

EvH RWL - Protestant University of Applied Sciences in Bochum /
hsg Bochum - University of Applied Health Sciences in Bochum

International Study Programme (ISP) 2021

Current information due to COVID-19

The programme

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the International Study Programme is planned as a mixture of online seminars and face-to-face lectures in classrooms. Apart from a few exceptions, the seminars will be online from Monday to Thursday. On Friday and Saturday there will be compact courses with face-to-face lectures, of course taking the necessary precautions as per government guidelines.
- The entire planning is under reserve, as it is not known how the COVID-19-situation will develop in the coming weeks and months.
- The organising universities do not take responsibility for any changes or cancellations outside our control caused by the COVID-19 pandemic situation.

Studying and social live

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the universities are only accessible to students for the time of the face-to-face seminars (Friday and Saturday for EvH, any scheduled day for hsg Bochum). Apart from individually scheduled short time stays in the library, students are not allowed to stay at the university on any day where there are no lectures scheduled for them. This means that students are very much on their own when it comes to organising their daily study routine.
- The International Office assists international students during their stay in Bochum. If the COVID-19 situation allows it, the International Office will try to provide contact possibilities with other students. Nevertheless, all international students must assume that (outside the student group in the ISP) very little contact with other students will be possible.
- The online seminars assume that all students will organise themselves well. They must attend the seminars regularly and work on literature and texts independently. Thus, a high degree of self-organisation and self-discipline is required.
- It is very likely that at some time during the stay restaurants, museums, cafés and/or clubs may be closed or have limited access. This includes historical sites. Travel between different states in Germany may also be restricted via a ban of lodging.

Technical requirements

- In order to participate in the online seminars, all students must have an Internet-capable laptop with camera and microphone.

Accommodation

- Due to COVID-19 no individual wishes regarding accommodation can be considered. All students will be accommodated in a student residence in Bochum. Information about the student residence will be given separately.
- Please note: Depending on the current corona guidelines, up to 2 weeks of quarantine may be required before the start of the programme.
- If students must go into quarantine after entering Germany, they can stay in their room in the student residence during this time.
- As things stand at present, we assume that arriving students will have to take a quick COVID-19 test at the airport. They can then travel to Bochum by train via the most direct route and move into their student residence.

Insurance & Health

- All students must comply with the hygiene regulations applicable in Germany or in Bochum. The current regulations at the time of their stay will be communicated shortly before their arrival and updated in case of changes. However, students are also requested to keep updating themselves on the most recent developments, especially on entry regulations.
- Students are responsible for their health during their stay in Germany.
- Students from countries outside the EU with which Germany has not concluded a social security agreement must have adequate health insurance for their stay in Germany. Due to COVID-19, the International Office advises against private insurance providers and recommends taking out statutory health insurance (approx. 100 euros per month). The International Office provides information on student health insurance. Note: Germany has a social security agreement with Turkey, but not with Russia, Indonesia, etc.

Orientation & Information

- Do you have any questions? The International Office will organise a virtual meeting with all programme participants in January/February 2021. Many questions can be answered there in advance.
- A Welcome Week will take place in the first week of the programme. Detailed information will be available well in advance.

Questions?

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