

STUDIENSPUR

Application period: 16.12.2025 – 15.01.2026

THR PROGRAM

The “Studienspur” program prepares international students and refugees for academic studies at Ruhr University Bochum (RUB). The program includes German language courses and a preparatory academic program (propädeutisches Programm).

Target Group:

International prospective students, with or without a refugee background, who possess a higher education entrance qualification (secondary school diploma).

Format and Structure:

Studienspur is an in-person program requiring approximately 40 hours of work per week. The program consists of:

- Onboarding Phase:
This lasts two weeks. Various events and workshops provide an introduction to what participants can expect in the next phase of the program.
- Intensive Program:
The intensive program includes a German language course and the preparatory academic program. It concludes with the German Language Examination for University Admission (DSH). Typically, participants stay in the program for one to two years.

German Language Course:

The course comprises 20 teaching hours per week and takes place at a language school in Dortmund. Courses are offered at levels A1 through C1. Placement in the appropriate level is based on a placement test.

Preparatory Academic Program:

This component includes both optional and mandatory sessions. In preparatory workshops and informational events, participants develop academic skills relevant for university study. Social events provide opportunities to meet other students and become familiar with the campus as a living and learning environment.

Costs:

Participation in the Studienspur program is free of charge. However, travel costs and learning materials must be paid for by the participants themselves.

Participation Requirements:

- Higher education entrance qualification (HZB)
- Interest in studying at Ruhr University Bochum
- Residence in Bochum or the surrounding area
- Non-EU citizenship and a foreign higher education entrance qualification

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications are submitted exclusively online through our application portal. The uploaded documents will be reviewed by Ruhr University Bochum. Personal presence at the university is not required. However, please be prepared to submit original certificates upon request from the admissions office.

Required Documents:

- Documents proving your higher education entrance qualification (HZB), such as school and university diplomas and transcripts of academic records (e.g., Transcript of Records). These must be available in the original and translated into German, English, or French
- Front and back of your current residence permit
- A passport photo
- Marriage certificate (if applicable, due to a name change)
- Proof of completed German courses (if applicable)

Note: Due to high demand, there is no guarantee of a place in the program.

More information and the link to the application portal can be found on our website. We also offer online information sessions about the application process via Zoom:
<https://international.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/de/voraussetzungen-und-bewerbung>

Consultation Hours:

In-person consultation:

- Tuesdays: 9:30 – 11:30
 - Thursdays: 14:00 – 16:00
- Location: International Office. Please take a waiting number at the reception.

Online consultation via Zoom:

- Mondays: 14:00 – 16:00
(Zoom link available on our website)

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