

Roskilde University info

Academic Year 2020/2021



General Information

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Dates for the Academic Year

Full Academic Year	01 September to 30 June
Autumn Semester	01 September to 31 January
Spring Semester	01 February to 30 June
Foundation Course (Optional, but highly recommended)	2 weeks before the beginning of each semester

Application Deadlines

Full Academic Year	01 May Nomination: 2 weeks prior
Autumn Semester	01 May Nomination: 2 weeks prior
Spring Semester	01 October Nomination: 2 weeks prior

Application Procedure

Application Procedure	https://ruc.dk/en/admission-exchange
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Requirements

Academic levels at which exchange students can take courses (Undergraduate/Bachelor; Graduate/Master; Postgraduate/PhD)	Please check your Bilateral Agreement
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One semester work load equals 30 ECTS* points (*European Credit Transfer System)	Applicants have to qualify as full time students and sign up for 30 ECTS points per semester. The work load consists of 50% courses & 50% project work
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Languages of instruction	Danish and English
Language requirements	All students intending to take courses taught in English have to provide proof of their English language proficiency. The accepted tests and required scores can be found here: https://ruc.dk/en/admission-exchange Applicants whose native language is English or applicants whose first university degree was obtained at a university where all lectures were in English do not need to provide proof of their English proficiency.

Other requirements for incoming exchange students (e.g. insurance, certain fees, visa)	All incoming exchange students with admission to Roskilde University are contacted personally (by e-mail) by the International Office and informed of the entry requirements.
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Educational Principles

Education at Roskilde University is based on the following principles: Interdisciplinary and problem-orientation, project work, team work and close interrelation between research and education.

Interdisciplinary & problem-orientated work	Roskilde university has focused on new ways of learning based on research and interdisciplinary bachelor and master's programs. In their research, students are encouraged to demonstrate how different theoretical approaches may contribute to the understanding of a specific issue.
Project work	Students are trained to organise and prepare major written reports presenting the results they have achieved through their surveys and analyses. See more here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBGIWwGylE https://ruc.dk/en/intro-exchange-and-guest-students
Group work	Group work is the basic study method throughout the study programs. It teaches the students the importance of responsibility and cooperation.
Strong link between research and education	At Roskilde University researchers are assigned to the individual project groups to act as their supervisors. The supervisors actively cooperate with the group acting as consultants and sources of information in the discussions they participate in.

Course information

Online course catalogue	Suggestions for course packages for exchange students: https://ruc.dk/en/intro-exchange-and-guest-students The full course catalogue can be found at study.ruc.dk
Group formation process	It is very important that the student arrive at Roskilde University in time to participate in all study activities from semester start (01 September/01 February). Normally there will be group formation days within the first week, where students find the subject of the project and team up in project groups. Group formation days are usually a 2-3 days long process, where you spend the days talking about subjects for the project, facilitated by academic staff. By the end of the 2-3 days, students will have narrowed the subjects for the project into a very specific title that the project will be focused on and the team up in groups. At this time groups will register together for the exam as a project group. The process gives students possibilities to influence the subject and feel out fellow students, as they have to work closely together for the whole semester on the project. Is not possible to do a project alone.
Restrictions	Exchange students should mainly choose their courses within the agreed field of study. Whether or not they are allowed to take courses within other fields depends on their academic background and course availability.

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Danish Evaluation and Grading System

There are two evaluation systems in Denmark – the **7-point grading scale** (see below) and **pass/fail**.

For more information about the evaluation of specific courses at Roskilde University, please consult: www.kursus.ruc.dk or contact our departments.

7-point grading scale:

Danish mark	Explanation of the mark	Equivalent ECTS mark
12	Is given for an excellent performance, displaying a high level of command of all aspects of the relevant material with no or only a few minor weaknesses	A
10	Is given for a very good performance, displaying a high level of command of most aspects of the relevant material with only minor weaknesses	B
7	Is given for a good performance, displaying good command of the relevant material and some weaknesses	C
4	Is given for a fair performance, displaying some command of the relevant material but also some major weaknesses	D
02	Is given for a performance meeting only the minimum requirements for acceptance (Lowest passing grade)	E
00	Is given for a performance which does not meet the minimum requirements for acceptance (Failure)	Fx
-3	Is given for a performance which is unacceptable in all respects (Failure)	F

Website for general information about grading system in Denmark:

<http://ufm.dk/en/education-and-institutions/the-danish-education-system/grading-system>

Accommodation

Roskilde University has access to a limited number of rooms for our exchange students. These are assigned after a “first come, first served” principle.

Students will receive an e-mail containing information on campus accommodation and application procedure when you are accepted as an exchange student at Roskilde University. Expected in June for autumn semester and in November for spring semester.

We do not give guarantees but normally we are able to accommodate all exchange students who applied within deadline in spring semesters – and most students in autumn semesters.

Application procedure and deadlines	All accepted incoming exchange students are contacted personally (by e-mail) with information about the application procedure and deadlines. https://ruc.dk/en/accommodation-exchange-students
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Cost of Living

In terms of living expenses it is difficult to predict how much money students will need. To give a rough estimate of the average monthly expenses, here is an approximate budget:

Accommodation:	DKK 3300-6000 (€ 440-800) – depending on whether you live on campus or in the city
Food:	DKK 1500-2000 (€ 200-270)
Transportation:	DKK 300-1100 (€ 40-150) – depending on whether you live on campus or in the city
Books:	DKK 450-600 (€ 60-80)

Foundation Course

We strongly recommend that incoming students participate in our Foundation Course. More information can be found on the following website: <https://ruc.dk/en/foundation-course>

Relevant links

Main website:	www.ruc.dk
Introduction to Roskilde University for exchange students:	https://ruc.dk/en/intro-exchange-and-guest-students
Course packages offered in English: Full course catalogue:	https://ruc.dk/en/intro-exchange-and-guest-students https://study.ruc.dk/
Campus accommodation:	https://ruc.dk/en/accommodation-exchange-students
Application procedure:	https://ruc.dk/en/admission-exchange
Getting Started Student Guide:	https://ruc.dk/en/study-start-exchange
Video about Roskilde University:	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9z9u5cSpQKk