Continuing Education and Leisure at RUB

3.1 Language Courses

The University Language Centre (ZFA) at Ruhr-Universität Bochum provides language learning opportunities for all members of the university. The range on offer is very wide. It includes German courses run by the Department of German as a Foreign Language, foreign language courses (general and specialised courses), tandem courses and tandem teaching as well as advice on individual language learning.

German as a foreign language

Every semester, German courses are held for international researchers and their families. The portfolio includes courses concentrating on general language, specialist courses as well as numerous targeted programmes for students, doctoral candidates and researchers from all over the world, which focus on (intercultural) communicative competence in the academic context. The way the courses are constructed and timetabled is designed to enable you to attend regularly without encroaching on your research activity.

Registration and placement tests for the courses are held at the beginning of the semester. For more details on the courses and current timetables visit the Department of German as a Foreign Language website.

Tandem language learning

Tandem language learning means that two people with different native languages cooperate in order to learn systematically with and from each other. If, for example, you want to improve your German, you can work together with someone – in addition to your language course or quite independently – whose native language is German and who, in turn, wants to learn your native language. Tandem partners can meet regularly (face-to-face tandem) or communicate at a distance by telephone, email, chat or video-conference (eTandem). You can work in tandem individually or using a task-based intensive tandem course.

Ruhr-Universität offers a number of services (organising partners, individual learning advice, online assistance etc.) to support tandem language learning. You can discover more about current offers online.

University Language Centre (ZFA)

Tel.: 02 34 / 32-2 81 82
Fax: 02 34 / 32-1 49 42
Email: zfa@rub.de
www.rub.de/zfa/index.html.en
If you are not only interested in improving your German, but other languages, too, you can turn to the University Language Centre (ZFA). Visit the website for the current programme which usually includes some 20 foreign languages. There are various different ways of registering for and participating in courses: if you are enrolled as a doctoral candidate (with a student ID) you can register for any of the courses you choose. If you are employed by Ruhr-Universität on a contract and need to use a foreign language in your work, please initially contact the Professional Development Office (IFB) which offers special language courses for RUB staff. If the foreign language you need to use in your work is not included in the offers for staff, please contact Silvia Markard at IFB.

On top of this, for a reduced fee, you are always welcome to take advantage of language learning opportunities just for the fun of it. Visit the ZFA website for registration dates and register online by clicking on “Registration for External Candidates.”

INSIDER INFO: Twice a year, at the beginning of each semester, the Department of German as a Foreign Language publishes a brochure with the current programme for the entire year. You will find copies in the International Lounge.

Department of German as a Foreign Language (DAF)
Beate Hermans
Ruhr-Universität Bochum
Universitätsstr. 90, Building 1, Room 2.02
Tel.: 02 34 / 32-2 38 87
Fax: 02 34 / 32-1 40 19
Email: beate.hermans@uv.rub.de
www.rub.de/daf/index.html.en

Tandem language learning
www.rub.de/zfa/tandem/index.html.en

Professional Development Office (IFB)
Silvia Markard
Ruhr-Universität Bochum
SH, 1/143
Tel.: 02 34 / 32-2 79 48
Email: silvia.markard@uv.rub.de
www.uv.rub.de/ifb/index_en.html

3.2 Professional Development (IFB)
Ruhr-Universität Bochum aims to achieve excellence in teaching, research and continuing education. The most important element in reaching this goal is personnel. Only when the staff are motivated and qualified can the university fulfill its ambitious objectives. This is where “RUB’s professional development” comes in: it is the way we find out about the performance and learning potential of our staff, so that we can use it and promote it in the interests of both the individual and Ruhr-Universität as a whole.

The programme offered by the Professional Development Office (IFB) is directed at everyone working at RUB, i.e. management and staff in academic, technical and administrative capacities. This model of “one-stop professional development” guarantees a broadly-based programme of continuing education measures as well as tailored individual training and counselling.

Always in the know – RUB’s continuing education mailing list
Are you interested in receiving the latest information on continuing education events taking place at RUB?
Simply send an email to silvia.markard@uv.rub.de and you will be included in the mailing list!
IFB essentials – what do we offer you?

Every year in September, IFB produces a detailed programme of continuing education opportunities that is open to all staff. Furthermore, we react to concrete enquiries, offer advice or arrange internal and external trainers to provide support on all issues relating to leadership, management, teambuilding and career planning.

For all staff at RUB there are opportunities in the fields:

- Overarching skills
- Communication at work
- Electronic data processing
- Healthcare
- Languages

For academic staff IFB has numerous offers:

- Leadership and management skills in research
- From doctrate to professorship
- Completing a doctorate successfully
- Women researchers at RUB
- Continuing education and training programme in university didactics
- Opportunities for engineering scientists
- Teaching at university – competent from the word go

For the current programme and registration form visit the IFB website.

3.3 Art and Culture on Campus

Art Collections

In 1975, RUB’s art collections, comprising ancient and modern art, were opened in the University Library building. In the Art Museum on campus outstanding works from the permanent collections as well as thematic temporary exhibitions are shown to this day. In 1990, the Modern Collection gained a second exhibition space when “Situation Kunst” (for Max Imdahl) was opened in the grounds of “Haus Weitmar” (see Chapter 4.3).

The Architecture of Ruhr-Universität Bochum and Art in Public Spaces

www.rub.de/kuba

“Situation Kunst” (for Max Imdahl)

Nevelstr. 29c
(in the grounds of “Haus Weitmar”)
44795 Bochum (Weitmar district)

Opening hours

Wed – Fri 2 pm – 6 pm
Sat, Sun and public holidays 12 – 6 pm.
Closed on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve

www.situation-kunst.de/en

Professional Development (IFB)

Professional Development Office

SH 1/143

Email: ifb@uv.rub.de

www.uv.rub.de/ifb/index_en.html

Link to the continuing education programme (PDF) via:

www.uv.rub.de/ifb/fortbildungsprogramm

www.ifb.rub.de

Ruhr-Universität Bochum Art Collections, Campus Museum, Forumplatz.

Universitätsstraße 150
44801 Bochum

Opening hours

Tue – Fri 11 am – 5 pm, Sat, Sun and public holidays 11 am – 6 pm.
Closed on Monday

www.rub.de/kusa

www.kusa-rub-modern.de

www.rub.de/kusa

www.rub.de/kusa

www.situation-kunst.de/en

www.situation-kunst.de/en

www.situation-kunst.de/en
Ruhr-Universität Bochum also has a lot going on in the fields of music and theatre as well as the visual arts and photography. The Fine Arts Centre ("Musikatives Zentrum", MZ) is a unique facility at German universities.

Members of the university can become actively involved in painting, sculpture and printing, photography, music for choir and orchestra or theatre productions at the "Studioskine" stage, all under the tutelage of qualified artists and teachers. There are regular theatre performances, film and theatre festivals as well as photographic and art exhibitions. Apart from ambitious student productions, international theatre groups often give guest performances at Ruhr-Universität. Anyone at the university is eligible to become a member of the University Choir and University Orchestra. Rehearsals take place during term time and concerts are given at the end of the semester. The groups regularly work together with the Bochum Symphony Orchestra and other orchestras or choirs as well as with international soloists. You can join at the beginning of the semester without registering in advance. If you want to take part in the concerts you have to attend rehearsals regularly. The Collegium vocale and Collegium instrumentale also rehearse outside term time.

In the Fine Arts Centre you will find the following sections:

**Music**

In the music section of the Fine Arts Centre there are four different groups for you to participate in: University Choir, University Orchestra, Collegium vocale Bochum and Collegium instrumentale Bochum. Anyone at the university is eligible to become a member of the University Choir and University Orchestra. Rehearsals take place during term time and concerts are given at the end of the semester. The groups regularly work together with the Bochum Symphony Orchestra and other orchestras or choirs as well as with international soloists. You can join at the beginning of the semester without registering in advance. If you want to take part in the concerts you have to attend rehearsals regularly. The Collegium vocale and Collegium instrumentale also rehearse outside term time.

**Visual Arts**

In the visual arts section you will find opportunities to work and attend classes in drawing, painting, etching, printing and sculpture. Annual "Overview" exhibitions showcase the diversity of creative potential and expression to be found amongst the participants. Anyone can be creative; you do not have to become a professional artist.

Fine Arts Centre (MZ)

Directly at the "Uni-Brücke" (Uni Bridge)
Tel.: 0234 / 32-223945
Fax: 0234 / 32-14708
Email: mz-buero@rub.de
www.rub.de/mz

Music section
Prof. Dr. Hans Jaskulsky
Office: MZ 0/13, Sabine Hoeper
Tel.: 0234 / 32-22800
Fax: 0234 / 32-14621
Email: mz-musik@rub.de
Office hours by appointment only
www.rub.de/mz-musik

Visual Arts section
Ortrud Kabus
Tel.: 0234 / 32-23943
Office hours
2 pm – 3 pm and during courses
Photography
The photography section offers seminars and workshops in various technical, creative and conceptual focus areas. You can both follow up classical photo themes or investigate the experimental world of new media images. The resulting works often flow into photography exhibitions and other projects on selected themes. The section has a large photo lab, a studio with flash equipment, projectors for various film formats, a medium and large format camera, digital camera, repro equipment and various other items of photographic equipment. The digital facilities (computers, image processing programmes, digital cameras, scanners etc.) offer plenty of opportunity for digital image processing. And if you want to check on something there is a small reference library with specialist photographic literature.

Office hours
Wed 1 pm – 2 pm during term time and by appointment

Studiobühne section
Karin Freymeyer
Office hours by appointment
Tel.: 02 34 / 32-2 28 36
Email: karin.freymeyer@rub.de
www.mz.rub.de

Please note: When you register you have to differentiate between the “normal” MZ courses and events and those designed for the options component (for students only; with credit points).

“Studienkreis Film” (SKF) – Student Cinema Club at RUB
During term time the club shows selected films at low prices twice a week, some of them in the original language with German subtitles. You can find the programme on flyers, posters and online. SKF also runs discussions and working groups and sells specialist magazines, cameras, projectors and other equipment.

“boSKop” – AKAFÖ Cultural Office
boSKop is the cultural office for Student Services (AKAFÖ). It organises lots of exciting events and offers a comprehensive programme of courses and workshops. As a member of the university you can take part in various dance classes and creative workshops, attend nine seminars or participate in improvisation theatre. In the summer semester boSKop organises the Campus RuhrComer Festival for emerging young musical talents.

Always something to see
In addition to the monthly concert series (Bochum Blue Session, JAZZ|session|BOCHUM, Folkery), the cultural office also organises many other smaller events during the semester. There are regular concerts, film nights, parties and readings, often with an international focus. Big parties are frequently held in the RUB Mensa.

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The organ in the “Audimax”

Every Monday during term time there is a lunchtime organ concert in the “Audimax” ( Lecture Hall) from 1.15 pm – 1.45 pm: 30 minutes of music on the Klais organ to make you relax or prick up your ears. World famous organists also come to play on the Klais organ as part of the concert series “Klangwelten” (soundscapes).

OASE – exchange, study and development centre

The “OASE”, or Oasis, is one of the facilities run by the Central Office for Student Counselling at Ruhr-Universität Bochum. It is a place of communication and mutual support that is open not only to students and members of the university but to the public, too. Self-help groups are groups of people who share the same problems or objectives.

OASE provides

- Workshops/courses by students for students to prepare for studying
- Relaxation and health courses
- Self-help groups
- Rooms for initiatives and groups
- Support in setting up new groups and initiatives
- Study rooms, i.e. a quiet atmosphere for learning and working together
- A lounge to relax, read and chat

OASE – exchange, study and development centre

Buscheplatz 3
44801 Bochum
Tel.: 02 34 / 7 92 23 32
Email: oase@rub.de
www.rub.de/oase

As an RUB institution, OASE is not only open to members of the university but to the general public as well.

Botanical Gardens

The Botanical Gardens, which are located directly behind the science faculty buildings, cover an area of 13 hectares and provide a contrast to the architecture of RUB. Here you can discover many different species of plant, wonderful walks and colourful flowering plants all year round both outside and in the greenhouses. The Botanical Gardens are a favourite with all the inhabitants of Bochum.

In the greenhouses you will find plants from warmer climates that cannot survive the winter outside. The 17-metre high tropical greenhouse covering an area of 753 m² gives you a real feel for the luxuriance of tropical growth.

In complete contrast to the tropical rain forest, the desert house contains plant life from the subtropical arid zones.

In the extensive grounds you can visit the Chinese Garden which was given to RUB as a token of friendship by Tongji University in Shanghai in 1990. Chinese architects planned the garden and Chinese workmen built it using original building materials.

Incidentally, if you want to walk further you can continue through the Botanical Gardens along woodland paths all the way to Lake Kemnade!
3.4 University Sports

Ruhr-Universität Bochum offers a whole range of sporting options with 250 courses in 65 different disciplines to help you find a balance between work and study on the one side and active leisure time on the other. You can choose fitness with activities like aerobics or go for ball sports and dancing, health and relaxation courses, right through to water sports and individual activities like archery and climbing.

You can register for the various courses online via the University Sports website, where you will find up-to-date information, or go round to the University Sports Office yourself. The courses are divided up into four units (“semester programme” and “holiday programme”).

In order to book courses you will need to purchase a “Sports card”. You can then book the various courses at the rates given in the fees table. You will find detailed information on how to book under “Registration”.

The courses are open to everyone, but students, staff and alumni have priority booking. Only those over 18 are eligible to participate.

The dates when the various courses are published and when booking begins can also be found on the homepage in the right-hand column.

In addition to the university sports’ programme, the Professional Development Office (IFB) offers various courses and sporting options for staff at Ruhr-Universität Bochum. These focus particularly on health and relaxation, such as Yoga, Pilates or Zumba. The IFB’s programme appears once a year and is distributed to all RUB staff. (see Chapter 3.2)

INSIDER INFO:

Find out in advance when booking opens online as some courses fill up very fast.

If you are unable to get into a particular course you can join a waiting list. You will then be informed automatically if a place becomes available and you can register for the course.

Information on IFB courses and sports programmes
www.uv.rub.de/ifb/index_en.html
3.6 Equal Opportunities

In accordance with its mission of “universitas” Ruhr-Universität seeks to establish equal opportunities in all sectors of the university. Equal opportunities are treated as a cross-sectoral responsibility and play an important role in the university’s profiling.

Equal Opportunities Office

The Equal Opportunities Office is a point of contact for students and staff where you can get information and advice as well as practical assistance if you encounter problems.

The Equal Opportunities officer and her deputy help the university to fulfil its legal obligation to achieve gender equality.

This involves:
- promoting women in study and work in higher education
- improving the compatibility of career/study and family
- promoting research in women’s studies and gender studies
- implementing gender equality in personnel policy for staff in technical and administrative as well as academic positions
- developing tools and measures for implementing equal opportunities in the faculties and administration

For additional information visit the website of the Equal Opportunities Office.

RUB Equal Opportunities Office

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Tel.: 02 34 / 32-2 75 12
Fax: 02 34 / 32-1 40 01
Email: gleichstellungsbuero@rub.de
Office hours
Mon – Fri 9 am – 2 pm
www.rub.de/chancengleich/index_en

3.5 RUB Alumni

Anyone who has studied, taught or worked at RUB, or still does so, can become a member of the RUB Alumni. Currently, more than 15,000 individuals have decided to join RUB Alumni because they identify with the university, wish to stay in contact and are interested in receiving information and sharing ideas with RUB and each other.

We should like to invite you, as an international researcher at Ruhr-Universität, to become a member of RUB Alumni: free of charge you will then be given an “eternal” RUB email address so that all the people you meet during your stay at RUB will be able to reach you easily after you have left.

Subscribe to the quarterly Alumni Newsletter in order to discover what has been happening at RUB in the previous three months. If you wish, we will also send you our science magazine RUBIN or the campus magazine RUBENS – also free of charge – so that you can keep up to date with life on the RUB campus.

You will find much more information on the offers for alumni on the website.

INSIDER INFO:
Depending on the issue, there are many places to go for advice. Visit www.rub.de/chancengleich/kontakt/weitere-anlaufstellen for an overview.

RUB Alumni
Corporate Communications
Fundraising und Alumni
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Fax: 02 34 / 32-1 40 01
Email: alumni@rub.de
www.rub.de/alumni/index_en

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3.7 Catering and Shopping

The dining hall or “Mensa” and the cafétérias at Ruhr-Universität Bochum are operated by Student Services (AKAFÖ).

Mensa

The dining hall is located directly behind the Audimax on the university campus. The building houses the main dining hall, the bistro (a smaller dining hall in the upper storey), a coffee bar and the International Lounge (run by the Welcome Centre, see Chapter 2.1). It is the central meeting point for RUB’s students and staff at lunchtimes.

The dining hall offers three varied catering lines to choose from. If you are short of time you can head for the fast track offering soups, oven-bakes and one-pan dishes; in the components section you can put together your own main dishes and vegetables; at the special menu bar dishes are prepared freshly in front of your eyes. At least one of the menus is always vegetarian, and there is a pasta, potato and salad bar on offer every day. The menus that change daily, the special dishes and prices are displayed on flat screens in the foyer of the dining hall and can also be viewed online. You can pay by cash or by student ID or “Mensakarte”, which can be topped up at various points in the Mensa building and Q-West.

In the “Mensa” building you will also find a bistro and a coffee bar. In addition to the standard cafeteria fare of filled rolls, cakes and drinks the bistro also offers a salad bar and a breakfast buffet. When the main “Mensa” is closed the bistro provides three different hot meals every day, including at least one vegetarian option.

GOOD TO KNOW:
The dining hall regularly serves meals using organic products, and AKAFÖ exclusively serves fair trade coffee. Furthermore, the Bistro has been awarded the “Job & Fit Certificate” by the German Nutrition Society (DGE) in recognition of its implementation of state-of-the-art nutrition knowledge.

Q-West

Q-West can be found just above the Campus Center and provides food for up to 300 people throughout the day. Different cold and hot dishes, salads and puddings are offered daily, including vegetarian meals. In the serving area (“Mittagstisch”) non-cash payment is obligatory. Provided that you have topped-up your credit, you can pay by student ID, Mensa card or Q-West card (the latter can be obtained in Q-West against a deposit of 5 euro). Various cards can be topped-up on the spot using a bank card or cash. At the coffee bar you can pay for snacks and drinks with cash all day. Q-West is open from Monday to Friday from 8 am to 10 pm.

Restaurant with waiter service

At the Beckmancshof in the Botanical Gardens AKAFÖ operates a restaurant with waiter service. You have to make a reservation in advance; you can then choose from two menus to be served a complete three-course meal or you can eat à la carte. Menus change daily.
Cafeterias

The cafeterias at Ruhr-Universität are located in the various buildings and essentially offer filled rolls, bagels and baguettes, salads, cakes, snacks and sweets as well as hot and cold drinks.

In addition to the cafeterias, there is a coffee bar and bakery in the Campus Center as well as the “Henkelmann”. The Henkelmann is a throwback to mining days when the miners took their lunch down the mine with them in a dinner pail. You can get a Henkelmann in the GA, GB, ID and NC buildings.

In summer, a beach bar opens up in front of the GB building. Sand, deckchairs and palm trees invite you to take a break and enjoy ice cream, cocktails, beer, and barbeque specialties.

The opening times of the cafeterias and the “Mensa” differ from one building to another and change in the holidays. Visit the AKAFÖ website for additional information and the current opening times of all AKAFÖ facilities.

Shopping

Campus-Center

You will find some shops, such as bookshops and stationery shops, on campus in the Campus Center which is situated between the “Q-West” and the GA Building.

Uni Center

If you cross the university bridge with the under-ground station you will reach the Uni-Center. In addition to supermarkets, snack bars and restaurants you will be able to buy the other needs of everyday life.

There is also a dispensing chemist, several doctors’ practices, the municipal library, a bank, a post office and a health insurance agency.

In the Uni Center you will also find the "Bürgerbüro" which is responsible for registration matters.

INSIDER INFO:

For other interesting gastronomic options: “Kulturcafé” in Studierendenhaus (SH) and “Unicenter” (Chapter 3.7).

Cafeterias can be found in the following buildings: GA, GB, GC, ID, NA, NC, MA, SSC, Mensa (foyer), Uni Library (202), Campus Center Bakery in front of GA, O-West (in front of MA), Beach Bar (in front of GB; in summer only). See the site plan (inside back cover) for additional information.

Beckmannshof

www.akafo.de/gesamtseinrichtungen/beckmannshof

Reservations

Tel.: 02 34/32-1 100

Campus Center

www.campus-center.de

Opening hours

During term time: Mon – Fri 9 am – 5 pm, closed on Saturdays
Outside term time: Mon – Fri 9 am – 3.30 pm, closed on Saturdays

Glossary of Campus Abbreviations

In Germany, a lot of items and names are abbreviated. On campus, too, you will often be confronted with just two letters to denote an institution or building. Here we have compiled some of the most frequent abbrevia-
tions to help you on your way.

AKAFÖ

Akademisches Förderungswerk Academic Support Group

Asta

Allgemeiner Studierendenausschuss Students’ Union

boSKop

Bochumer Studentische Kulturoperative AKAFÖ Culture Office

Cafeteria

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RUB

Ruhr-Universität Bochum

UV

Universitätsverwaltung

UB

Universitätsbibliothek

Studierenden Service-Center

FNO

Forum Nord-Ost

HZO

Hörsaalzentrum Ost

SH

Studierendenhaus

SeS

Sommersemester

WS

Wintersemester

UFO

Universitätsforum

MSZ

Multimedia-Support-Zentrum

VZ

Veranstaltungs-Zentrum

IBZ

Internationales Begegnungszentrum

IFB

Interne Fortbildung und Beratung

AKAFÖ

Akademisches Förderungswerk

Asta

Allgemeiner Studierendenausschuss

boSKop

Bochumer Studentische Kulturoperative

KZ

Rechenzentrum

For all important gastronomic options: “Kulturcafé” in Studierendenhaus (SH) and “Unicenter” (Chapter 3.7).
Blue Square: a meeting place for town and gown

Blue Square is located in the heart of Bochum, a hands-on research and cultural centre for everyone. Apart from musical events and scientific lectures, students’ and children’s activities are also held here, and people can come and ask questions about Ruhr-Universität and its programmes. A number of conference rooms of different sizes on the upper floors can be hired for events.

“Bochumer Fenster”

Parts of RUB’s Department of Psychology, Law and the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict, as well as several lecture halls and student working spaces can be found in the “Bochumer Fenster” (Bochum Window), near the main station.

Universitätsstraße 80/90 a

Not far from the Wasserstraße underground station in Universitätsstraße, RUB’s German as a Foreign Language Section is to be found amongst others. This is the place to attend German language courses at various different levels (see Chapter 3.1).

Am Bergbaumuseum

Very close to Bochum’s Mining Museum is the building housing the Department of Archaeology. The department and museum cooperate closely on research.