



Bochum University
of Applied Sciences
TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS HEALTH

WELCOME!

Guide for international students



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SCAN ME!



First steps

in Germany





Visa

Whether you need a visa depends on your nationality and the purpose of your stay.

- EU/EEA/Swiss citizens: No visa required.
- Non-EU citizens: Usually need a visa before entering Germany.



THE WELCOME OFFICE BOCHUM
PROVIDES USEFUL ADVICE

VisaFlow App

Use the VisaFlow App for guidance on visa, insurance, and housing.



Access code: HSBBOCHUM25



Health insurance

- everyone who lives in Germany must have health insurance!
- required for enrollment, visa & residence permit
- you can choose your own insurance provider.
- covers doctor visits, hospital, medication, preventive care

Public Health Insurance

- approx. € 120 per month
- students under 30
- no health check



Private Health Insurance

- starting from € 40 per month
- costs depending on age & coverage
- students over 30
- health check
- cost increase with age
- returning to public insurance usually not possible

Housing

Bochum offers many housing options for students – from dorms to private flats. The International Office provides tips and contacts for finding accommodation.



USEFUL INFORMATION



Finding accommodation in Bochum can take some time: start your search early!



The Welcome Office Bochum provides valuable information about arriving and living in Bochum and is a great place to visit for anyone coming from abroad.

STAY IN BOCHUM



Welcome Office Bochum



Beware of scams: Do not make any payments without a signed contract!

Bankaccount

Having a German bank account makes everyday life easier and is often required (e.g. for rent, health insurance, or university fees).

Many banks offer student accounts with no monthly fees.

Always compare withdrawal and transfer fees



Registration at the City

- official registration at the local registration office (Bürgeramt / Einwohnermeldeamt) of your residential address in Germany
- must be done within 14 days after moving into your accommodation.
- if you move within Germany, you must register your new address again

Required Documents

- valid passport (and visa, if applicable)
- rental contract or landlord's confirmation (Wohnungsgeberbestätigung)
- completed registration form (available at the Bürgeramt or online)

**Make an appointment
beforehand!**



Residence Permit

- students from non-EU/ EEA countries usually need a residence permit
- apply within 90 days after arrival in Germany at the Foreigners' Office (Ausländerbehörde)
- make an appointment online as early as possible (waiting times can be long)

Required Documents

- valid passport (and visa, if applicable)
- university enrollment certificate
- proof of health insurance
- proof of sufficient financial resources (e.g. blocked account)
- rental contract or landlord's confirmation

- valid for one or two years
- must be renewed before it expires



HELPFUL TIPS



**Always remain
honest and polite!**

**If you receive
letters that you do
not understand,
contact us!**

**Keep an eye on
deadlines and make
appointments in
advance!**

**Do not ignore
letters from
authorities!**

Broadcasting Fee

- **mandatory** fee that finances public broadcasting (TV, radio, online media).
- paid per flat/apartment, not per individual.
- after your Anmeldung (city registration), your address is passed to the broadcasting service
- you will receive a letter asking you to register and pay.

**Everybody needs to register at
www.rundfunkbeitrag.de**



Liability Insurance (Haftpflichtversicherung)

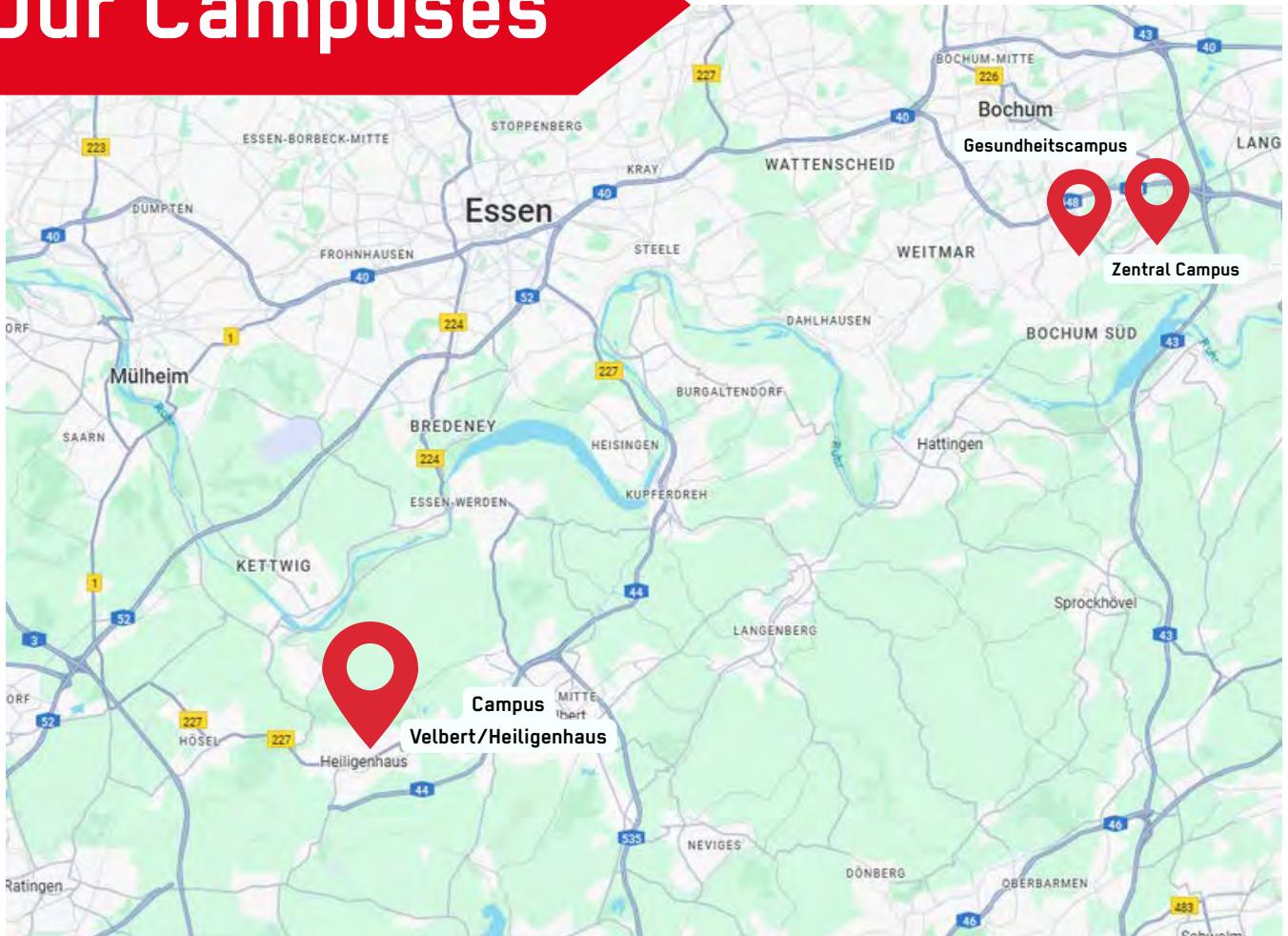
- not mandatory, but highly recommended
- covers costs if you accidentally cause damage to another person or their property
- in Germany, you are personally liable for damages you cause
- without insurance, you might have to pay very high costs yourself
- costs only a few euros a month
- you can choose your insurance provider



On Campus



Our Campuses



Bochum University of Applied Sciences has three campuses:

- Central Campus Bochum – The main campus
- Health Campus Bochum – Focused on health sciences
- Campus Velbert/Heiligenhaus (CVH) – Connecting engineering and industry near Essen.



Zentralcampus



Gesundheitscampus



Campus Velbert /
Heiligenhaus

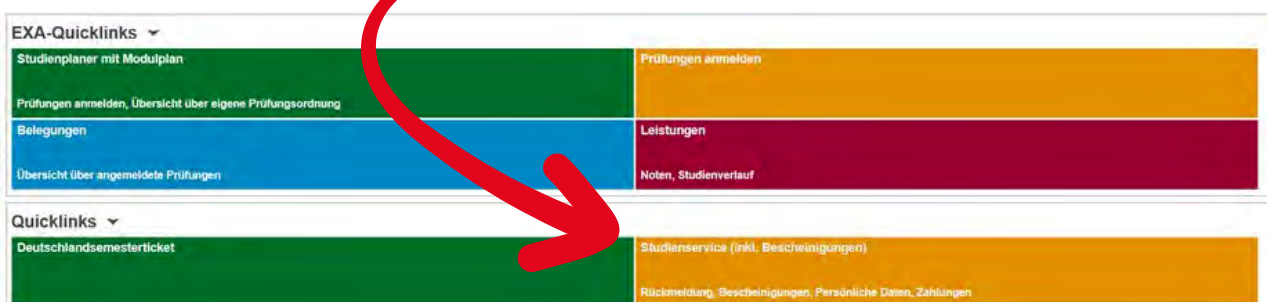
How to access your documents (Studienbescheinigung, Mensa Card & Student ID)

All student ID documents are now only
available in digital form.

1. Log in to your HS Bochum student portal account



2. Click on “Studienservice” in the menu



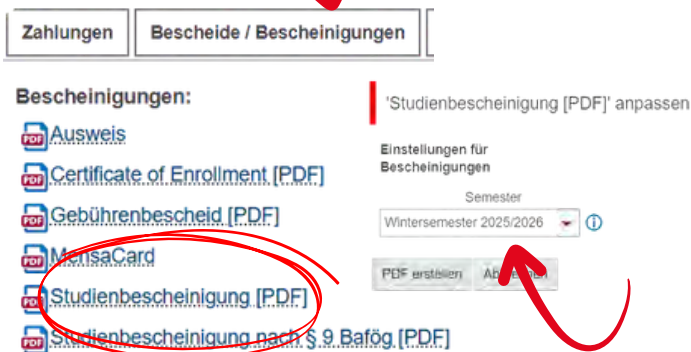
Digital Student ID

Your student ID number (Matrikelnummer) is displayed on the left side of the screen, right under “Personendaten”.



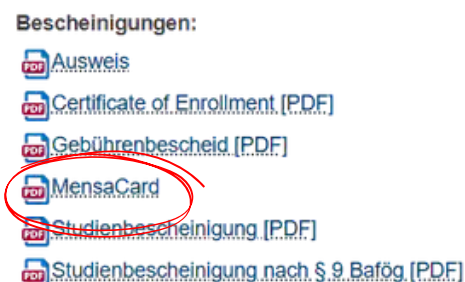
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Studienbescheinigung



The screenshot shows the 'Bescheide / Bescheinigungen' tab selected. Under 'Bescheinigungen:', there is a list of PDF documents: 'Ausweis', 'Certificate of Enrollment [PDF]', 'Gebührenbescheid [PDF]', 'MensaCard', 'Studienbescheinigung [PDF]', and 'Studienbescheinigung nach § 9 Bafög [PDF]'. The 'Studienbescheinigung [PDF]' is circled in red. To the right, there is a section for 'Einstellungen für Bescheinigungen' with a 'Semester' dropdown menu set to 'Wintersemester 2025/2026' and buttons for 'PDF erstellen' and 'Abbrechen'.

Click on “Bescheide / Bescheinigungen” followed by “Studienbescheinigung”, then select your semester and create the PDF.



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Click on “Bescheide / Bescheinigungen”, then “MensaCard”. The QR code refreshes daily — create it each day and show it at the cashier

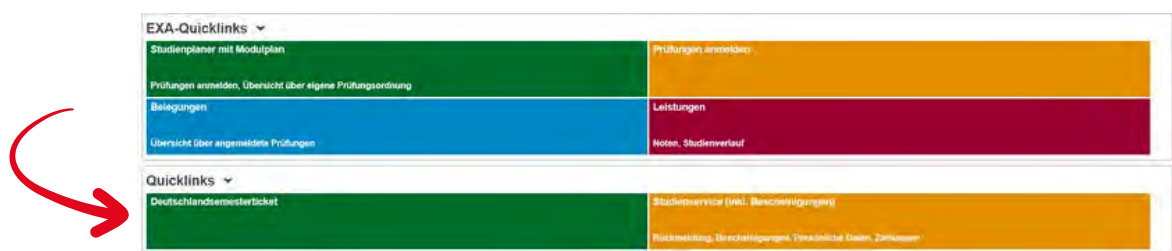
Mensacard



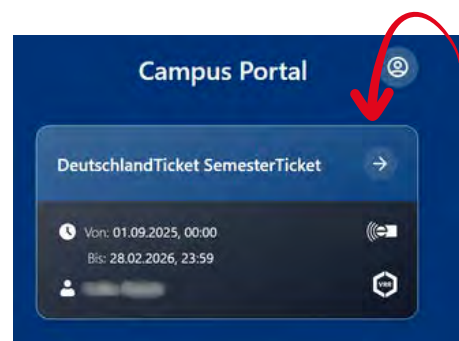
Deutschland Ticket

Valid across Germany on all local and regional public transport. Not valid on long-distance trains (IC, EC, ICE).

1. Log in to your HS Bochum student portal account.
2. Click on “Deutschlandsemesterticket” in the menu.



3. Enter your personal details on the page you are redirected to.
4. Your semester ticket will appear — click on the arrow icon to open the QR code.



**Your
Deutschlandticket
QR code is ready!**

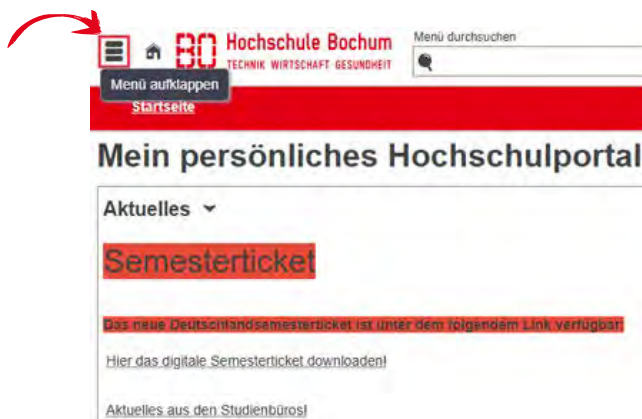
The ticket is only valid in combination with an ID document.

Schedule

You can find each program's individual timetable through this link.

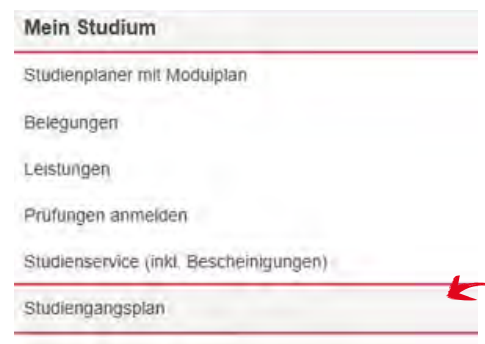


**You can also find your program directly
in the “Hochschul Portal”.**



After entering the HS
Bochum portal, click on the
menu in the top left corner.

After clicking on “Mein Studium”, you will see “Studiengangsplan” appear.



Exam Registration

You have to register for your exams yourself – registration is not automatic.

1. You can register for your exams directly in the “Hochschul Portal”

2. Select “Prüfungen anmelden” (exam registration).



Prüfungen anmelden

Sie können sich hier für Ihre Prüfungen an- und abmelden oder Änderungen an Ihrer Anmeldung vornehmen:

→ Anmelden
→ Abmelden / ändern

Ihre Prüfungen im Wintersemester 2025/26

Prüfung	An-/Abmelden
1111 Mathematik 1 – Schriftlich oder Mündlich	zurücksetzen
1151 Mathematik 2 – Schriftlich oder Mündlich	
1171 Physik – Schriftlich oder Mündlich	
1191 Elektrotechnik – Schriftlich oder Mündlich	
1201 Statik (Stress- und Elastostatik I) – Schriftlich oder Mündlich	
1205 Statik (Stress- und Elastostatik II) Testat – Testat	
Prüfung nicht bestanden	
1215 Werkstofftechnik II Testat – Testat	
Prüfung nicht bestanden	
2321 Thermodynamik und Wärmeübertragung – schriftlich	
2221 Fluidmechanik – Schriftlich oder Mündlich	
2225 Fluidmechanik Testat – Testat	
Prüfung nicht bestanden	
2231 Fertigungsverfahren – Schriftlich oder Mündlich	
2235 Fertigungsverfahren Testat – Testat	
Prüfung nicht bestanden	
2241 Fluidtechnik – Schriftlich oder Mündlich	

You can view all exams of your modules here — register or cancel your registration directly.

Don't forget:

If you decide not to take the exam, make sure to cancel your registration at least 7 days before the exam date.

(Otherwise, it will count as a failed attempt.)

Moodle is Hochschule Bochum's main learning platform. Lecturers can share materials and stay in touch with students.

Search moodle for your courses



Welcome to Moodle

User registration / AAI login

Enter your username and password to log in to Moodle.

user name

password

☐ Do not save login

☐ Show the information to be transmitted so that I can refuse to share it if necessary.

Register >

Use your personal
university username
provided by
Hochschule Bochum

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Buddy Program

The Buddy Program connects international and local students at Hochschule Bochum.

Buddies support new students with everyday life, studies, and discovering Bochum.

REGISTER TODAY!



Support & Advice

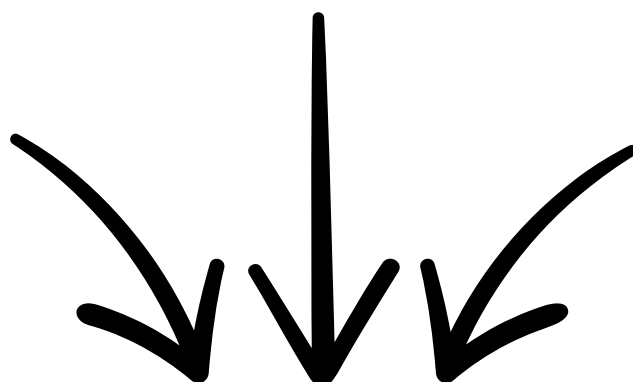




International Office

- central point of contact for **all international matters** at Bochum University of Applied Sciences
- support and guidance for **international students**
- guidance on **stays abroad**
- creating an **intercultural learning environment**

MEET THE TEAM





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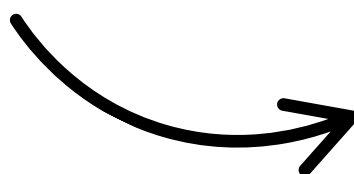


Study Offices

Contact point for questions relating to your degree program and the organization of your studies, such as:

- Enrollment and re-registration
- Examination administration
- Deadlines and forms
- Study regulations and module descriptions
- Contact persons for program-specific questions

FIND YOUR STUDY OFFICE





Student Advisory Service

- central point of contact for all questions about studying at Bochum University of Applied Sciences
- personal counseling sessions
- workshops and trainings
- special programs for schools and departments
- support in making well-informed decisions and taking an active, self-determined approach to your studies



MEET THE
STUDENT ADVISORY SERVICE!



Psychosocial Counseling

Sometimes students face **challenging situations** during their studies or private life that are difficult to handle alone.

The **Psychosocial Counseling Service** at Bochum University is available to **all students** who need someone to talk to or who are in crisis.

- your concerns are treated **confidentially**
- no psychotherapy is provided – the service offers **counseling and support**, but not long-term therapy.

IF YOU NEED SUPPORT, DON'T
HESITATE TO REACH OUT — HELP IS
AVAILABLE

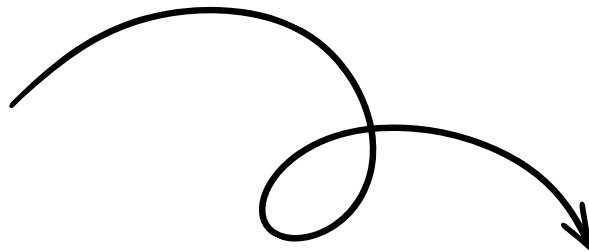




Student Councils

- represent students in university committees
- organize events, networking & mentoring programs
- provide peer support and program-specific advice
- offer study materials and coordinate study groups

AStA



- central student representation
- elected by the student parliament
- represents all students at the university
- advises and supports on study, social and financial matters
- organizes events and student activities on campus

Leisure Time



Studying in Bochum isn't just about lectures and exams – the city offers plenty of opportunities to relax, and enjoy student life. Whether you love culture, sports, nature or nightlife, Bochum has something for everyone. Here are some recommendations.



Culture & Events

- **Bermuda3Eck** – the heart of Bochum's nightlife with bars, cafés and clubs
- **Schauspielhaus Bochum** – one of Germany's most renowned theatres - Students can get tickets for free!
- **Bochum Total** – one of Europe's largest free music festivals (every summer)

DISCOVER WHAT BOCHUM
HAS TO OFFER





Nature & Relaxation

- **Botanischer Garten & Chinese Garden** (Ruhr-University) – a peaceful escape on campus
- **Kemnader See** – lake between Bochum and Witten; great for cycling, walking, paddle boats and barbecues
- **Westpark** – perfect for picnics, jogging or concerts in the summer

Sports & Activities

- **Hochschulsport Bochum** – university sports program offering 100+ courses
- **Ruhrstadion (Vonovia-Ruhrstadion)** – watch a VfL Bochum Bundesliga football match!
- **Indoor climbing & bouldering halls** and several fitness studios around the city





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SEE YOU SOON!



Get ready!

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