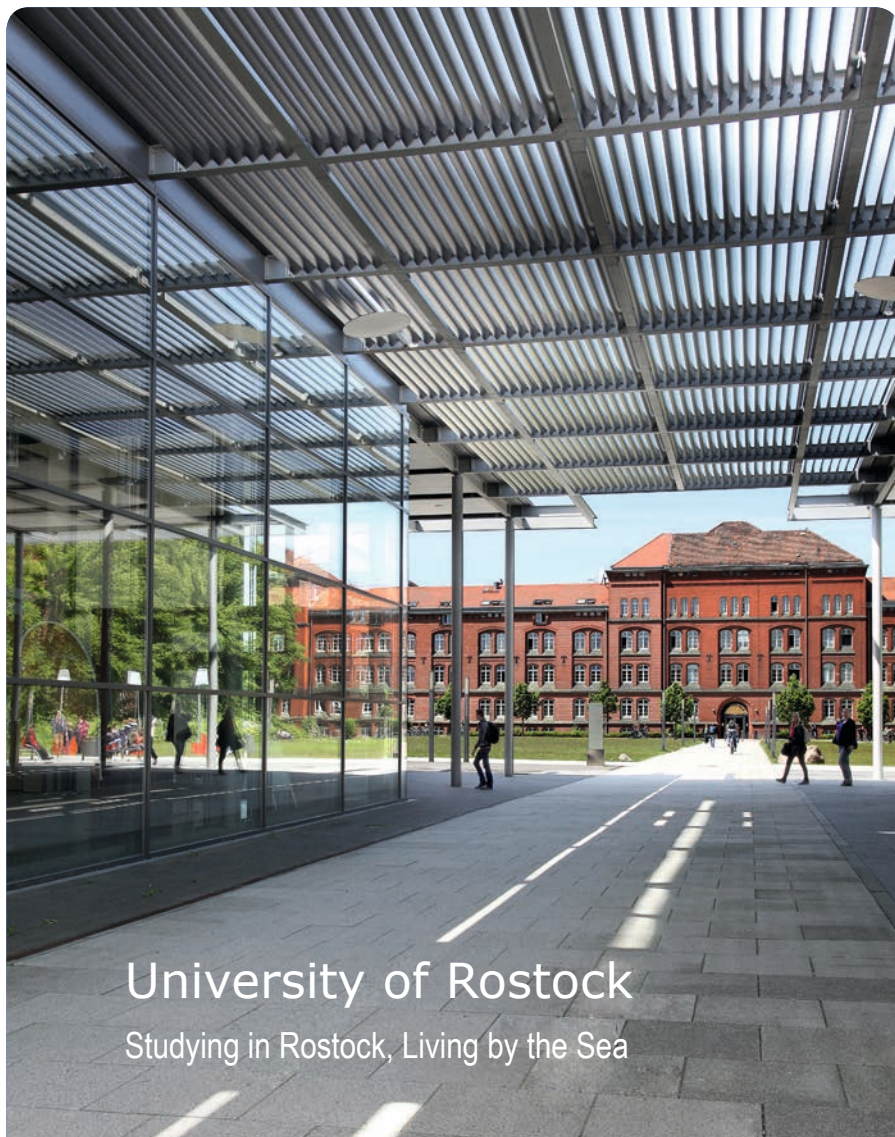


Universität Rostock



Traditio et Innovatio



University of Rostock

Studying in Rostock, Living by the Sea

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE



Welcome to the University of Rostock

Would you like to study in Germany? Perhaps you would like to spend a semester or a year studying your subject and improving your German? Does experiencing the German university system from up close and getting to know the country and the people sound good to you?

A further question arises, perhaps: Where in Germany should you study? There are as many answers to this question as there are universities, and – spread out over the whole of Germany – there are 330 state and about 50 private higher education institutions. The spectrum ranges from the time-honoured to the hypermodern, from the small and manageable to the large and pulsating.

Rostock combines all of these qualities. Perhaps it is exactly what you are looking for: rich in tradition but nevertheless modern, of manageable size but not provincial, interdisciplinary, innovative and highly specialised. *Traditio et Innovatio* has long since been the motto of the University of Rostock. Founded in 1419, it is the first university in the Baltic region and one of the oldest German universities. It is situated in a charming urban environment and characterised by its closeness to the sea.

In its turn, the university with its about 15,000 students plays a central role in the

City of Rostock. With the number of inhabitants amounting to just over 200,000, Rostock is the most important urban centre in the north-eastern part of Germany. Seafaring, trade, shipbuilding, tourism, education and culture are crucial components in the Hanseatic city.

At the University of Rostock, you can lay solid foundations for your future career; a lot will be expected of you and you will be given the freedom to test yourself and find your own way in life. The University and the City of Rostock also offer the ideal surroundings for having lots of fun, making friends and finding your place in the European and international community.

You may come here as an ERASMUS+ student, or through other exchange programmes. You may have chosen the University of Rostock as an individual applicant for an undergraduate course, for postgraduate studies or for a doctorate. Whatever you wish to achieve, the Rector's office, the professors, the students, the academic and administrative staff, the International Office, the Student's Office, Studentenwerk and everyone else will always be ready to help you and answer your questions.

We have a great deal to offer, and we look forward to welcoming you here.

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Traditio et Innovatio

The Hanseatic City of Rostock: Past and Present

If you ask people from Rostock what makes their city special, they will probably mention the harbour, the boats, the shipyards, the university, the Baltic Sea, and Warnemünde with its wide sandy beaches, dunes, sea-gulls and piers. Without doubt, the old Hanseatic city has a charm all of its own.

Rostock received its city charter in 1218, but the first documented reference to the Slavic settlement of 'Roztok' (which means 'place where the river widens') dates back to 1160. It was at about this time that – attracted by the excellent geographical location – German traders began to settle on the left bank of the river Warnow.

Rostock rapidly developed into an important trading centre, the harbour on the lower Warnow was ideally situated for this. The Warnow, Mecklenburg's longest river, is navigable and flows into the Baltic Sea. By purchasing the little fishing village of Warnemünde in 1323, the city of Rostock ensured continuing control of the river mouth.

The city's history is closely linked to that of the Hanseatic League. The Hanse began in the 12th century as an association of merchants in various northern European towns

that supported each other in their common trading interests. Later, the Hanse developed into a league of towns which proved to be a formidable armed force when it came to defending trade. Opening up the large unified economic area dominated by the Hanse brought economic expansion and prosperity to its member towns and strengthened their efforts to achieve autonomy.



Economic expansion gave impetus to intellectual life and so the first university in northern Europe was founded in Rostock in 1419. The fortunes of the City and the University of Rostock were closely intertwined. The demise of the Hanseatic League in the 17th century, the Thirty Years' War, the devastating fire of 1677 and the continuing quarrels with the duke of Mecklenburg led to Rostock's decline, which in turn meant that the university became less important.

It was not until the second half of the 18th century that trade again began to flourish

and the city spread beyond its old boundaries. Industrialisation at the end of the 19th and at the beginning of the 20th century gave renewed rise to shipbuilding. However, in the first half of the 20th century, the two World Wars and fascism left indelible marks. As an industrial city with shipbuilding and aviation industries, Rostock was bombed on several occasions and severely damaged.

After Germany was divided, post-war reconstruction also began in the Soviet zone of occupation, which in 1949 became the GDR. Rostock was transformed into the 'gateway to the world' for the GDR, especially after the transatlantic port was built. With the building of the new Warnow-Werft shipyard in Warnemünde and the expansion of the Neptun-Werft in Rostock, shipbuilding became the city's premier industry. The diesel-engine works and the fishing combine completed the industrial profile of Rostock. Those large enterprises offered enough jobs to boost the city's population to almost 250,000 by the time of the political changes in 1989.

As a result of German reunification, the great state enterprises were privatised and tens of thousands of citizens lost their jobs and began to move away in search of new opportunities. Nevertheless, Rostock is by far the biggest city in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania as well as an economic and cultural centre with its own irresistible charm,

which you hopefully will soon be able to discover for yourself.

Here, old and new buildings stand harmoniously side by side. The ancient churches, the town hall and the burgher houses date back to the Middle Ages and later centuries, while the university and Ständehaus (House of the Estates) are imposing examples of prestige buildings erected in the late 19th century. The new buildings of Lange Straße (1950s), the old harbour district and the Five-Gable House on University Square (1980s) document the continuity of the red brick architecture tradition to the present day.

Rostock has a lot to offer: plays at the People's Theatre and live music performances of impressive quality and variety throughout the city. The students of Rostock's University of Music and Drama, excellent choirs, and the alternative scene all add additional splashes of colour to the cultural life of the city.



Traditional city festivals and big maritime events, such as the annual regatta of the big sailing ships, the 'Hanse Sail', bring visitors from near and far to Rostock, as do trade fairs and congresses. The Hanse Sail alone attracts over a million visitors every year.



Warnemünde is Rostock's well-known and much-loved seaside resort – definitely a must-see. Both tourists and locals enjoy strolling along the 'Alter Strom' (Old River) with its colourful fishing boats and numerous restaurants, pubs, small shops and galleries, catching a breath of fresh and salty sea air on the jetty, or trying their luck with a fishing rod. During the summer season they enjoy bathing in the Baltic and playing on the wide sandy beaches, after the spring and autumn storms they go looking for amber on the beach, and in winter they walk along the seashore, watching the seagulls and leaving their troubles behind.

Sports, too, have always played a big part in the city's life. Supporters of the soccer club FC Hansa Rostock both in the city and the surrounding region follow the ups and downs of their team, alternating between euphoria and despair. There are also professional and semi-professional handball, volleyball and ice hockey teams.

Rostock is an internationally recognised venue for diving, too, and other aquatic sports such as swimming, rowing, kayaking, sailing, and wind surfing are also very popular. On Warnemünde's beaches, many beach volleyball competitions have been held, but ultimate frisbee, beach handball, and beach soccer also have quite a following.

The University of Rostock: Past and Present

The University of Rostock was founded in 1419, which makes it the oldest university in Northern Europe. As an important Hanseatic City, Rostock was not only attractive for students from the region but also for students from Scandinavia, the Netherlands and the Baltic region. The founding faculties were those of Law, Medicine and Arts. In 1432, the Theological Faculty completed the spectrum of the classical *studium generale*.

In times of prosperity, the university was home to famous scientists and men of learning, for example the theologian David Chyträus, the jurist Johann Oldendorp, the humanists Konrad Celtis and Ulrich von Hutten and the Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe.

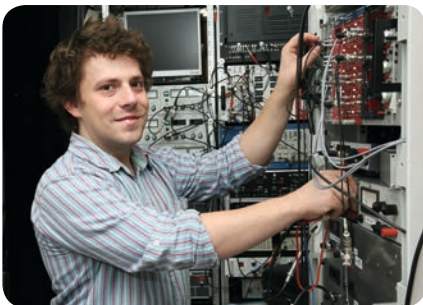
Here, the universal scholar and scientist Joachim Jungius founded the first 'German Learned Society for Natural Research' in the 17th century. Nowadays, the 'Society of Supporters of Rostock University e.V.' awards the Joachim Jungius Prize for outstanding scientific achievements to young academics annually – a perfect example for the combination of tradition and innovation. The university also looks back with pride to the foundation of the first department of German Studies in Germany (1858) and the first German Otolaryngologic Clinic (1899).

Eminent men of learning and other leading figures studied, researched or gained doctoral degrees at the University of Rostock. Personalities such as Heinrich Schliemann, Fritz Reuter, Hermann Roesler, Ferdinand von Müller, Moritz Schlick and Uwe Johnson are closely associated with the university. Famous men like Heinrich von Thünen, Albert Einstein and Max Planck represent the wide circle of those who have been awarded honorary doctorates by the university. When you come to Rostock, you will be able to see for yourself how varied and interesting historical tradition can be. Today, the University of Rostock offers a well-balanced and varied range of subjects, innovative study programmes, excellent research opportunities, interesting supplementary qualifications and close contact with the city and its people.

A fresh breeze has been blowing through the university, brought about by the changes initiated by the Bologna Process. The university has restructured its courses of study: reworked degree courses are being offered with two-stage degrees (Bachelor/Master). This development will further con-



tribute to the university's profile, as will the four departments of the Interdisciplinary Faculty established from 2007 to 2010. 'Life, Light and Matter' links the subject of medicine to the natural and engineering sciences and by doing so, it furthers an important tradition in Rostock. 'Maritime Systems' ties in with our geographical location on the harbour as the gateway to the Baltic Sea. In this department, the discussion will revolve around climate change. The 'Aging Science and Humanities' department tackles one of the most important challenges of our time, demographic change, and will look for solutions in the areas of the social and engineering sciences as well as medicine. 'Knowledge – Culture – Transformation' investigates how the distribution of knowledge in the media modifies the ideas of what is worth knowing and how the claim on knowledge affects the media and its development.



Students who take up or continue their studies in the Hanseatic City can choose from a very wide range of around one hundred degree courses. And there is a great

deal to be said for choosing one of them, be it Agrarian Ecology, Physics, Medicine or Theology.

All of the nine faculties offer a modern university education, with study courses you will be able to complete in the standard period of study. The manageable size of the University of Rostock and the good staff-student ratio help to ensure that your studies can proceed at a brisk pace. In no time at all, your professors will be addressing you by name and central facilities such as the University Library, the Computer Centre and the Language Centre will be a familiar part of your everyday academic life.

We invite you to come and study in Rostock and to see for yourself what the university, the city and the people of Rostock have to offer.

Studying in Rostock

The Academic Year

The academic year is divided into the winter semester (WS) and the summer semester (SS).

Winter Semester: 1 Oct. – 31 Mar.

Actual classes do not begin until mid-October and finish at the beginning of February.

Summer Semester: 1 Apr. – 30 Sep.

Classes start at the beginning of April and finish in mid-July.

The ensuing period in which no classes are held can be used for examinations, practical trainings, study trips, project work or other activities connected to your studies. Of course, it can also be used for recreation or work. Christmas and the New Year are good times to relax because there are no classes held in that period.

Please note:

The dates for the two semesters vary slightly from year to year, so please check the current semester dates on the university's website:

www.uni-rostock.de/en/study/studienorganisation/term-frist/

Faculties and Departments

There are nine faculties at the University of Rostock, complemented by one interdisciplinary faculty:

- Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
- Faculty of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering
- Faculty of Mechanical and Naval Engineering
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Theology
- Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences

In 2007, the University of Rostock developed three profiling fields; a fourth was added in 2010:

- Life, Light and Matter
- Maritime Systems
- Aging of Individuals and Society
- Knowledge - Culture - Transformation

Research and teaching in these fields are organised into the departments of the newly founded Faculty of Interdisciplinary Research.

Degrees

There are two kinds of undergraduate (or first cycle) study programmes in Rostock: Bachelor's Degree and State Examination courses.

These study programmes allow you to gain a first academic degree, which serves as your entrance qualification to a graduate study programme (e.g. a Master's Degree programme).

Bachelor

At the University of Rostock, a Bachelor's Degree can be awarded as a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in the engineering and natural sciences or as a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in the humanities, economic and social sciences. The Faculty of Law awards the Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.). At the University of Rostock, we furthermore distinguish between:

- Single subject study, which means that you study one subject, e.g. electrical engineering, full-time
- Joint subject study, which means you study two subjects. You may freely combine any subjects that are offered as joint subjects.

Master

The University of Rostock awards the Master of Science (M.Sc.) Degree in the engineering and natural sciences and the Mas-

ter of Arts (M.A.) Degree in the humanities, economic and social sciences and the LL.M. (Master of Laws).

Master's Degree courses usually follow Bachelor's Degree courses and require a suitable first academic degree.

Staatsexamen (State Examination)

If you would like to become a lawyer, a teacher or a doctor, you will study at a university but you will complete your studies with a State Examination. The responsibility for conducting State Examinations is vested in State Examination Offices or State Examination Boards.

Courses of study leading to a State Examination consist of two stages. This means that once you have passed the First State Examination, you have to go through a preparatory programme (traineeship) which leads to the Second State Examination. Only after passing both exams you acquire the full qualification necessary to practise your profession. Medical students also have to pass two major examinations before their specialised training starts.

Please note:

You can find all courses of study and the corresponding degrees online:

www.uni-rostock.de/en/study

Course Catalogue

The course catalogue usually serves as the basis for students' individual study plans. You can find the current version at:

<https://lsf.uni-rostock.de>

Please check the annotated course catalogues of the individual departments or subjects in which all courses and lectures are described in greater detail. You can find these annotated course catalogues on the website of the respective department or subject by selecting the 'Studium' link.



PhD Studies and Research in Rostock

The University of Rostock is a good place to come to for research or PhD studies. We are glad to receive applications by qualified PhD candidates from around the world. In the German higher educational system, there are two ways of earning your doctorate, individual PhD studies and structured PhD studies. You can take up individual PhD studies at any faculty of the Univer-

sity of Rostock, but please take note of the individual faculties' PhD regulations. In addition, there are structured PhD programmes in the framework of postgraduate programmes and structured doctoral programmes (see also:

www.uni-rostock.de/en/research/promotion-of-early-career-researchers/).

If you are interested in taking up PhD studies, there are several issues to consider. International university degrees can be recognised if they are equivalent to German degrees. In any case, you should consult the doctoral degree regulations of the relevant faculty. Please take into account that a professor is not obliged to accept you as PhD student, even if you meet all the admission requirements.

The International Office recommends the following steps:

1. You should decide on a topic for your doctorate and find out which department is suitable.
2. Find a professor who is willing to advise you and who helps you specify the topic of your PhD thesis. Your professor must declare in written form that she/he is willing to act as your supervisor.
3. Apply for admission as a PhD student to the Student's Office of the University of Rostock.

In addition, the Welcome Center & Global Café provides support for international PhD students and scientists. You can find it at:

Welcome Center & Global Café

Parkstraße 6, room 216
18057 Rostock

Office hours:

Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 – 12:00 a.m. and 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Tel: +49 (0) 381 498 1191
welcome-center@uni-rostock.de
www.welcome-center.uni-rostock.de

The Welcome Center can advise you on work permits, German foreigner's law and language courses. The Welcome Center also provides help with filling out forms and finding accommodation.

The Graduate Academy is another vital facility for both international and German PhD students. It is a central service and coordinating office for promoting junior scientists and offers supervising and information services. It aims to improve the individual supervision of doctoral candidates and to facilitate an intensive scientific exchange in a network of doctoral candidates. Membership in the Graduate Academy is free; you only need to provide proof of a supervision agreement between you and your supervisor and proof of your enrolment as doctoral candidate at the University of Rostock.

Once you are a member, the Graduate Academy can financially support you if you wish to make use of a proofreading service, attend intramural or extramural qualification courses or take part in self-organised conferences and workshops. You can register for membership online at:

www.graduiertenakademie.uni-rostock.de/en/membership

Graduate Academy

Dr. Uta Buttke
Universitätsplatz 1, room 026
18055 Rostock

Office hours:

Wednesday and Thursday
9:00 – 12:00 a.m. and by appointment

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graduierten.akademie@uni-rostock.de
www.graduiertenakademie.uni-rostock.de

Guest Students (ERASMUS+, Free Movers and Others)

Am I a Guest Student?

You are a guest student if you wish to study at the University of Rostock for one or two semesters without earning a degree. You are a guest student if you come to Rostock from an ERASMUS+ partner university or from a partner university outside of Europe. You can also become a guest student if you study at a university that has not (yet) entered a partnership with the University of Rostock.

Language Requirements

It is best for you if you start learning German in your home country. This will make communication easier both at university and in everyday life.

In order to successfully take part in classes and pass exams, you are strongly recommended to have a command of German equivalent to the B1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

If you would like to further improve your German, you will be able to attend courses provided by the Language Centre in addition to your subject of study. You can find information about courses and the fees at:

www.sprachenzentrum.uni-rostock.de

Applying to the University of Rostock

Application Documents

Your application needs to include the following documents:

1. The signed application form. It can be found online at:
www.uni-rostock.de/en/international/incoming/visiting-students-erasmus/
2. A certificate of enrolment from your home university, including a translation into English or German certified by your home university.
3. A study plan. If you are an ERASMUS+ student, please use an ECTS Learning Agreement approved by your home university. We recommend all other visiting students consult with their home universities and also draw up a Learning Agreement detailing which courses and lectures you would like to attend at the University of Rostock.
4. Proof of sufficient German language skills.

The Learning Agreement (also called ECTS Learning Agreement) is drawn up between you, your home university and the University of Rostock. It must be confirmed by your home university and will be checked by both the chosen faculty/department at the University of Rostock and the Interna-

tional Office. If the faculty/department does not confirm your Learning Agreement, alternative offers will be made. The Learning Agreement is drawn up so that your home university can recognise the academic achievements that you will accomplish at the University of Rostock.

Application Deadlines

Please note the application deadlines:

- Application for the **winter semester** (1 October to 31 March): **15 July**
- Application for the **summer semester** (1 April to 30 September): **15 January**

Please send your complete set of application documents to the International Office by the above-mentioned dates.

Where to Send Your Application

Please submit your application to the International Office of the University of Rostock. You can do this by e-mail, hard copies are not necessary. Please send your application documents to this e-mail address:

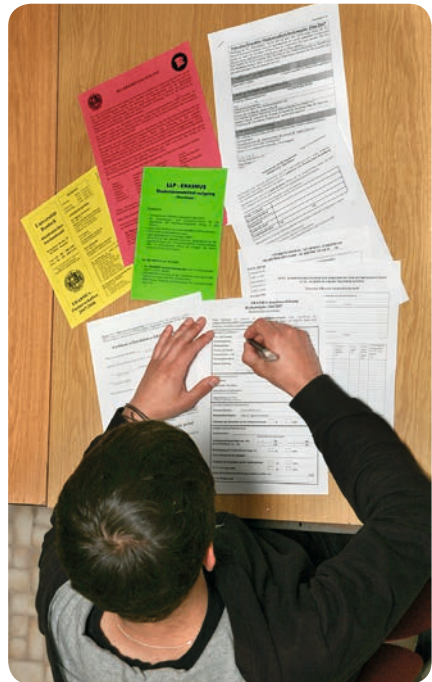
incoming.io@uni-rostock.de

Please note:

Please be prepared to present your original documents after your arrival.

Admission

ERASMUS+ students and all other guest students who have applied for a study period at the University of Rostock will receive a Letter of Acceptance from the International Office about 4 to 6 weeks after the application documents have arrived.



At the End of Your Stay

Transcript of Records

If you have to provide a transcript of the credits obtained in Rostock for your home university, ask your lecturers about how to receive a certificate ('Leistungsschein') for their class. You fill in the transcript yourself and have the departmental coordinator and the International Office sign it. You can download the template on our website or come and pick it up at the International Office. You can also obtain a confirmation about the end of your guest studies from the International Office if your home university requires it.

De-registration with the University/Ex-matriculation

If you plan to become a full-degree student at a German university in the future, it is crucial that you de-register at the Student's Office at Parkstraße 6 about a month before you leave. This is difficult if not impossible to do from abroad and any German university will ask for the confirmation of exmatriculation when you apply.

You can download the exmatriculation form you need to hand in at the Student's Office from their website.

Termination of Your Rental Contract with Studentenwerk

The dorm rental contract with the Studentenwerk does not terminate on its own at the end of the semester. You have to give

your termination notice to the Studentenwerk the month before the last month you want the contract to end. So if you move out some time in July, you have to hand in the termination form on 30 June at the very latest. Otherwise the Studentenwerk will charge you for another month.

Please visit the Studentenwerk offices and ask for the form ('Kündigungsformular'). After you have filled it in, come to the International Office to get our stamp on the document. We can also help you with filling it in if there are any questions. Afterwards hand the form in to the Studentenwerk.

De-registration with the Citizen's Registration Office/Immigration Office

Before you leave, please visit the city hall or the immigration office once again to let them know your guest studies have ended and you will be leaving Rostock.

Closing of Your Bank Account

If you have opened a German bank account and you know you will not need it in the near future, please ask the clerks whether the bank will charge you any fee for keeping the account. In case of a fee it is advisable to close the account so as not to run into debt.

Degree Students

Am I a Degree Student?

You are a degree student if you wish to earn an academic degree from the University of Rostock. You may wish to earn a first academic degree, such as a Bachelor's Degree or a Staatsexamen, or you may wish to earn a Master's Degree. If you would like to earn a doctorate, please refer to the section on PhD studies and research.

Language Requirements

If you would like to earn a degree at the University of Rostock, you will need to provide proof of sufficient German language skills. You need to provide either

- German Language Examination for University Admission (DSH)
- Goethe-Certification
- TestDaF
- German Language Diploma (DSD II)

The level of proficiency you need depends on the subject you applied for. You can find a list of the required language skills for every subject of study at:

www.uni-rostock.de/studium/int-studieninteressierte/voraussetz-de/

Applicants who have successfully completed a one-year preparatory course at a German Studienkolleg and who have passed

the assessment examination do not have to provide a certificate of German language proficiency if they apply to the University of Rostock within twelve months.



Preparatory Courses at a Studienkolleg

The University of Rostock does not offer any preparatory courses. If you would like or need to attend one, please check:

www.studienkollegs.de for information about where you can attend a Studienkolleg and take the assessment examination ('Feststellungsprüfung'). A preparatory course at a Studienkolleg lasts two semesters. The language of instruction is German and there are subject-specific courses, such as preparatory courses for the study of medical courses or economics and social sciences.

The assessment examination concludes the preparatory course at a Studienkolleg and takes place twice a year (June/July and December/January). Students take exams in different subjects and in German. In order to pass the Feststellungsprüfung, students must also pass the C1 level of the CEFR. Students who pass the examination

will receive a certificate. With this certificate and the university entrance qualification obtained in your home country, you can apply to every German university or university of applied sciences. A failed assessment examination may be retaken once.

Please note:

The Language Centre of the University of Rostock offers general German as well as scientific German courses during the winter and the summer semester to students enrolled at Rostock University. Courses at the Language Centre are meant to be taken in addition to your studies. They are not intensive courses and they are not suitable for applicants.

You can take the TestDaF exam at the Language Centre. There are two appointments every year, usually in February and in the summer. You can find further information on the TestDaF exams on the website of the Language Centre at:

www.sprachenzentrum.uni-rostock.de/en/german-courses/testdaf

**University of Rostock
Language Centre**

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18057 Rostock

Tel: +49 (0) 381 498 55 52

www.sprachenzentrum.uni-rostock.de

For information about other preparatory German courses and exams on offer in the city of Rostock, please contact the International Office.

Applying to the University of Rostock

Once you have decided that you would like to study at the University of Rostock, please contact the International Office for more information.

Information on degrees, subjects and study programmes offered at the University of Rostock can be found here:

www.uni-rostock.de/en/study

Application Documents

Your application should include the following documents:

1. An application form with your passport photograph and your signature.
2. A certificate (or certified copy thereof) serving as an entrance qualification for higher education in your home country. Please attach an authorised German or English translation of your certificate.
3. A document certifying adequate German language skills. Please see above for the certificates accepted at the University of Rostock.

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines for prospective international students are currently under discussion in Germany, so they may be subject to change. Please keep yourself informed about the deadlines currently in operation.

At present the following application deadlines apply:

- **15 July** for the winter semester (entry into the first or a higher semester)
- **15 January** for the summer semester with entry only into a higher semester or into some of the graduate courses

Please note:

If you apply for any undergraduate course of study, you can only do so in the winter semester.



Where to Send Your Application

Stiftung für Hochschulzulassung:

hochschulstart.de

Please send your application to hochschulstart.de if you are from the EU/EEA and wish to study human medicine or dentistry at the University of Rostock.

The University of Rostock

Please send your application to the Student's Office if you

- are applying for a Master's Degree course
- are applying as a PhD student
- are a Studienkolleg graduate

Please send your application to the International Office if you have graduated from a DSD partner school.

University Application Service for International Students: uni-assist.de

The University of Rostock is a member of the University Application Service for International Students, UNI-ASSIST. The agency checks if student applications from abroad meet all the requirements and charges fees for its service. You can find more information at:

www.uni-assist.de

Please send your application to UNI-ASSIST if you wish to apply for any undergraduate course. Please also apply via UNI-ASSIST if you wish to study human medicine or dentistry in Rostock but are NOT from the EU/EEA.

Applications to UNI-ASSIST must be submitted to its website electronically. Once you completed the application online, you also need to print it out and send it to UNI-ASSIST as a hard copy.

UNI-ASSIST charges a fee for their service. Applicants wishing to apply to more than one participating university will be charged an additional small amount for each university. You can find further details on application fees at:

www.uni-assist.de/regulation-fees.html

To allow sufficient time for the clarification of possible questions we recommend that you send in the application to UNI-ASSIST by 1 June for the winter semester and by 1 December for the summer semester. Once your application has arrived, UNI-ASSIST will send you an e-mail to confirm the receipt of your application. You can also ask UNI-ASSIST for written confirmation of receipt if you need one. You can then present this confirmation to the relevant German embassy or immigration office when applying for your visa or residence permit. Using the UNI-ASSIST online portal, you can check the status of your application and get in touch with UNI-ASSIST staff.

UNI-ASSIST will check your application and inform you about the status of your application. If your documents are complete and if you fulfil the conditions of admission, UNI-ASSIST will forward your application to the University of Rostock. We will then select the best applicants and offer them a place at our university.

If you do not yet fulfil the admission requirements, UNI-ASSIST will inform you accordingly and ask you to provide the missing documents. You will receive information about the status of your application from UNI-ASSIST within four weeks at the latest.

Admission

After your documents have been evaluated (usually four to six weeks after the application deadline has expired), you will receive written notification of the success of your application.

After receiving your letter of acceptance, you may enrol at our university.

Please note:

Students who do not have their permanent residence in Germany are strongly recommended to wait for positive notification (a letter of admission).

Please understand that we cannot provide information regarding the status of your application by phone, fax or e-mail.

Before You Set Out

Visa

Do I Need a Visa?

Citizens of EU member states and citizens of Iceland, Norway, Switzerland or Liechtenstein only need a valid ID card to enter Germany.

If you are not from the EU/EEA please make sure you know what visa regulations apply to your home country.

You can find up-to-date visa regulations at:

[www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Visabestimmungen_node.html)

[EinreiseUndAufenthalt/](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Visabestimmungen_node.html)

[Visabestimmungen_node.html](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Visabestimmungen_node.html)

Please check this website before you make any travel arrangements as visa regulations are subject to frequent change.

If you need a visa to enter Germany, you must contact the German embassy in your home country to complete the necessary formalities. The type of visa you require depends on whether or not you have already been accepted at a German university.

If you have not been accepted at a university or Studienkolleg, please apply for a study applicant visa. If you have been accepted at a university or Studienkolleg, please apply for a study visa. A study visa is usually valid for three months. When your visa has

expired, you need to apply for a residence permit at the immigrations authority.

Please make sure that you have valid identity documents and that your identity card or passport is valid for the entire duration of your stay in Germany.

Please note:

Please do not enter Germany as a tourist! A tourist visa cannot be converted into a student visa. Information on German visa regulations can be found at:

[www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Visabestimmungen_node.html)

[EinreiseUndAufenthalt/](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Visabestimmungen_node.html)

[Visabestimmungen_node.html](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Visabestimmungen_node.html)

Health Insurance

In Germany, all students **MUST** have health insurance.

If you are from the EU/EEA and have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), it will be recognised by the Student's Office and you can enrol.

We urgently advise non-EU/EEA students to take out a German health insurance policy.

For advice regarding health insurance, please come to the International Office.

Please note:

The proof of health insurance throughout the time of your studies in Germany must be presented to all relevant authorities in German.

Accident Insurance

The semester fee you pay when you enrol at Rostock University includes accident insurance against accidents which might occur on the way to or from the university, on university premises or in the course of university education. We urgently recommend taking out extra accident insurance to cover the risk of medical evacuation and repatriation of remains.

Accommodation

Please be aware that you need to arrange your own accommodation. It is best to do this before you arrive or right at the beginning of your stay.

The International Office gives useful advice and tips in the search for suitable accommodation, but we do not arrange accommodation for you.

You can choose between a room in the students' dorms run by Studentenwerk, living with flatmates ('WG'), finding a room in a privately run students' dorm or you can rent a small flat on your own.

Accommodation in a Students' Dorm (Run by Studentenwerk)

A limited number of students can get a place in a students' dorm. If you wish to live in one of these dorms, you can find all relevant information on the rooms available and the online application at:

www.studentenwerk-rostock.de

Alternatively, you can write to the address below to request application forms (paper):

Studentenwerk Rostock

Abteilung Studentisches Wohnen
St.-Georg-Straße 104-107
18055 Rostock

Please note:

Send in your application for a room in a students' dorm in good time. It should arrive in Rostock at the latest by:

- **15 July** for the winter semester
- **15 January** for the summer semester

Applications are processed in the order in which they are received, so please apply early.

Studentenwerk will let you know if you were allocated a room in the students' dorms in mid-August for the winter semester and in mid-February for the summer semester.

Unfortunately, rooms in the students' dorms are only available for about 15% of all students. Long waiting lists are common. Residence is limited to 8 semesters.

There are students' dorms in the city centre, the Südstadt, Lichtenhagen and in Warnemünde.



Please note:

Admission to the University of Rostock does not entail the provision of a place in a students' dorm. You must take responsibility for your own accommodation.

All rooms are fully furnished; kitchens and showers are shared facilities and all rooms have internet and telephone connections as well as TV connection. Guest students are provided with bed linen but not with pots and pans, tableware, etc. If you need anything, the Local ERASMUS Initiative (LEI) does have lots of items that may come in useful.

**Moving into a Students' Dorm
(Run by Studentenwerk)**

You can move into your room from the beginning of the semester, that is:

- For the winter semester:
from 1 October
- For the summer semester:
from 1 April

Should you arrive a few days before the official start of the semester, you must book another accommodation for that period (see the section 'Overnight Accommodation' below).

Private Accommodation

Privately rented accommodation differs widely, everything from an empty room to a fully furnished flat is available. Many students in Germany live in shared accommodation, so-called 'Wohngemeinschaften' or 'WGs'. Every flatmate has their own room, but all flatmates share the kitchen, bathroom and sometimes living room.

Usually, rooms in WGs and small flats are rented out on the spot, so you usually only make your choice after you have arrived in Rostock. But you can start looking for a flat or a shared flat before you arrive, of course. You can find a list of websites that offer shared flats and small flats at:

www.uni-rostock.de/en/study/habitat-university/flats-and-refektories

In addition, there is a black board on the website of Studentenwerk, where you can leave or read ads. On this black board, you will find furniture as well as flats or rooms:

www.studentenwerk-rostock.de

Overnight Accommodation

If you have not found a flat or a room before your arrival, you will need accommodation for your first few nights in Rostock. Youth hostels offer affordable stays:

Hanse Hostel

Doberaner Straße 96
18057 Rostock
Tel: +49 (0) 381 252 999 81
haus2@hanse-hostel.de
www.hanse-hostel.de

Jellyfish Hostel Rostock

Beginenberg 25
18055 Rostock
Tel: +49 (0) 381 444 38 58
info@jelly-hostel.com
www.jellyfish-hostel.com

Youth Hostel Warnemünde

Parkstraße 47
18119 Rostock
Tel: +49 (0) 381 548 170
jh-warnemuende@jugendherberge.de
warnemuende.jugendherbergen-mv.de

Hotel GreifenNest

August-Bebel-Straße 49 b
18055 Rostock
Tel: +49 (0) 381 877 56 18
info@greifennest.de
www.greifennest.de

Financial Support and Scholarships

The University of Rostock does not charge tuition fees. Nevertheless, you will have to be able to support yourself financially throughout your stay. If you are from a non-EU/EEA country, you need to prove to the immigration authorities and the German embassy that you have about €8,000 per year at your disposal. Please budget for monthly costs of about €670.

In Germany, tenants pay 2-3 months' rent as a deposit. This means that you should have an extra €1,000 to €1,500 for your first month in Germany.

ERASMUS+ Grants

Most students who come to the University of Rostock under the ERASMUS+ programme will receive an ERASMUS+ grant from their home university. Please contact your home university to find out about application procedures and scholarships.



Scholarships

As a rule, the University of Rostock cannot provide scholarships for international students.

International applicants can try to apply for a grant at the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service). You can check out all DAAD scholarships at: www.daad.de. On the DAAD website, you can also find information on other organisations that grant scholarships to international students.

Financing Your Studies by Working

EU students, like their German counterparts, are allowed to take up part-time paid employment without restriction. For international students with a residence permit for study purposes, working is more strictly regulated. You can find further information on work regulations in the chapter 'What to Do After Your Arrival', starting on page 29 of this brochure.

Finding a part-time job at the university is especially popular with students, as working at the university often complements your studies well. The so-called 'Hiwis' (HilfswissenschaftlerInnen) are student or graduate assistants who work at the departments or at other university facilities. You can find job offers on the noticeboard of the General Student's Advisory Service and the Careers Service, at Studentenwerk and in the faculties.

At the Rostock Jobcentre ('Agentur für Arbeit'), there is a job exchange especially for students:

Agentur für Arbeit

Jobvermittlung

Kopernikusstraße 1A

18057 Rostock

www.arbeitsagentur.de/rostock

The employment situation in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania is so tense, however, that it is quite difficult to find paid work. Under no circumstances can you rely on finding a job and thus financing your stay.



'BAföG' for International Students

Only in very special cases, international students are entitled to national education grants regulated by the BAföG law ('Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz'). As a rule, international students cannot count on receiving BAföG financial aid. Please find more information at:

www.bafoeg.bmbf.de/de/370.php

and at the BAföG Agency:

Amt für Ausbildungsförderung (BAföG-Amt),

St.-Georg-Straße 104 – 107
18055 Rostock

Tel: +49 (0) 381 459 26 17

Fax: +49 (0) 381 459 294 31

www.studentenwerk-rostock.de



Please note:

Do not file an application for social welfare benefits as this may result in your residence permit being withdrawn. Remember that according to German law, you must be able to finance your period of study in Germany from your own funds or through scholarships.

What to Do After Your Arrival

Your first visit after arriving in Rostock should be to the International Office. Here, you will be given a checklist with all the relevant addresses, information and a road map for the first few days. It is a good idea to follow the checklist especially when it comes to authorities.

You will also learn when and where the orientation week takes place. The orientation week is organised by the International Office in cooperation with the Local ERASMUS Initiative (LEI) before the beginning of every semester. During the orientation week, you will be given information about German authorities, semester fees and housing.

Please register your e-mail address with the LEI on their website (www.lei-rostock.org) in order to receive their newsletter with updates on their latest activities.

You can also find them on facebook at: www.facebook.com/LEI.Rostock

Please note:

Please plan your arrival in Rostock so that you arrive between Monday and Thursday by 2 pm. If at all possible, do not arrive on the weekend or on a public holiday. Please inform the LEI at lei.rostock@gmail.com in good time about the exact date and time of your arrival. This will enable students from the LEI to pick you up from the railway station.



Rental Contracts with Studentenwerk

Before you can move into your room in the students' dorm, you must sign a rental contract with Studentenwerk and pay a deposit and the rent for the first month. From the second month onwards, you pay the rent by bank transfer.

To sign your rental contract, go to:

Studentenwerk Rostock

Abteilung Studentisches Wohnen
St.-Georg-Straße 104 – 107
18055 Rostock

In order to receive mail at your new address, please make sure that your name is on your letterbox once you have moved into your room.

If you decide on another form of accommodation, you will also have to sign a rental contract with your landlord/landlady. Make sure you have the deposit (two or three monthly rent payments) available.



Enrolment/Registration at the University

To enrol/register at the University of Rostock please go to the Student's Office:

Student's Office

('Studentensekretariat')

Parkstraße 6
18057 Rostock

Please present the following documents:

- proof of health insurance issued by a German health insurance agency
- a receipt showing that you have paid the semester fee (see below)
- your letter of acceptance (including any additional documents that might be mentioned in the letter), for guest students: the guest student confirmation
- a copy of your rental contract
- passport or valid ID

At the Student's Office you receive:

- a 'Studienausweis' (student ID) including the semester ticket
- written confirmation of the expected duration of studies/standard period of study; this is for the Immigration Office ('Ausländerbehörde'), visiting students get this confirmation from the International Office
- user ID and activation code for web access

Semester Fee

The University of Rostock does not charge tuition fees. However, a semester fee has to be paid each term by every student, German or international. This fee, which is not a tuition or enrolment fee, currently amounts to €135.00 and includes:

1. €82.00 for the semester ticket, with which you can use the public transport system in Rostock (tram, bus, city trains) during each semester (April to September or October to March)
2. €8.00 as the membership fee for the student self-governing body (Student Council, departmental student organisations)
3. €45.00 as a contribution to Studentenwerk, which runs the cafeterias and the students' dorms.



Registration with the Immigration Office

If you are from the EU/EEA, you only need to register with the Citizen's Registration Office. Please bring a valid ID and your rental contract.

If you are not from the EU/EEA, you need to apply for a residence permit for study purposes at the Immigration Office ('Ausländerbehörde') after you arrive. Please note that processing may take about four weeks. The necessary forms are available at:

Stadtamt der Hansestadt Rostock

Sachgebiet Ausländerangelegenheiten
(Ausländerbehörde)

Neuer Markt 1a

18055 Rostock

Tel.: +49 (0) 381 381 2251

auslaenderbehoerde@rostock.de

Make sure that you can present the following documents and certificates:

1. your valid passport with a visa for study purposes
2. a biometric passport photo
3. written confirmation by the University of Rostock on the expected duration of your studies or confirmation of your application
4. evidence of adequate financial resources while studying in Rostock (grant certificate, parents' bank declaration, etc.). As a rule, about €670.00 is required as proof of financial viability by German consulates and Immigration Offices.
5. a certificate of health insurance recognised in Germany
6. your valid rental contract

Opening a Bank Account

After enrolling at the University of Rostock and registering at the Immigration Office or the Citizen's Registration Office, you have to open a bank account at a bank of your choice. As a rule, accounts for students are free of bank charges. To open an account you will have to show:

- your identity card or passport
- the certificate of registration issued by the Immigration Office or the Citizen's Registration Office
- your student ID or letter of acceptance
- and your rental contract

You need an account to pay your rent, semester fees, health insurance, etc. Bank transfers are easier and safer for you than paying cash.

Please note:

Give your bank account information and address to your health insurance agency and to Studentenwerk if you have rented a room in one of the dorms, or to your landlord/landlady.

German Language Courses during the Semester

To improve your knowledge of general purpose German, you may wish to attend courses provided by the Language Centre ('Sprachenzentrum') in addition to your studies. However, you have to pay a fee to enrol for such language courses (€40.00 per semester for 4 periods per week).

To make studying your subject easier, international students (including PhD students) can take subject-related German courses (also called special language courses) for free.

Of course you can take up courses in languages other than German. The fee is the same for all languages, it is €40.00 for 4 periods per week.

Please note:

Before you enrol in a language course you must take a placement test. The result of this test determines which course you can attend. An example of the placement test with explanations can be found at:

www.sprachenzentrum.uni-rostock.de/en/german-courses/placement-test/

More information regarding the courses provided by the Language Centre can be found on their homepage:

www.sprachenzentrum.uni-rostock.de

Working during Your Stay

Most students from EU/EEA countries do not need a special permit if they wish to work in Germany. With regard to part-time work, most EU/EEA students are on the same legal footing as German students.

You should, however, not work for more than 19 hours per week, otherwise you will have to pay pension contribution.

Students from other countries face certain limitations if they wish to work in Germany. Without a special work permit, you may only work for 120 full days or 240 half days. This includes voluntary internships. You may work up to 19 hours per week during the lecture periods.

If you wish to work more hours, you need a special work permit that is issued by the immigration authority. Please be aware that this permit is only granted in special cases, and please do not plan on financing your studies by working.



Please note:

Apart from the legal restrictions, it is very difficult to find paid work in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. Under no circumstances can you rely on earning your living by working.

For up-to-date information on the German labour market check the Employment Agency's website:

www.arbeitsagentur.de

The labour laws for international students are quite strict. Students who breach them may be expelled.

Students who receive a DAAD scholarship may not take up employment without the DAAD's consent.

Studying and Living in Rostock

Student ID

Your student ID card is an official document that you should always carry with you. You need it, for example, to register at the University Library or for university sports courses. In addition, you get a student's discount at theatres, museums, etc. Above all, your student ID card doubles as a semester ticket for the local public transport system ('Semesterticket'). Please remember, however, that the Semesterticket is only valid in combination with your national ID card or passport.



Please note:

The Semesterticket is only valid in the zones 1 – 6 (Tarifzonen) of the City of Rostock. In all other zones you need to buy an additional ticket.

You can get more information from every branch of the Rostocker Straßenbahn AG (www.rsag-online.de) or from the AStA, Parkstraße 6, 18057 Rostock.

Cafeterias

The largest cafeteria in Rostock is in Süd-stadt right next to the main library building. All cafeterias in Rostock are run by the Studentenwerk and have been awarded the German 'Best Cafeteria of the Year' Award several times. They offer a wide variety of dishes from traditional German to vegetarian and vegan food. You can assemble your own meals from a variety of components according to your taste and budget. At all cafeterias, you can either pay in cash or you can use the Mensa Card (cashless payment system). The cafeteria in Südstadt is open on Saturdays, on Sundays you will have to face the challenge of preparing your own food.

You can find more information on the homepage of Studentenwerk at the 'Mensen' tab: www.studentenwerk-rostock.de



Libraries

The University Library (Universitätsbibliothek, 'UB'), which was founded in 1569, holds a total amount of about 2.1 million volumes ranging from priceless incunabula to the latest publications. The OPAC service (Online Public Access Catalogue) makes it easy to search for literature and gain a rapid overview of the Library's holdings.



The University Library is divided into three different branches that accommodate the individual departmental libraries. You will usually find the books you need for your subject close at hand. If you need a book that the University Library does not stock, you can order it from other university libraries via inter-library loan.

You can find the University Library on the Internet at: www.ub.uni-rostock.de

There is a city library in Rostock as well; it is right in the heart of town, close to the main university building. This library is meant for the general public, the numerous books and other types of media on offer cover a wide range of subjects but are not necessarily adequate for academic purposes. Nevertheless, the city library is a good place to do research. The city library offers an online catalogue as well. Membership is free, you only need to present an ID at the library.

City Library

Kröpeliner Straße 82

18055 Rostock

+49 (0) 381 381 28 40

www.stadtbibliothek-rostock.de

University E-Mail, Computer and Internet Access

Once you register at the Student's Office, you will get a letter from the IT and Media Centre ('ITMZ') that includes your user ID and an activation code. Once you have activated your account, you can log on to any university computer and use it. You will also have your official university e-mail address, which ends in @uni-rostock.de. Please remember to check this e-mail address regularly and to use it when you write to your lecturers.



If you did not bring your own computer, you can use the computers at the ITMZ in Südstadt or you can use the computer pools at your faculty. You have free wireless access to the internet in all university buildings, including cafeterias and libraries. At the ITMZ and in the computer pools at the faculties, you also find printers and scanners. In order to print or scan, you need a chip card. You can get this chip card at the ITMZ in Südstadt; there are several stations at

which you can charge this card. You can use €5, €10 or €20 notes or debit cards for charging.

You can charge your card at these stations:

- University Library, Albert-Einstein-Straße 6, entrance area
- Ulmenstraße 69, house 1, room 123
- August-Bebel-Straße 28, departmental library for the Faculty of the Humanities, entrance area
- Main building of the university, room 020

The card can not only be used for printing and scanning, but also for access to computer pools.

Music and Arts at the University

'ROhrSTOCK' - the University's satirical revue ensemble

If you believe that combining critical thinking and laughter is a brilliant idea, join ROhrSTOCK.

www.kabarett-rohrstock.de

University Choir

Contact: Thomas Koenig

Albert-Einstein-Str. 21

18051 Rostock

Tel: +49 (0) 381 498 1040

musikdirektor@uni-rostock.de

www.uni-rostock.de/musik

F.S.O.R. – Free Student Orchestra

The Free Student Orchestra has more than 70 members, not all of whom are students. They meet on Mondays to rehearse and play a concert every semester. Pieces performed in past semesters include excerpts from the Star Wars and Lord of the Rings soundtrack, concertos by Dvořák and symphonies by Schubert. Try-outs are held at the beginning of every semester.

info@fsor.de

www.fsor.de

Crafts at Studentenwerk

Studentenwerk offers ceramics and painting workshops. You can shape, glaze and burn your own ceramics or draw, paint and print in various techniques and styles. The ceramics workshop and the painting studio can be found in the basement, Max-Planck-Str. 2. The spaces are open from 5 to 9 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Sports at the University

University Sports ('Hochschulsport') offers sports courses for all, in every conceivable type of sport. Most of the courses cater to beginners and emphasise the social and communicative aspects of sport. Please check out the University Sports' website right after you arrive to find out which courses you may be interested in. You can register for the courses online. There is a small fee which depends on the type of course you choose. You need to pay the fee 2 weeks after you registered at the latest, otherwise your registration will be cancelled.



University Gym

Justus-von-Liebig-Weg 3
18059 Rostock

www.hochschulsport.uni-rostock.de

Leisure in and around Rostock

Free monthly magazines like *0381* list all the events in and around Rostock. The student magazine of the University of Rostock, *heuler*, is also worth reading.

Clubs (Selection)

ST-Club

Albert-Einstein-Straße 2
www.st-club.de

Studentenkeller

Schwaansche Straße 5
www.studentenkeller.de

LT-Clublocation

Tiergartenallee 1
www.lt-club.de

Zwischenbau

Erich-Schlesinger-Straße 19a
www.zwischenbau.com

M.A.U. Club

Warnowufer 56
www.mauclub.de

JAZ Rostock e.V.

(Alternative Youth Centre and Club)
Lindenstraße 3b
jaz-rostock.de

Theatres and Concert Halls

Volkstheater Rostock (theatre)

- Großes Haus
Doberaner Straße 134 – 135
- Kleine Komödie
Warnemünde, Rostocker Straße 8

www.volkstheater-rostock.de

Bühne 602/Compagnie de Comédie (theatre)

Warnowufer 55

www.compagnie-de-comedie.de

Schauwerk (theatre)

Warnowufer 65

www.schauwerk-rostock.de

Hochschule für Musik und Theater – HMT (Rostock University of Music and Drama)

Beim St. Katharinenstift 8

www.hmt-rostock.de

Cinemas

CineStar Rostock

- Capitol
Breite Straße 3
- Lütten Klein
St. Petersburger Straße 18b

www.cinestar.de

LI.WU. (Lichtspieltheater Wundervoll)

This is Rostock's repertoire cinema that often screens films in the original language with subtitles.

- Barnstorfer Weg 4
- Friedrichstraße 23

www.liwu.de

Sports Venues (Selection)

Neptun-Schwimmhalle (indoor swimming pool)

Kopernikusstraße 17

Eishalle (ice rink)

Schillingallee 51

www.eishalle-rostock.de

DKB-Arena (football stadium)

Kopernikusstraße 17c

www.dkb-arena.de

Holiday City Centre – HCC (multi-purpose sports venue)

Industriestraße 10

www.hcc-rostock.de

Kletterwald Hohe Düne (rope course)

Warnemünder Straße 20

www.kletterwald.de

Museums (Selection)

Kulturhistorisches Museum (Museum of Cultural History)

Klosterhof 7

kulturhistorisches-museum-rostock.de

Geschichtswerkstatt im Kröpeliner Tor (History Workshop)

Kröpeliner Straße

www.geschichtswerkstatt-rostock.de

Schiffbau- und Schifffahrtsmuseums auf dem Traditionsschiff (Shipbuilding Museum)

Liegeplatz Schmarl (Schmarl Quay)

IGA-Park

www.schifffahrtsmuseum-rostock.de

**Heimatismuseum Warnemünde
(Museum of Local History)**

Alexandrinestraße 31

www.heimatismuseum-warnemuende.de

Cultural Venues (Selection)

Kunsthalle (art gallery)

Hamburger Straße 40

www.kunsthallerostock.de

**Peter-Weiss-Haus (multi-purpose
cultural venue)**

Doberaner Straße 21

www.peterweisshaus.de

StadtHalle Rostock (concert venue)

Südtring 90

www.messe-und-stadthalle.de

Stadtbibliothek (City Library)

Kröpeliner Straße 82

www.stadtbibliothek-rostock.de

**Max-Samuel-Haus
(Max Samuel House)**

Centre for Jewish history and culture
Schillerplatz 10

www.max-samuel-haus.de

**Tanztheater-Projekt e.V.
(Dance Theatre Project)**

Am Wendländer Schilde 5

www.tanzland-rostock.de

Frieda 23

The building hosts many projects, including the li.wu., radio LOHRO (the independent, local radio station), the institute for new media and the art school.

Friedrichstraße 23

www.karo-ag.com

Students' Religious Bodies and Religious Communities

**Evangelische Studentengemeinde
– ESG (Protestant students' community)**

Alter Markt 19

www.esg-rostock.de

**Katholische Studentengemeinde –
KSG (Catholic students' community)**

Häktweg 4-6

ksg.christus-rostock.de

**Jüdische Gemeinde
(Jewish community)**

Augustenstr. 20

www.synagoge-rostock.de

Rostocker Moschee

**Der Islamische Bund in Rostock e.V.
(Muslim community)**

Erich-Schlesinger-Str. 21

ahmdmf@aol.com

chair: Dr. Ahmed Maher Fakhouri

Please note:

There are, of course, a number of other religious communities. Please make enquiries in Rostock if you have special interests.



Advice and Guidance

International Office

The International Office of Rostock University is glad to offer a variety of advice and guidance and we sincerely invite you to make use of our services.

Orientation Week before each Semester Starts

Just before the real start of each semester, you can take part in an orientation week organised by the International Office. You will get help with formalities, e.g. with opening a bank account or registering at the Immigration Office. The International Office will also help you with enrolling for university sports courses and registering at the library. During the orientation week, there will also be a pub crawl and a trip to Warnemünde. You can find up-to-date information on the orientation week at:

www.uni-rostock.de/en/international

Activities during the Semester

During the semester, the International Office organises a series of events, such as talks or theme nights that focus on one particular country. The traditional Xmas party in December is especially popular with both international students and scientists.

Local ERASMUS Initiative and Student Council

A group of Rostock students has come together and formed the LEI (Local ERASMUS Initiative), which organises, helps, monitors what's going on, spreads joie de vivre, knows the local scene, and comes to the rescue when the International Office runs out of steam. The LEI offers activities for international students on a regular basis, from going to football matches to trips to Dresden, Berlin and Rügen.



Support is also given by the Student Council (StudentINNenrat or StuRa) and by the 'Allgemeiner Studierendenausschuss' (AStA, General Students' Committee), in particular by their International Department.

Your participation in all of these bodies is highly welcome.

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General Student's Advisory Service and Careers Service

You can get the latest information on study courses, practical training placements, student jobs and career openings here. It is also there to help you if you have difficulties with your studies.

Allgemeine Studienberatung & Careers Service

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www.careers.de



Subject-related study guidance is also offered in your department. You may also contact your ERASMUS+ departmental coordinator who will be pleased to answer your questions.

Studentenwerk

Studentenwerk is a facility that offers services in addition to advice and guidance. It runs the dorms, cafeterias and the BAföG Office, but also offers social services and leisure-time activities to students.

Advice and guidance cover the following fields:

- General social guidance
- Psychological guidance
- Legal guidance
- Studying and looking after a child
- Guidance for the disabled or chronically ill

Please find more information at:

Studentenwerk Rostock

St.-Georg-Straße 104 – 107

18055 Rostock

www.studentenwerk-rostock.de

Tutor Programmes

In many departments there are academic staff and/or students who take a special interest in the needs of international students. Studentenwerk also provides tutors in the dorms. Please make enquiries.



Appendix

University Facts and Figures

ERASMUS+ Code	D ROSTOCK01
Academic System	Semester system
Course Catalogue	https://lsf.uni-rostock.de updated in: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• February for the summer semester• August for the winter semester
Course Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 or 4 periods per week, each course x 14 weeks = 28 or 56 periods per semester• Students are expected to attend approx. 20 contact periods per week. One contact period lasts 45 minutes.• Depending on the subject and course, material has to be acquired by the student (textbooks, copies, etc.)• Not every course concludes with a final exam (oral and/or written).
Arrival Dates for Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• winter semester: early October• summer semester: early April
Dates for the Academic Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• winter semester: October 1 – March 31 classes begin around 10 October and end in late January• summer semester: April 1 – September 30 classes begin in early April and end in mid-July
Orientation Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• winter semester: The week before classes begin• summer semester: Depending on the Easter holidays either in the week before classes begin or in combination with the first lecture week

Preparatory Language Courses

Preparatory German Courses for all levels up to the Test-DaF exam for study applicants are offered by Study in Germany, Rostock e. V.:
www.study-in-germany-info.de

English Language Study Courses

There are three Master's Degree Courses that are completely taught in English:

- Computational Engineering
- British and American Transcultural Studies
- Physics: International Program

All other courses of study are taught in German, however, there are individual classes taught in English. If you would like to find them, go to:

<https://lsf.uni-rostock.de> > Courses > Search for Courses and select English as the language of instruction.

Credit Points

ECTS = European Credit Transfer System

In most study courses you are expected to earn 30 credit points per semester.

One credit point equals a work load of approx. 25 to 30 hours. One academic year is the equivalent of approx. 40 weeks of full-time learning.

Transcripts of Records

Study achievements are documented by:

- Certificates of academic achievement (Leistungsscheine)
- Certificates of attendance (Teilnahmescheine)

In order to acquire a 'Leistungsschein', certain requirements have to be met, e.g. a 10 to 20-page course paper, a presentation, or a written/oral test. Therefore, the 'Leistungsschein' is credited much higher than the 'Teilnahmeschein' which only documents attendance.

You should inform your professor/lecturer at the very beginning of the semester if you have to fulfil specific requirements for your home university.

If you need a Transcript of Records, you can get a template at the International Office. Please list all the courses

you attended on the ToR, then present the ToR and all your 'Scheine' to your ERASMUS+ departmental coordinator. After your coordinator has signed it, please present your ToR at the International Office, where it also will be signed. With these two signatures on it, the ToR is valid.

Grading System

1,0; 1,3	'very good'	outstanding performance
1,7; 2,0; 2,3	'good'	above average performance
2,7; 3,0; 3,3	'satisfactory'	performance meets average requirements
3,7; 4,0	'sufficient'	performance meets requirements despite shortcomings
5,0	'fail'	performance does not meet requirements due to considerable shortcomings

ECTS Grading Scale

ECTS Grade	% of students normally achieving the grade	Definition
A	10	EXCELLENT – outstanding performance with only minor errors
B	25	VERY GOOD – above the average standard but with some errors
C	30	GOOD – generally sound work with a number of notable errors
D	25	SATISFACTORY – fair but with significant shortcomings
E	10	SUFFICIENT – performance meets the minimum criteria
FX	-	FAIL – some more work required before the credit can be awarded
F	-	FAIL – considerable further work is required

Financial Matters**Costs of Living**

€670.00 per month is considered the minimum that should be available (including rent for accommodation).

Fees to be paid by students

Every student needs to pay the semester fee of currently €135.00 every semester. This includes free use of public transport within Rostock.

Where relevant: fees for language courses; fees for university sports activities

Do not forget: the obligatory tenancy deposit (two to three monthly rent payments)

How to Get to Rostock

By Train:

Please look up your connection at: www.bahn.de, where you can also book your tickets online.

By Coach:

Please look up your connection at: www.busliniensuche.de

By Ferry:

From Scandinavia Rostock is within easy reach by ferry. Direct connections are provided by Scandlines (www.scandlines.de), TT-Line (www.tt-line.de) and Stena Line (www.stenaline.de).

- Gedser (DK) – Rostock
- Trelleborg (S) – Rostock
- Helsinki (SF) – Rostock



By Plane:

If you plan to fly to Germany, it is a good idea to fly to Berlin or Hamburg. Both cities are about two and a half hours away by train. Rostock's own airport, Laage, mostly offers flights within Germany.

- **To and from Berlin**

Information at: www.berlin-airport.de

Airport bus to and from Berlin Main Station ('Hauptbahnhof'); train connections to and from Rostock every two hours

- **To and from Hamburg-Fuhlsbüttel**

Information at:

www.flughafen-hamburg.de

Take the city train to/from Hamburg Main Station. From the main station, there are trains to Rostock every two hours.

- **To and from Rostock-Laage Airport**

Information at: www.rostock-airport.de

There is a bus shuttle to and from the airport.

Regular flights within Germany are to/from Köln/Bonn, Stuttgart, München and there are various charter flights.

Trips, Excursions and Walks

- Zoo, Tiergartenallee (Tram line 3 + 6)
- Stroll along the 'Alter Strom' (Old River) in Warnemünde (S-Bahn Rostock-Warnemünde; or tram line 1 + 5 to Mecklenburger Allee station, then continue with bus line 36 to Warnemünde)
- IGA Park Rostock 2003, An der HanseMesse (S-Bahn Lütten-Klein)
- Water, beaches and lots more – the popular seaside resorts of Warnemünde and Markgrafenheide (Markgrafenheide: S-Bahn to Warnemünde, then ferry to Hohe Düne, bus to Markgrafenheide)
- Walk along the cliffs from Warnemünde to Nienhagen, taking a break at Wilhelmshöhe, or from Nienhagen through the 'Gespensterwald' ('Ghost Forest') to Heiligendamm
- Trip with what was once the ducal narrow-gauge railway known as the 'Molli' from Bad Doberan to Kühlungsborn, stopping off half-way to visit the oldest seaside resort in Germany, Heiligendamm (from Rostock to Bad Doberan by bus or train, or for the more athletic, by bicycle)
- Excursions to the Darß peninsula (bus or biking tour); visiting the church in



- Wustrow, the artists' colony in Ahrenshoop and the lighthouse in Prerow
- Visits to the castles in Schwerin and Güstrow
- Visit to Güstrow to see the various exhibitions of sculpture and drawings by Ernst Barlach
- Excursion to Germany's biggest island: Rügen is charming at any time of the year with beaches of fine sand at Binz and chalk cliffs at Saßnitz, the Jasmund National Park and the lighthouse at Kap Arkona
- Day or weekend excursions to the bigger cities and the historical Hanseatic cities:
 - Berlin
 - Dresden
 - Hamburg
 - Lübeck
 - Stralsund
 - Wismar
 - Copenhagen



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