

# Roskilde University info Academic Year 2019/2020



## General Information

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## Dates for the Academic Year

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| Full Academic Year                                      | September 1 <sup>st</sup> to June 30 <sup>th</sup>    |
| Autumn Semester   | September 1 <sup>st</sup> to January 31 <sup>st</sup> |
| Spring Semester   | February 1 <sup>st</sup> to June 30 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Foundation Course<br>(Optional, but highly recommended) | 2 weeks before the beginning of each semester         |

## Application Deadlines

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| Full Academic Year | May 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Nomination: 2 weeks prior     |
| Autumn Semester    | May 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Nomination: 2 weeks prior     |
| Spring Semester    | October 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Nomination: 2 weeks prior |

## Application Procedure

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| Application Procedure | <a href="https://ruc.dk/en/admission-exchange">https://ruc.dk/en/admission-exchange</a> |
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## Requirements

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| <b>Academic levels at which exchange students can take courses</b> (Undergraduate/Bachelor; Graduate/Master; Postgraduate/PhD) | Please check your Bilateral Agreement |
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| <b>One semester work load equals 30 ECTS* points</b><br>(*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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| <b>Languages of instruction for courses</b> | Danish and English  |
| <b>Language requirements</b>                | 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:<br><a href="https://ruc.dk/en/admission-exchange">https://ruc.dk/en/admission-exchange</a><br><br>Applicants whose native language is English or applicants whose first university degree was obtained at a university where all lectures were in |

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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.

## **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=NBGIWwGyIE>

### **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.

## **Danish Evaluation and Grading System**

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

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

## 7-point grading scale:

| Danish mark | Explanation of the mark  | Equivalent ECTS mark |
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| 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<br><b>(Lowest passing grade)</b>   | E                    |
| 00          | Is given for a performance which does not meet the minimum requirements for acceptance<br><b>(Failure)</b>   | Fx                   |
| -3          | Is given for a performance which is unacceptable in all respects<br><b>(Failure)</b>   | 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 most exchange students.

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| Application procedure and deadlines | All accepted incoming exchange students are contacted personally (by e-mail) with information about the application procedure and deadlines. |
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## **Cost of Living**

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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:

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| 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 Websites

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| Main website:   | <a href="http://www.ruc.dk">www.ruc.dk</a>   |
| Website for exchange students:                                | <a href="https://ruc.dk/en/intro-exchange-and-guest-students">https://ruc.dk/en/intro-exchange-and-guest-students</a>  |
| Getting Started Student Guide:                                | <a href="https://ruc.dk/en/study-start-exchange">https://ruc.dk/en/study-start-exchange</a>  |
| Course packages offered in English:<br>Full course Catalogue: | <a href="https://ruc.dk/en/intro-exchange-and-guest-students">https://ruc.dk/en/intro-exchange-and-guest-students</a><br><a href="http://www.kursus.ruc.dk">www.kursus.ruc.dk</a>                              |
| About Campus and Roskilde University:                         | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9z9u5cSpQKk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9z9u5cSpQKk</a><br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FjCHTdGHAs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FjCHTdGHAs</a> |