



# KOSPIE

## Combined Study and Practice Stays for Engineers from Developing Countries

### Information on German Institution

*This fact sheet will be published for potential scholarship candidates to inform themselves about participating German universities and institutions. Please fill in the form with potential candidates in mind who might have very little background knowledge about living and studying in Germany. Information provided should be specific for the programme.*

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### 1. General information

#### 1.1 Logo and image of university

**RUHR  
UNIVERSITÄT  
BOCHUM**

**RUB**



Visit our website: <https://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/en>

#### 1.1 Institution has been accredited by

The university is one of the biggest public research universities in Germany, funded by the government of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. All study programs are accredited by the official German accreditation agencies.

#### 1.2 Does your institution follow the code of conduct for exchange programmes?

Yes ☒ No ☐

#### 1.3 Location of the institution. *Please specify if the institution has more than one location.* (up to 100 words)

Located in the heart of Europe in the dynamic metropolitan region of the Ruhr, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB) with its 20 faculties is home to over 38,000 students from over 130 countries. The Ruhr area is not only Germany's largest academic hub, but also an epicenter of innovation that fosters close interaction between academia and the private sector – and the university provides students and researchers from around the world with an open gateway to our region. The main campus is situated in the south-western part of the city of Bochum. It is well connected to the city centre and surrounded by the beautiful green hills of the Ruhr valley.



## 2. Faculties and Bachelor programmes participating in the programme

Faculty	Bachelor programmes + webpage-link
Faculty of Civil and Environmental Engineering	Bachelor' degree in <a href="#">Civil Engineering</a> Bachelor degree in <a href="#">Environmental Engineering</a>
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering	Bachelor degree in <a href="#">Mechanical Engineering</a> Bachelor Degree in <a href="#">Sales Engineering and Product Management</a> Bachelor Degree in <a href="#">Materials science</a>
Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology	Bachelor degree in <a href="#">Electrical Engineering and Information Technology</a>
Faculty of Computer Science	Bachelor degree in <a href="#">Informatics</a> Bachelor degree in <a href="#">Applied Computer Science</a> Bachelor degree in <a href="#">IT Security / Information Technology</a>
Faculty of Mathematics	Bachelor degree in <a href="#">Mathematics</a>
Faculty of Physics and Astronomy	Bachelor degree in <a href="#">Physics</a>
Faculty of Geosciences	Bachelor degree in <a href="#">Geosciences</a> Bachelor degree in <a href="#">Geography</a>
Faculty of Chemistry and Biochemistry	Bachelor degree in <a href="#">Chemistry</a> Bachelor degree in <a href="#">Biochemistry</a>
Faculty of Biology and Biotechnology	Bachelor degree in <a href="#">Biology</a>
Faculty of Management and Economics	Bachelor degree in <a href="#">Management and Economics</a> Bachelor degree in <a href="#">Economics, specialisation BWL</a> Bachelor degree in <a href="#">Economics, specialisation VWL</a>

### 3. Services for international/KOSPIE students and special attractions of the area

#### 3.1 What kind of services do you offer to international students and especially for KOSPIE students? (up to 150 words)

The international (exchange) students are invited to consult the International Office on all topics connected to the administrative part of their stay before, during and after their exchange year. Services of the IO include admission, enrolment, support with the arrival in Bochum, dealing with authorities, and integrating into the academic community. In addition, KOSPIE students are provided with an experienced student tutor who intensively supports them in all questions and concerns from a student perspective. Accommodation in student housing is guaranteed and organized beforehand. KOSPIE students will be invited to our semester events comprising orientation days, excursions, workshops, talks and discussions, regular language practice meet-up “*Sprachcafé*” and other event formats. They also benefit from a special event offer for them including a welcome breakfast, an internship application workshop, feedback rounds, and small group excursions. All students have their departmental coordinators at the faculty who support them in the academic matters. German language courses for free are offered on different levels during the semester.

#### 3.2 What are the most special attractions for international students in the region? (up to 250 words)

The feel-good factor for students is high in Bochum, as the city has a lot to offer: a huge selection of arts and cultural events in all imaginable facets – from renowned to an alternative and vibrant night life and a thriving pub culture prove that Bochum is a student town with tradition. Leisure activities of any kind are within easy reach. Nature, sightseeing, nightlife, shopping, art and culture, as well as numerous events – there is a lot to explore.

The 35-mile stretch between Duisburg and Dortmund with Bochum in the heart of it boasts an unparalleled offer for your free time: The Ruhr area has not only successfully transitioned from heavy industries to science and research, it has also developed into a unique cultural landscape. International events such as the Ruhr Triennale, the Ruhr Piano Festival and the Ruhr Theatre Festival feature international as well as regional art and artists – mainstream, classic or experimental. Almost everything can be found in the region’s 300-plus museums, venues, parks and theatres. Numerous outdoor festivals for free are organized in Bochum and its surroundings in the summer season. Along the riverbanks, hiking and biking routes connect the different landscapes of the *Ruhrgebiet* and serve as lively getaways for weekend trips or romantic boat tours. The West Park in Bochum is an excellent demonstration of the region’s philosophy to move on without abandoning the





past: Steel structures transform into green landmarks with playgrounds, gardens and entertainment.

Looking for sports? Soccer is the most popular sport in the region, but of course there are hundreds of activities that everyone can pursue, from kickboxing to yoga, from athletics to chess, as part of the huge [university sports](#) offer or in countless clubs for every age group.

First impressions of the region: <https://www.ruhr-tourismus.de/en/index.html>

## 4. Cost of living

### 4.1 Dorms, costs at university cafeteria etc.

Item	Cost or comment
Average student dorm rent per month	335 EUR - 420 EUR per month
Average rent in private housing	400 EUR - 650 EUR per month
Semester contribution/fee	325 EUR per Semester
Public transportation	included in the semester contribution fee (see above) throughout Germany
Food	200 EUR – 300 EUR
Licence Fee (TV taxes)	18 EUR
Academic Expenses	40 EUR – 50 EUR
Personal Expenses	150 EUR (depending on personal needs)
Average expenses	934 EUR per month

### 4.2 Further remarks, if necessary (for example information on extra fee for dorms or semester fee etc.)

The semester ticket for transportation, reduced rates at the dining hall and other venues come with your student card. You use the public transport for free throughout Germany giving you easy access to numerous interesting cities and green spaces to visit.

## 5. Language skills required

Language	Certificate/level or score	Comment
English	LEVEL B2 TOEFL no TOEFL score required for admission	We recommend the students to have at least B2 level in English if they would like to attend English taught courses. Otherwise, it could be difficult to follow the content of the classes and pass the exams successfully.



German	LEVEL TestDaF TestDaF certificate required for admission	B2 no TestDaF certificate required for admission	We recommend the students to have at least B2 level in German if they would like to attend German taught courses. Otherwise, it could be difficult to follow the content of the classes and pass the exams successfully.
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## 6. Established partnerships with the following Latin-American higher education institutions and faculties

<b>Argentina</b>	<i>Universidad Nacional de San Juan (Geoscience); Universidad Tecnológica Nacional (Civil and Environmental Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Information Engineering)</i>
<b>Colombia</b>	<i>Universidad Santo Tomás (university wide); Universidad Nacional de Colombia (university wide + double degree in Electrical and Information Engineering); Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana (university wide);</i>
<b>Mexico</b>	<i>Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (university wide + double degree in social science); El Colegio de la Frontera Norte A.C. (social science); El Colegio de México (social science); Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (university wide); Universidad de Monterrey (university wide);</i>

### Comments

## 7. Tuition waivers

Yes ☒ No ☐

**Comment:** No tuition fee. Students have to pay the social contribution fee of approx. 325 EUR each semester (see cost of living)

## 8. Cooperation with companies regarding possibilities for internships

The faculties have numerous cooperations with companies of the region. Depending on the area of interest, they can assist individually with contacts for internships.

## 9. Further remarks/special services

Here you will find further services that students at RUB can take benefit of:

- **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.

## 10. Housing situation



The International Office offers a special service for exchange students. Students can apply directly at the IO for accommodation in affordable student housing (furnished single rooms) near the campus for the duration of their exchange (1-2 semesters). Accommodation for KOSPIE scholarship holders applying on time is guaranteed. Information on the accommodation application can be found [here](#).

## 11. Contact information

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