

## Ruhr-Universität Bochum

### Information for Partner Institutions & Prospective Exchange Students

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- [Contact persons for exchange students](#)

#### Websites

- [Ruhr-Universität Bochum](#)
- [Exchange Students](#)
- [International Portal](#)

#### Erasmus Code

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#### EUC Number

29880

### Nomination and Application Deadline

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#### Winter Semester (start: October)

15 June for nomination, 15 July for preregistration at RUB

#### Summer Semester (start: April)

15 December for nomination, 15 January preregistration at RUB

## Application Procedure

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**Application**

1. The partner university sends an official nomination via email
2. The student completes the preregistration process online. The link is sent to him/her via email. Which documents are needed to upload you will find on the page of our exchange programs: <https://international.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/en/exchange-programs>

**Learning Agreement**

If a student's home university requires a Learning Agreement, please contact the respective departmental coordinator at RUB directly in order to get the document reviewed and signed. If you require the contact details of your coordinator, please contact the International Office.

## Academic Information

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**Lecture Period**

Winter semester 2026/27: October 12, 2026 – February 5, 2027  
Summer semester 2027: April 5, 2027 – July 16, 2027

**Examination Period**

Dates for exams are set by each faculty. However, exams usually take place in the last week of the lectures or the week afterwards. Please note, they may also take place later (e.g. in Engineering or Economics).

**Course Catalogue**

<https://international.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/en/course-catalogue>

**Language Proficiency**

Most of the courses at RUB are taught in German. However, there are also some courses taught in English that are published in our International Course Catalogue. Students should have good language skills (**at least B1/B2**) in order they can follow the classes. More information on language requirements can be found [here](#).

**Language courses**

During the term, exchange students have the chance to attend language courses free of charge:

- [German](#)
- [Other languages](#)

**Credit System**

Courses at RUB are credited with credit points (CP). 1 CP is equal to 1 ECTS (= 30 working hours).

**Grading System**

RUB uses the German grades from 1-5 (1 = very good, 5 = fail). There are some faculties using percentages (0-100%).

**Master's Thesis / Project**

For students who intend on completing a project or a Master's thesis, it is important to establish contact with a supervisor at RUB before arrival. The International Office can help finding a supervisor. In order to contact the right department, we need to know which subject your project is going to be.

**Tuition Fees** There are no tuition fees. However, each student must pay the so called [Social Contribution Fee](#) (approx. €330 per semester). This includes the semester ticket for public transportation throughout Germany (no ICE/IC trains).

## RUB: Offers, Diversity and Inclusion

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**AstA** The [General Student Committee \(AstA\)](#) is the representation of the students at RUB.

**Psychological Study Counselling** The [Psychological Study Counselling Service](#) in the Peer Quarter offers workshops and support for students in difficult situations.

**Anti-Discrimination Office** Students who experience or observe discrimination can contact the representatives of the [Anti-Discrimination Office](#) for counselling and support.

**BZI** Disabled and chronically ill students can seek support from the Counselling Centre for the Inclusion of Disabled Students (BZI) for concerns regarding studying with an impairment.

**Botanic Garden** [The Botanic Garden](#) offers students the opportunity to learn or relax.

**University Sports** [University Sports](#) Bochum offers courses in a variety of sports every semester.

## Accommodation

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The International Office offers a special service for exchange students. Students can apply for accommodation for the duration of their exchange (1-2 semesters). Since the International Office can only reserve a limited number of rooms for exchange students, early registration and flexibility is useful. Information on the accommodation application can be found [here](#).

## Arrival and Enrollment

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**Enrollment** The enrollment at RUB takes place online. The International Office will support you during this process.

**Orientation Course** Before every semester we offer an [Orientation Course](#) for exchange students including a language course and social activities. The course starts three to four weeks before the lecture period officially begins. Participation in the course costs between €160-240, depending on the

program and scope, and there are only a limited number of places. Exchange students, who are eligible, will receive an invitation via e-mail.

**International Welcome** At the beginning of each semester, [International Welcome](#) is held for international students. There they get a chance to meet other students and receive important information. Exchange students will be informed about this offer via e-mail.

## Estimated Living Costs (in € per month)

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<b>Accommodation</b>	Between €255 and €420 in a university dormitory (side costs included) Between €350 and €650 in a private apartment
<b>Licence Fee (TV taxes)</b>	€18.36
<b>Food</b>	Approx. €200
<b>Academic Expenses</b>	Approx. €40
<b>Personal Expenses</b>	Approx. €150 (depending on personal needs)
<b>Health Insurance</b>	Approx. €144
<b>Social Contribution Fee</b>	Approx. €330 (per semester)

## Visa Requirements, Residence Permits & City Registration

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Citizens of the European Union do not need a visa for Germany. Citizens from other countries need to check with enquire at the German embassy/consulate in your country to see whether visa is required. Incoming students are responsible themselves for obtaining a visa if needed.

Please find more information [here](#).

**To apply for a German residence permit after arrival, exchange students must submit the following documents to the local Foreigner's Office:** ID/passport, application form for a residence permit, current certificate of study (from Ruhr University Bochum), proof of health insurance, proof of funding and a biometric passport photo. Further information can be found on the [following page](#) under "*Non-EU citizens: Applying for the German residence permit*". Here you can find more information on [financial proof](#).

After their arrival, exchange students who stay in Germany for longer than three months must register at the Citizens' Office of the city where they live. Please find more information [here](#).

## Health Insurance

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European students with the "European Health Insurance Card" do not need to take out health insurance in Germany. Students from Turkey can bring the form T/A 11 or T/A 11 acquired at their own health insurance company. Students from non-European countries can register for a private or statutory health insurance. You can find more information [here](#).

## Bank Account

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We recommend that students open a German bank account to make payments of rent and the semester contribution fee easier. A bank account for students is usually free of charge.

## The City of Bochum and the Ruhr Area

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Bochum is a student city and offers a wide range of cultural and leisure activities. Further information about student life in Bochum and the Ruhr region can be found [here](#).