AKADEMIE DER RUHR-UNIVERSITÄT

Freshman College

Living, Learning, Housing –
everything you need, in one package!

The **FRESHMAN COLLEGE** at the Academy of Ruhr-University Bochum prepares international applicants, who do not yet meet all the admission requirements for studying at a German university, for a B.Sc. course at the Ruhr-University Bochum.

As part of a so-called '**T-Course**', we optimally prepare students who are interested in technical, mathematical, or scientific subjects for a Bachelor's degree at Ruhr-University Bochum.

Program Date	01.09.2027 - 30.06.2028
Duration	10 Months
Fee	7,500.00 €
Suitable for	Freshman
Application Deadline	31.07.2027
Graduation	Freshman College
Information Event	13.11.2026 | 9:00 am

Programme Structure

The program is divided into two semesters of 19 weeks each, i.e. a total of 38 weeks. Including two weeks of Christmas vacation and all public holidays, the **Freshman College runs for about 10 months**. The program officially **starts on Wednesday, September 1st 2027** and ends with the final examinations with the TestDaF (for German skills) and TestAS (for general abilities and skills as well as factual knowledge) in June 2028. **The program consists of 32 teaching units (TU) per week**, whereby one TU corresponds to 45 minutes. With appropriate preparation and follow-up work, participation in the **Freshman College** is therefore a full-time undertaking!

The core of the program is a German course of between 10 and 32 units per week. Studies show that the key to a successful study in Germany are language skills and in order to successfully complete the Freshman College, students will need the C1 qualification level in the European Framework of Reference for Languages at the end of the 10 months. That's why our experienced lecturers are always there and will guide them along the way! In addition to the German course, students take science classes that allow them to specialize early in their desired degree programme.

In the second semester, German lessons are enriched with technical language exercises so that students come into contact with the vocabulary of their future study program. Specific exercises help them to practice academic work and presentations at an early stage. At the end of the second semester, students will be intensively prepared for the **final exams with the TestDaF and the TestAS**. The exam takes place in an official test center conveniently located at Ruhr-University Bochum, in a familiar environment.

A Joint Start

To makeiteasier forourstudents to arrive in Bochum and settle in at the **Freshman College**, **all Freshman are accommodated together at RUBs Language Institute (LSI) for the first two weeks**. At the start of the program, an intercultural workshop will take place, allowing students to get to know their fellows and develop a common foundation for cooperation and learning.

Linkages and Networking

As students are officially enrolled at Ruhr-University as “Freshman” from the very beginning, **they can access all of RUBs sports courses, cultural offers as well as subsidized student canteens on campus**. A great opportunity to connect with people from all over the world and truly arrive, early on.

Digital Support

To give studentsan early opportunity to view the course content of the **Freshman College** and start working, they will be given direct access to the **online learning platform Moodle** after admission. All content is conveniently prepared for them. Quizzes and comprehension tasks allow students to playfully test their skills at any time and see whether they are making good progress with the material.

Dates and Times

Program start: Wednesday, 1st September 2027

Christmas Break: Friday 24th December 2027 to Sunday, 9th January 2028

End of First Semester: Friday, 4th February 2028

Start of Second Semester: Monday, 7th February 2028

Final Exam in TestDaF

Final Exam in TestAS & End of Freshman College

Application Deadline
30th July 2027

Information Event
13.11.2026 | 9:00 am

Step by Step Procedure

Students are interested in a B.Sc. study program "Made in Germany", in particular in technical, mathematical or scientific subjects. However, they do not yet meet all the admission requirements for studying at a German university.

Students find out about our **Freshman College**, which offers a specialized course to ideally **prepare them for a B.Sc. program at Ruhr-University Bochum.**

Students **check all relevant info on the website**, **visit an online info event** and / or reach out to the team via Mail or WhatsApp, in case they have any questions.

Students **use the application form on the website** and upload all required documents. These **documents will be checked** by the experienced team at the Registrar's Office at Ruhr-University. **When everything is fine** and **students have paid the fee** for the **Freshman College**, they receive a Payment receipt and a visa support letter via mail

This Payment receipt and a visa support letter is a key document, as students need it to apply for a student visa at the German Embassy or German Consulate near them. As this process might take some time, we advise students to do this right away! In the meantime, students receive their login for the digital learning platform, allowing them to access the materials right away, even before the official start of the program

Students know that for **the first two weeks, all Freshman will stay in rooms at the Language Institute (LSI) at RUB**, for a joint start, easing their arrival to Bochum. However, students will need to find accommodation for themselves during this period.. To support this process, the team of the **Freshman College** will facilitate and provide students with opportunities to rent student flats close to Ruhr-University Bochum. Students are of course also free to look for accommodation by themselves and opt for flat shares or the like. Our info package includes different resources on the matter.

Students have obtained a visa, booked a flight and packed their bags and to come to Bochum to **start their journey**.

Students arrive at the LSI and check into their rooms for the first two weeks. The Freshman College officially starts at the beginning of September 2027.

Within the first two weeks, students have the opportunity to get to know each other better.

After the first two weeks, students will have found their long-term accommodation, move into their rooms, and begin studying with great dedication.

Students continue their studies in the **Freshman College**. Students **start a intense preparation phase for the final examination with TestAS und TestDaF**.

After successfully passing the TestDaF und TestAS, **students are being enrolled into the B.Sc. study program** of their choosing.

Advice and contact

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