you the most and experience a diverse day with your international fellow students at RUB. In the evening we will end the day together at the culture evening.

*Only for RUB students. Participation is free of charge.*

Please register here for the events.

CULTURE EVENING – PRESENT YOUR HOMECOUNTRY

Where are you from? What are the traditions there? Which food is your country famous for? What music do you listen to in your country? Would you like to introduce us to your country? Then write a message to rubiss@rub.de and give us ideas on how to present your country. We will then dedicate our country evening to the country, which is most often mentioned and for which there are the best ideas. Deadline for submissions is 2 May 2019.
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 summer semester 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 were won again in this semester to teach 8 hours of German classes in the programme.

36 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 17 April 2019. Every second Wednesday there is a special theme night with games, music and films.

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

Further information about the Integra programme can be found here.
STUDY ABROAD INFO EVENTS – „WEGE INS AUSLAND“

16 April and 21 May 2019

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.

16 April 2019, 4 to 6 pm in HZO 70

21 May 2019, 4 to 6 pm in HNC 30

Students from all faculties and years may attend the sessions. The sessions are also especially interesting for first or second year students.

More information about studying abroad.
SERVICES AT RUHR-UNIVERSITÄT

Many institutions at RUB – in addition to the International Office – have exciting offers for international students. Here are some important themes and dates for the summer semester 2019.

DEPARTEMENT GERMAN AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (DAF)

Do you want to improve your German language skills during your studies or exchange in Bochum? A broad range of German language courses at different levels are offered at Ruhr-Universität and in Bochum. The Department of German as a Foreign Language (DaF) is part of Ruhr-Universität Bochum. As the most important language course provider, it offers preparatory courses as well as courses during the semester at different levels. The courses also prepare you for your “TestDaF” which is a language proficiency test. Credit points can be gained for the DaF courses.

For the German language courses in the summer semester 2019 you have to register online between 11th and 29th March 2019 on this website.

Afterwards, placement tests or counselling will take place on the following days:
- Wednesday, 3 April 2019
- Thursday, 4 April 2019
- Friday, 5 April 2019
Time: between 10 am and 2 pm
Location: Universitätsstraße 90 (Campus line U 35: Stop “Wasserstraße”)
Lessons start on Monday, 15 April 2019.

Further information about the German courses during term time.

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:

17 April 2019, 17 May 2019, 17 June 2019

Please register for the guided tours on this website.
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 summer semester 2019:

- **16 April 2019**, Presentation Skills and Public Speaking, 10 am to 5 pm, Oase, room 5
- **7 May 2019**, Self-Presentation Skills, 10 am to 5 pm, Oase, room 5 (as a preparation for the „Stellenwerk“ job fair)

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 summer semester 2019 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, your telephone number and the course, which you would like to attend, to schreibzentrum@rub.de.

Here is a small selection of mini workshops in summer semester 2019:

- **Die erste Hausarbeit schreiben** (in German language)
  - **Friday, 28 June 2019**, 10 am to 2 pm, SH 1/197

- **Mehrsprachige Wege zu einsprachigen Texten** (in German language)
  - **Friday, 9 August 2019**, 11 am to 2 pm, SH 1/197

Further workshops and offers for students who write in a foreign language or whose mother tongue is not German, 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. Newcomer starting Class (in the fitness studio Unifit), STRONG by Zumba and Yoga for Beginners.

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 summer semester 2019 starts von 27 March 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.

In the week from 1 till 7 April 2019 you can visit most courses without registering to try these out. On 8 April, 20% of the places in these courses will be unlocked for registration.

You require a German bank account to register online. Detailed instructions on how to register.

PROJECT „GEMEINSAM – STUDIES FÜR FLÜCHTLINGE“

The project “Gemeinsam – Studies für Flüchtlinge” of the AStA (General Students’ Committee) aims to ease participants into everyday life on campus and to provide support organising their future studies. Sport, music and cooking events are also on the schedule.

As a buddy, you help the participants to inform themselves about the possible courses of study and to master the bureaucratic hurdles during enrollment. You support your buddies concerning all questions related to their studies and Ruhr-Universität and you help them to find the necessary information and advice.

You want to become a buddy for prospective refugee students? All information can be found here.
UNIVERSITY SUMMER FESTIVAL

19 June 2019, Campus of Ruhr-Universität

Many different live bands, street food stands and a varied supporting programme await you at Ruhr-Universität’s summer festival.

As every year, one highlight is the firework, which is fired above the Audimax at about 10.45 pm.

Further Information about the programme can be found here...

RUB ARTS AND CULTURE INTERNATIONAL

The project RUB Arts & Culture International is a cooperation of Musisches Zentrum and inSTUDIESplus at Ruhr-Universität Bochum. Here you will find an overview of the upcoming events.

EuRUBvision 2019 on 10 Mai 2019 from 7 pm, Musisches Zentrum, Campus of Ruhr-Universität

euRUBvision offers a colourful show around the Eurovision Song Contest. This time, RUB local heroes will compete against the best video clips from 40 years of ESC, which will be selected by an online voting on Facebook from 11 to 23 April 2019. A panel of experts will also provide anecdotes and information on fashion, dance, music, media and politics. Admission is free, a ticket reservation at euRubvision@rub.de is recommended.

During the semester, the seminar Let’s Move: Show & Shine will also be offered, during which you and your fellow students will create a dance performance that will be presented at the euRUBvision Contest.

„OPEN STAGE – The floor is yours!“, Musisches Zentrum, various Tuesdays from 7 pm

In the event series OPEN STAGE co-creators present their respective cultural knowledge with performances, lectures and sounds. As part of the inStudies project, music, dance, discourse, film and much more will be presented. Contributions from the ‘RUB arts and culture international’ community will be given a stage here.

Tuesday, from 7 pm on 16 April | 30 April | 14 May | 28 May | 25 June | 9 July

For more information on the events, visit the Facebook page of RUB Arts & Culture International.
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 summer semester 2019. 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, ROTTSTR Theater and Theater Total offer an attractive, avant-garde and wide-ranging programme in Bochum.

EXTRASCHICHET

Every year in the Ruhr area a one-day cultural festival takes place under the name “ExtraSchicht – The Night of Industrial Culture”. Visitors can visit about 500 different events in over 20 different cities – from classical music to theater, comedy and special tours to fireworks. The events take place at more than 45 former industrial sites

Costs: until 8 May 12 € (early bird discount), afterwards 20 €
Inclusive: free entry to all venues as well as the use of extra shuttle buses between the cities.

Further information about the Extraschicht as well as the venues and the programme can be found here.
**KEMNADE IN FLAMMEN**

For more than 30 years, a large folk festival has taken place once a year on the grounds around Lake Kemnade in Bochum, with a fun fair and an entertainment programme.

In addition to numerous rides, a colourful music programme with various artists, an arts and crafts market and a street food market including a beer garden are offered.

Opening hours:
- Friday: 5 pm to midnight
- Saturday: 2 pm to midnight
- Sunday: 11 am to midnight
- Monday: 11 am to 11 pm

On Saturday and Monday there will also be a big fireworks display at 10.45 pm.

[Further information on the programme, directions and admission can be found here.]

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**BOCHUM TOTAL**

From 4 till 7 July 2019, the music festival “Bochum Total” will take place in Bochum around the Bermudad3Eck. With an average of 700,000 visitors, Bochum Total is one of the largest music festivals in Europe – for free and outdoors. Bochum Total sees itself as a rock and pop festival and focuses on progressive and original music.

[Here you can find further information about the line-up at Bochum Total.]
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 studying

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!

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