

Roskilde
University

The path to
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RUC

Are you considering studying at university?

This guide is for you who are in secondary school or taking a gap year.



How does studying at university compare to secondary school?

What is it like to be a student at Roskilde University?

What is an ordinary week like – and is there time for sports and student job?

Which programmes can I choose at Roskilde University?

Is it difficult to start, if you don't know anyone?

What is the difference between upper secondary school and university?

Is RUC different from other universities?



*Bastian Winther,
student at
Roskilde University*

At RUC, project work takes up half of your study time. Every six months, you choose which topic and problem you want to work on within your programme. You then immerse yourself in it and learn how to write a project report in collaboration with other students and sometimes in co-operation with companies."

How long is a day at university? Is there a lot of assignments and homework like in secondary school?



*Jannick Persson,
student at
Roskilde University*

At university, you have at least as much study time as in secondary school. But you also have a lot of flexibility, because you can plan how to complete your curriculum and assignments yourself."

	UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL	ROSILDE UNIVERSITY
TEACHING	Scheduled classes every day	Fewer scheduled hours, but more hours of study time that you plan yourself
COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE	Recorded absence	Absence is only recorded in some parts of the programme
SUBJECTS	Most subjects are compulsory	You design part of your education yourself by choosing your specialisation
HOMEWORK AND EXERCISES	Your teachers decide what homework you have to do and your assignments are pre-defined (e.g. "Analyse this text")	You are responsible for your own preparation and learning e.g. in the project work, where you and your fellow students choose which topics you want to work on.
ASSIGNMENTS	Lots of assignments	Fewer but bigger assignments and projects

What is special about RUC's bachelor's programmes?

Our bachelor's programmes are:

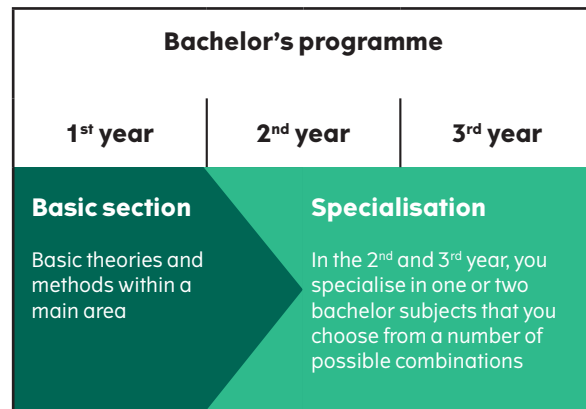
- Interdisciplinary**
 Because the world's real problems know no subject boundaries. You'll learn to work across disciplines throughout your education.
- Project-based**
 You'll put your academic knowledge into practice and learn how to manage project processes, sometimes also in collaboration with companies, while you are still studying
- Problem-oriented**
 You'll learn how to ask the right questions. You'll learn to understand and solve complex challenges and be prepared for working life after graduation.
- International**
 You will build global awareness, an international outlook and the ability to reflect on the world's challenges.



Introduction to being a bachelor's student at RUC:

How the programmes are structured

Roskilde University's bachelor's programmes start with a basic section, where you build your interdisciplinary foundation, and then choose to specialise in one or two subjects.



Master's programme

+ Choose between different types of master's programmes:

1-year master's programmes
 Full-time study programmes (75 ECTS). SU-eligible.

2-year master's programmes
 Full-time study programmes (120 ECTS). SU-eligible.

Master's programme for working professionals

What is an ordinary week at Roskilde University?

EXAMPLE

Weekly schedule

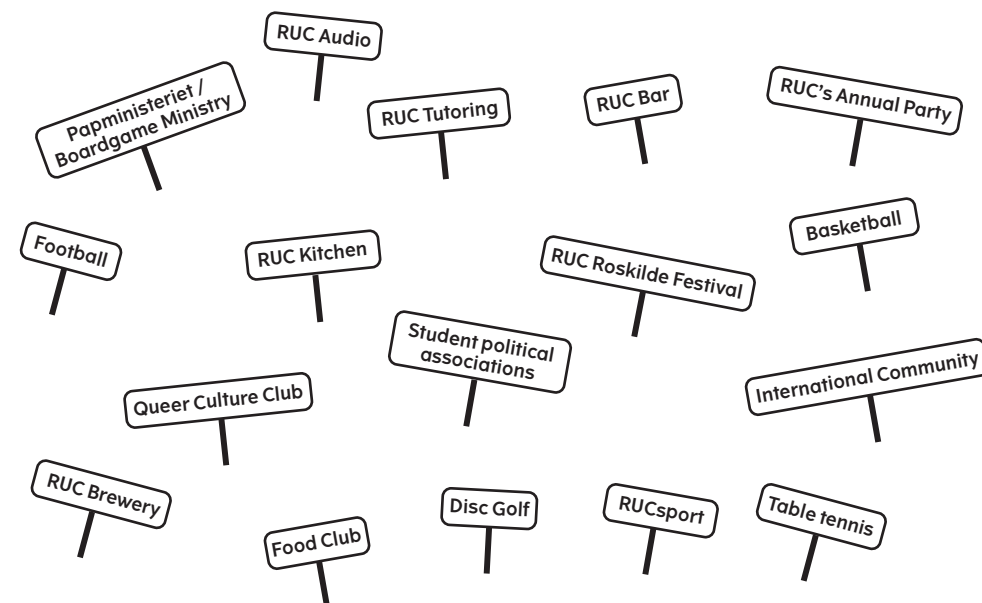
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8-10			Project work with the group		Course		
10-12	Course	Assignments and course preparation	Project work with the group	Project preparation	Project work with the group		Assignments and course preparation
13-15	Course preparation			Course			
15-17		Project preparation		Supervisor meeting with the group			
17-19							
19-23				Project preparation			

■ Time you need to spend at RUC
■ Time and place you plan yourself
■ Time for yourself: Sports, student job, family, friends, hobbies, etc.

Welcome to the communities

At Roskilde University:

- as a new student, you will be welcomed through an introduction programme, where you get to know the other students and the university
- you will meet study environment tutors in all the programme environments (i.e. students employed to enhance the study environment)
- as a student, you have the opportunity to have a seat on various councils and boards that ensure that students at RUC have a strong voice, e.g. on the University Board and in the study boards of the study programmes
- students can apply to the Study Environment Fund for money for specific ideas that improve the study environment
- you'll find that hundreds of students volunteer in a wide range of societies that offer community, academic and social activities, such as:



Is it difficult to
start when you
don't know
anyone?

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Everyone was very supportive when I started, so I didn't feel alone – and everyone else was new too. RUC has a great introductory period. I found it really fun and you get to know people very quickly.”

Julie Egbo,
student at
Roskilde University

At Roskilde University, you put theory into practice

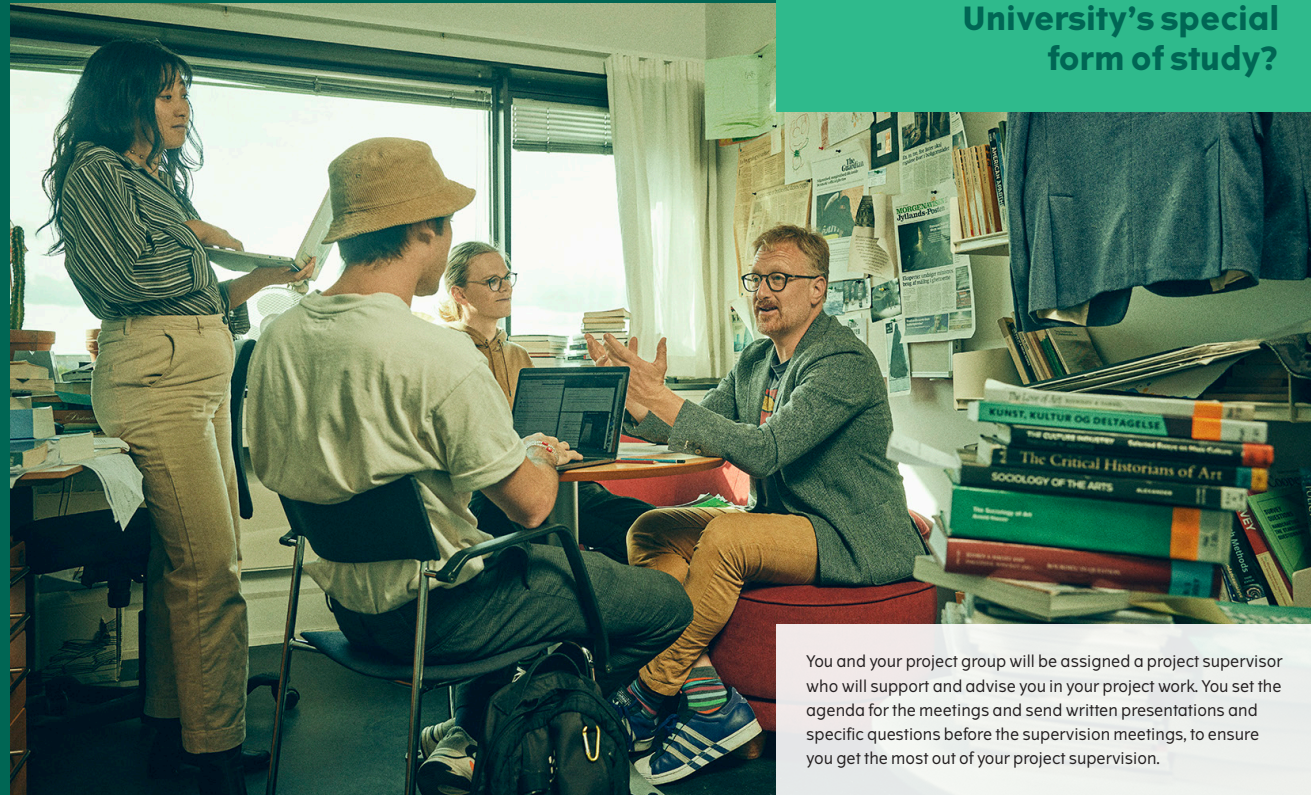
Every semester (i.e. every six months) you will write one major project alongside your courses. In the project, you work on a problem chosen by you and your group.

50%
courses

Teaching within the programme you have chosen

50%
project work

Supervision from researchers and in-depth work on real-world issues



What is Roskilde University's special form of study?

You and your project group will be assigned a project supervisor who will support and advise you in your project work. You set the agenda for the meetings and send written presentations and specific questions before the supervision meetings, to ensure you get the most out of your project supervision.

Courses – what does that mean?



The courses are part of your education on the programme. This can be in classes, lab-work, workshops or lectures. You have some preparation for each course, e.g. material to read, and there are also assignments and exams for each course."

*Bastian Winther,
student at
Roskilde University*

What's special about project work?



You can go in-depth with a problem that you choose yourself, and you learn so much from an interdisciplinary approach to working with scientific theories and methods in practice, maybe also together with a company. The researchers guide you, and they are extremely dedicated while also challenging you to work on a high academic level."

*Carla Kjeldgaard,
student at
Roskilde University*

What interests you?



E.g. language, culture, media or human development?

E.g. environment, diseases, physical or mathematical modelling?

E.g. politics, sociology, economics or international development?

Choose between 3 international bachelor programmes



International Bachelor in Global Humanities

International Bachelor in Natural Sciences

International Bachelor in Social Sciences

What is Global Humanities?

Humanities is the study of humans and their interaction with the world.

The subjects you can choose from for an International Bachelor in Global Humanities:

- Communication Studies
- Cultural Encounters
- Social Psychology of Everyday Life

The subjects can be combined with a number of additional subjects from the social sciences. Read more here:



You are needed

Bachelor in Global Humanities

The challenges facing the world require humanists who can work across disciplines with a people-centred approach, both in Denmark and globally. Those who can help companies and organisations with tasks in areas such as language, history and cultural understanding.

Those who have an insight into the human dimension when finding solutions to technological challenges or when communication is needed for complex health, climate and environmental issues.

What is International Bachelor in Natural Sciences?

Science is about investigating how the world around us is comprised and how it behaves.

The subjects you can choose from for an International Bachelor in Natural Sciences:

- Bioprocess Science
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Environmental Biology
- Mathematics
- Molecular Biology
- Physics

The subjects can be combined with many other subjects across the programmes. Read more here:



You are needed

International Bachelor in Natural Sciences

There is a high demand for employees with a science degree in both Danish and international companies. There is a demand for people who can help find solutions to complex environmental and climate challenges, develop future technological solutions – and those who can research new connections between health, disease and medicine.

There is also a need to understand the world at a fundamental level and a need for curious individuals who can use advanced experiments and fundamental theories to figure out how things are interconnected.

What is International Bachelor in Social Sciences?

Social science is about understanding how and why society changes.

The subjects you can choose from for an International Bachelor in Social Sciences:

- Business Administration
- Business Studies
- International Studies

The subjects can be combined with many other subjects across the programmes. Read more here:



You are needed

International Bachelor in Social Sciences

The ability to analyse complex societal and human problems is crucial to tackling the challenges facing the world today such as international conflicts, climate change and social inequality.

Both Danish and international workplaces are looking for employees who have an understanding of politics, administration, economics, sociology and green transition. Those who can help promote social, cultural and political changes that improve society.

New international students

Take a closer look at the activities, courses, and helpful resources to make your arrival and integration into Roskilde University a fun, safe and exciting journey:

Introduction period

Meet our dedicated tutors and become familiar with university life through engaging activities and off-campus trips. Build friendships and a strong support network.

How to RUC

Online study start course providing essential information before starting your studies.

Getting Started

Get the handbook for new international students with tips and tricks for settling at RUC and in Denmark.

Accommodation tips

Get tips for finding accommodation in the Roskilde-Copenhagen area.

International Students' Survival Guide

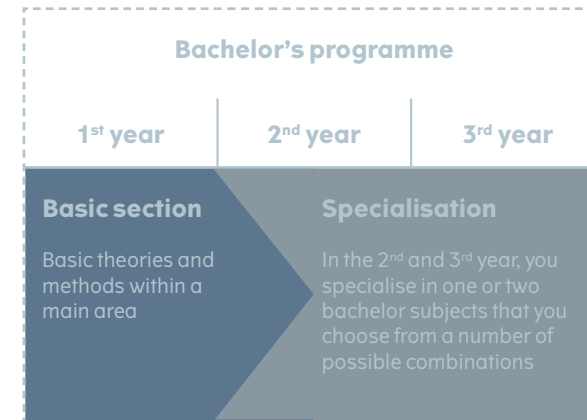
Detailed insights on life in Denmark.

More information for international students coming to Roskilde University



From bachelor to master

You can continue on to a master's programme after the bachelor's programme. The master's programme is a 2-year postgraduate programme, where you can specialise further within your chosen field.



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Read more about master's programmes from 2028

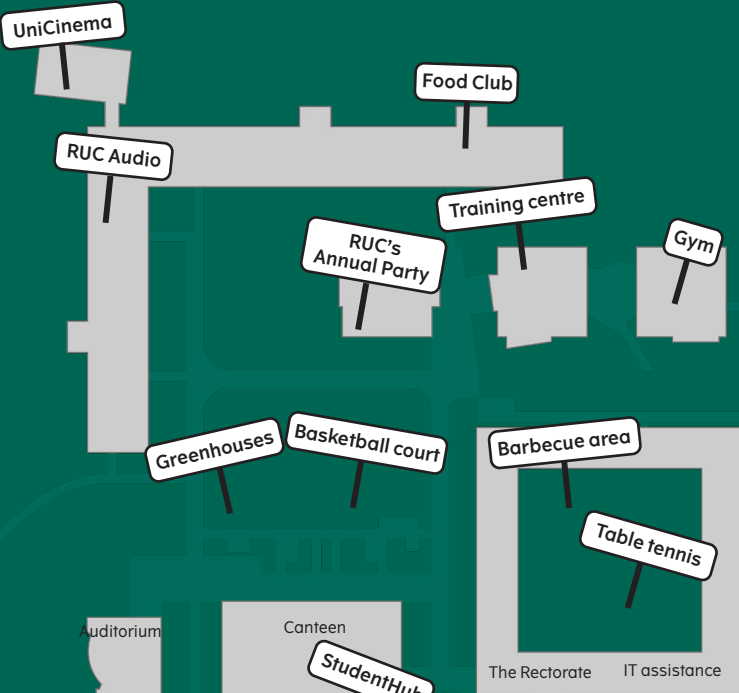


What is the social environment like?



Julie Egbo, student at Roskilde University

FANTASTIC! We have many social clubs, which means that you can join football, yoga, choir, fitness, gaming, food evenings, go to FabLab, become part of the volunteers at Roskilde Festival or participate in student political work and a whole lot more. We also have our own student centre where there is room for everyone."



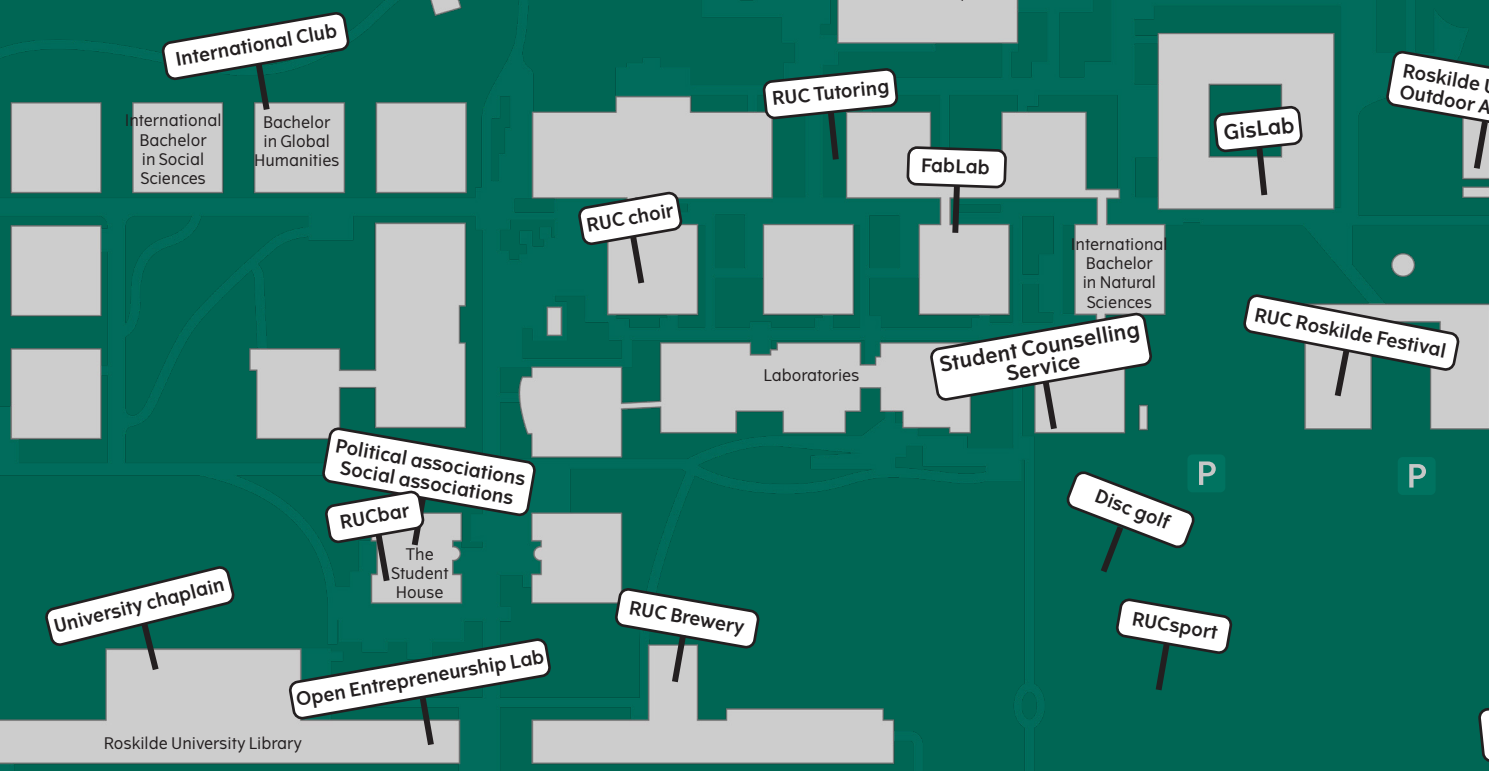
How big is RUC?



Carla Kjeldgaard, student at Roskilde University

Campus (i.e. the university's physical area) is like a small town, where it takes about 10 minutes to walk from one end to the other."

Football pitch



Facts

- 6,900 students
- 20% international students
- 500 researchers
- 7 bachelor's programmes (4 Danish and 3 international)
- Master's programmes in English and Danish
- 25+ student clubs and societies
- 22 minutes from Copenhagen by train
- 15 minutes from Roskilde by bicycle

Hall of residence

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