



Study guide

**Bachelor in
Global Humanities**

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This study guide shows the range of bachelor's programmes and bachelor's subjects per 1 January 2023. We reserve the right to make changes to our range of study opportunities and entry requirements after this date.

Check ruc.dk for updated information.

Bachelor in Global Humanities

Global Humanities gives you an international and interdisciplinary approach to the study of the humanities.

By drawing on the disciplines of humanities, you will explore human experiences as they have emerged as ideas and desires as well as material representations, always approaching these with a critical spirit aimed at furthering our understanding of the world.

Much of our understanding of the humanities has been shaped by the role of the nation in defining how we live and understand the world. The Global Humanities Programme explores this but also examines shifting boundaries, hybrid identities and new cultural formations that are emerging as “global encounters” intensify.

Students undertake an initial phase of interdisciplinary study followed by a subsequent bachelor phase based in the subject areas Communication Studies, Social Psychology of Everyday Life and Cultural Encounters. You can also combine these with subjects from social sciences; namely International Studies or Business Studies giving you the opportunity to relate your humanities training to broader themes in international relations and business.

Admission requirements

- English at Danish B-level
- History *or* History of Ideas *or* Contemporary History at Danish B-level
- One additional language – *either* beginner’s language at Danish A-level *or* advanced language at Danish B-level

Read more about admission requirements and deadlines for international students:
ruc.dk/en/admission-bachelors-programmes

Why study Bachelor in Global Humanities?



You will know your scientific area of study before you choose your specialisation

When you begin your bachelor programme at RUC, you will complete an initial phase of 1½ years of basic, academic studies within the humanities. This is the part of the bachelor programme where you are introduced to the primary theories and methods within the fields of the humanities. Knowing about your field of study and how to work academically within the humanities will give you a better foundation for choosing the two specific bachelor subjects in which you will specialise.



You get an interdisciplinary education with a specialisation in two bachelor subjects

Interdisciplinarity is in the DNA of all study programmes at Roskilde University, and at Bachelor in Global Humanities you combine two subjects to form your academic profile. We base our study programmes on the premise that sustainable solutions for major future challenges in society cannot be solved with one academic subject alone. Therefore, as a student at Roskilde University you work beyond traditional academic subject boundaries to explore new and better approaches to solve complex, real-world problems.



You learn to manage projects and solve real-life problems

At Roskilde University, problem-oriented project work is a framework for learning and a way to investigate and solve complex, future challenges and problems in society. Project work constitutes 50% of your studies and enables you to work with companies and organisations together with fellow RUC-students who contribute with different academic profiles. Problem-oriented project work is about creating new knowledge yourself, based on scientific investigation – rather than just adopting knowledge created by others.



You will be taught and guided by professors

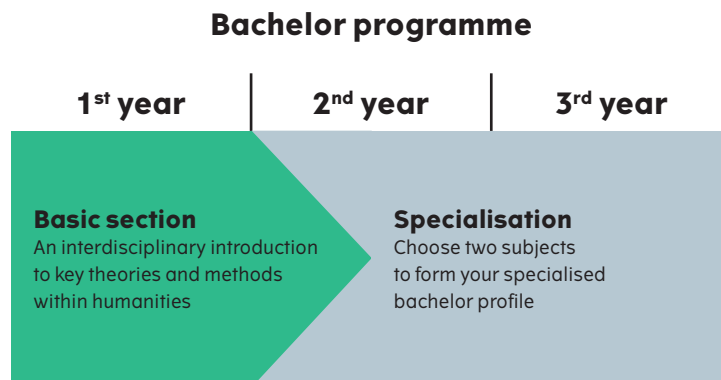
Bachelor in Global Humanities is a research-based programme. New scientific research constitutes the foundation of the programme, and you will be taught by professors bringing new knowledge into the classroom. You and your fellow students will be guided by experienced professors as you carry out your project work and write your project report.

Programme structure

Your bachelor programme starts with 1½ years of studying fundamental theories and methods within the fields of the humanities. This phase is followed by 1½ years of specialisation in two bachelor subjects.

In the initial phase of your bachelor programme you will be introduced to the main theories and methods within the humanities. During the same period, you will work in project groups together with fellow students to use theory and methods in practice. In the project work, you learn to apply the theoretical and methodological tools of the humanities to solve a real-life problem, often in cooperation with companies and organisations outside the university.

After the initial phase of your bachelor programme, you will specialise in two bachelor subjects, and you will work with these two subjects for the remaining 1½ years of your bachelor programme. You can choose between different subjects and different combinations. For example: Communication Studies combined with Social Psychology of Everyday Life. See page 7 for an overview of the available subjects and combinations.

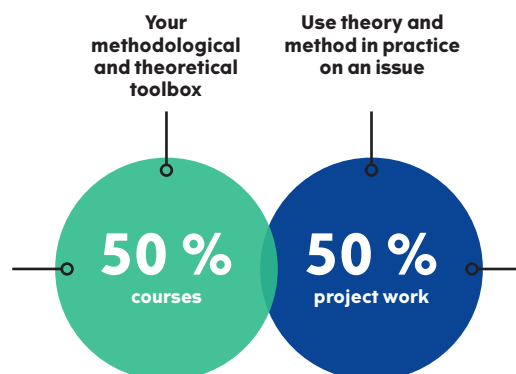


Courses and project work

Bachelor in Global Humanities consists of 50 % courses and 50 % project work.

The **courses** take place as lectures, workshops or classroom teaching. You will have fewer on-campus lessons than what you might have been used to, and you will be challenged to work independently and responsibly with your own time for preparation and learning.

You can expect to spend approximately 6-8 hours of preparation time for each course session.



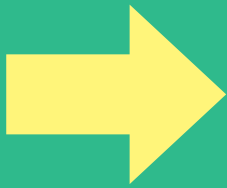
The **project work** is where you and your group of fellow students work to identify, illuminate, understand, explain and solve problems that may arise theoretically or from society or the environment. In the project work you learn to apply the theoretical and methodological tools that you have learned during your courses – possibly also in cooperation with companies and organisations outside the university.

The main characteristic of this way of learning is that you and your fellow students create new knowledge for yourselves – based on scientific investigation – rather than just adopting knowledge created by others.

Bachelor subjects at Bachelor in Global Humanities

When you have completed the initial fase of your bachelor programme, you will choose your two specialisation subjects.

Here is a short introduction to the subjects which you can choose.



Communication Studies

At Communication Studies you will acquire fundamental communication skills. Studying the whole communication circuit from senders to message to audiences, Communication Studies takes into account the social, cultural and technological contexts that both constrain and enable communicative processes.

ruc.dk/bachelor/communication-studies

Cultural Encounters

Cultural Encounters focuses on the study of cultural identities and symbolic representational and interpretational forms through an international, cross-cultural and global perspective. It is particularly concerned with problems related to processes where cultural identities and representations interact and are exchanged.

ruc.dk/bachelor/cultural-encounters

Social Psychology of Everyday Life

Social Psychology of Everyday Life focuses on social psychology in a global context. It deals with the questions of how humans think and react, why humans think and act as they do, and how they interact with culture and society through their actions.

ruc.dk/bachelor/social-psychology-everyday-life

SUBJECT DESCRIPTIONS

OTHER SUBJECTS WHICH YOU CAN CHOOSE:

Business Studies

Business Studies will enable you to apply aspects of key business economics theories and methods in company analyses. You will develop and substantiate knowledge of company processes and business economics issues. Moreover, you will develop an understanding of interdisciplinary approaches, including financial, organisational and managerial aspects of companies and processes in the corporate field.

ruc.dk/bachelor/business-studies

International Studies

International Studies focuses on the causes, consequences and potential solutions to global conflicts and problems. You will acquire an understanding of the political economy and sociological aspects of international development, international politics and the European Union.

ruc.dk/bachelor/international-studies

COMBINATION OPPORTUNITIES:

As an interdisciplinary program, you will select two subjects for specialisation, one of which must be based in the humanities:

Communication Studies	Cultural Encounters	Social Psychology of Everyday Life
combined with one of these subjects	combined with one of these subjects	combined with one of these subjects
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Business Studies	Business Studies	Business Studies
Cultural Encounters	Communication Studies	Communication Studies
International Studies	International Studies	Cultural Encounters
Social Psychology of Everyday Life	Social Psychology of Everyday Life	International Studies

Please be aware that the combination options may change.
Check ruc.dk/bachelor/bachelor-global-humanities

Being a student at Roskilde University

At Bachelor in Global Humanities you will become part of a vibrant social community and academic network of students from Denmark and from around the world. From your first day at RUC you will belong to a team of approximately 80 fellow RUC-students in your "house". Bachelor in Global Humanities has its own building on campus, and this is where you will have your base and where a study environment coordinator and a team of tutors will support the social and academic environment.

Studying Bachelor in Global Humanities takes commitment and the ability to engage in your own progress and learning

Become a part of International Community

The International Community is a student driven organisation that facilitates events and communities between Danish and international students at RUC. Join the workshop, the cooking-and-dining nights, the sport events, the game nights – or the virtual alternatives which help you stay in touch.

When you begin your studies at Roskilde University, you will encounter a different structure for your daily life compared to what you may have been used to. You will have fewer on-campus lessons and you will be challenged with higher demands of independent preparation for your courses.

At the same time, you will begin your project work together with your group of fellow RUC-students. It's up to you and the group to plan your own time and complete the necessary tasks in order to make progress throughout the semester – guided by one of the professors from your programme.

It's your responsibility to schedule and carry out the work which you need to complete in order to contribute to the common goals in your project group. Throughout the semester you will be guided by professors and lecturers, and you will be given assignments and tests as you make your academic progression. By the end of each semester, you and your project group will have an exam on the project report that you have handed in as a result of the semester's project work.

It requires independence and great responsibility to be a student at Bachelor in Global Humanities. In return you will develop the much needed knowledge, skills and competences that employers all over the world request to be able to solve present and future challenges ranging from climate change, politics, economics, immigration and integration, etc.

Example: Weekly schedule (September)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.15-10.00			Project work with the group		Course Project Management		
10.15-12.00	Course Text and Sign	Preparation for course			Project work with the group		
13.15-15.00	Preparation for course			Course Science & Philosophy			Preparation for course
15.15-17.00		Project preparation		Supervisor meeting with the group			
17.15-19.00							
19.00-23.00			Preparation for course	Preparation for course			

- On campus at Roskilde University
- On campus at Roskilde University, at home or elsewhere

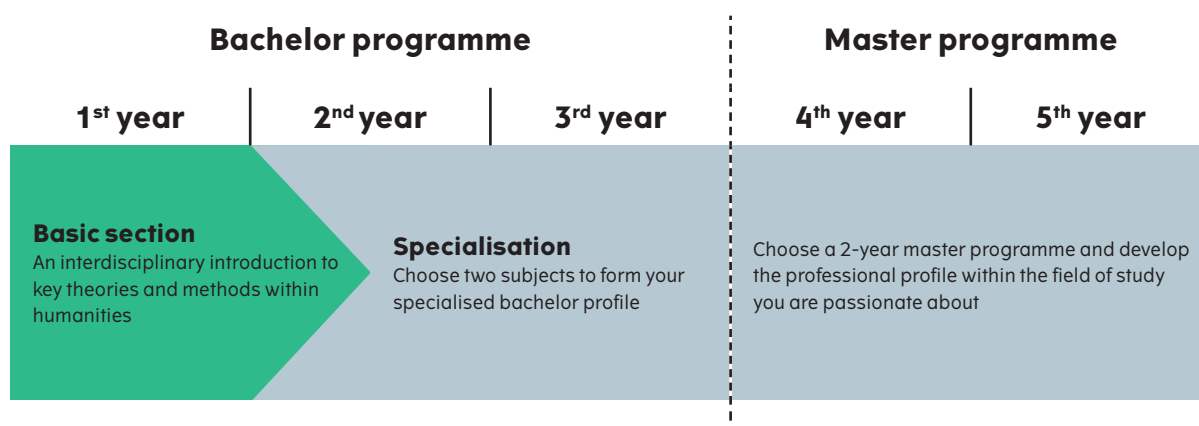
In the beginning of a semester, most of your study-time will focus on your courses. This changes and by the end of the semester you will be working full time – or more – on your project.

Example: A fall semester

	September	October	November	December	January
Project work	Forming the project groups	Midterm-evaluation	Intensive project work	Handing in the project	Project-exam
Courses	Courses 2-3 times a week in the form of lectures, workshops and classroom teaching		Termination of courses and written exams		No courses

Master programmes

With a bachelor from Roskilde University, you have direct access to enroll in one of our master programmes.



The most relevant master programmes for Global Humanities students are as follows:

- MA in Media and Communication
- MSc in Global and Development Studies
- MSc in International Politics and Administration
- MSc in Nordic Urban Planning Studies
- MSc in Social Entrepreneurship and Management

Other master programmes at Roskilde University:

- MSc in Business Administration and Leadership
- MSc in Chemical Biology
- MSc in Computer Science
- MSc in Environmental Science
- MSc in Mathematical Bioscience
- MSc in Physics and Scientific Modelling

Please note that the different master programmes have different admission requirements. More info about admission:

ruc.dk/en/admission-masters-programmes

See which of Roskilde University's master programmes that your bachelor degree + your subjects give you direct access to.
ruc.dk/en/master/preapproved-programmes



Need guidance?

Talk to one of Roskilde University's study guidance counselors if you have questions about your choice of study programme. Maybe you need some advice on your options or how to choose a bachelor programme. In any case, you are always welcome to contact us, and we will do our best to help you.

Also, take the opportunity to participate in our workshops where you can get information on admission requirements and admission processes as well as information on our study programmes. You will find more information at ruc.dk.

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