

Roskilde University

A Different Experience


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Welcome to Roskilde University

Roskilde University, abbreviated to RUC according to its former name, Roskilde University Centre, is a state-owned university founded in 1972 with the objective of setting new standards in educational principles, by breaking with traditional university practices and embracing student involvement.

Even today, the characteristic educational principles of Roskilde University are interdisciplinarity, problem-based approaches and group work. Roskilde University is known for its unique approach to education and research and for educating graduates who are popular with employers for their strong, interdisciplinary competencies, and their teamwork skills.

The university is research-driven and proud to provide a strong link between research and teaching, contributing to experimental, innovative forms of learning, and knowledge creation.



Hanne Leth Andersen
Rector

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We Educate Competent, Interdisciplinary Graduates for Future Society

The study programmes at Roskilde University are unique. At Roskilde University, you are not required to commit to a specific subject area from the outset. As a full degree student, you can design your own study programme by combining the courses that will constitute the best possible elements supporting your academic interests and your future career plans.

If you are planning to come to Roskilde University as an exchange student, you have inspiring courses to choose from within one or more subjects.

Throughout your study period, you will be part of a student community, where students collaborate in project teams. Academic supervisors will guide you in your work and make sure you get the advice that is relevant to you.

You will achieve a strong academic profile, strengthened by the special skills acquired from studying at Roskilde University. You will learn to:

- work across disciplines and think outside the box
- apply scientific methods to solve the problems of the surrounding world
- independently define and solve problems
- manage projects and collaborate

Roskilde University prepares you for a career in today's society. We provide you with the skills required by the business community and organisations; namely to be able to work on a project-oriented basis, solve problems, innovate, and collaborate across various disciplines.

Thus, Roskilde University offers educations that apply to the problem-solving of the present and future society.

How To Work Problem-Based?

At Roskilde University, you learn to solve real world problems by learning to ask the right questions, such as:

- How can cancer treatment be improved by combining chemo-, gene- and immunotherapy?
- How do social media influence our identity and the way that we express ourselves?
- How can we ensure innovation in the public sector?
- In which ways does the European Union try to prevent unemployment among young people?
- How do we reduce pathogenic particles in the air?
- In which ways will future media platforms influence journalism?
- How do we create and develop well-functioning urban spaces?
- What is a good and healthy life?
- How is telemedicine developed and implemented in third world countries?
- How do changes in organizations influence family- and private life?
- How does social heritage influence young people's choice of education?

Part of Greater



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Roskilde University is a one-campus university, located in beautiful green surroundings between the capital, Copenhagen, and the historic city of Roskilde, which is known for its UNESCO world heritage listed cathedral, the Viking Ship Museum and the largest music festival in Northern Europe – The Roskilde Festival.

Being part of the Greater Copenhagen area, Roskilde University has its own train station, and Copenhagen Central Station is only 22 minutes away by train. Four trains per hour make it easy to get from the vibrant city life of Copenhagen to the dynamic study environment at Roskilde University.

In Roskilde, you can explore the beautiful natural surroundings, the majestic fjord and the world-renowned tourist attractions in the city centre. Located close to the city of Copenhagen, and with excellent infrastructure, Roskilde is an attractive place to live, work, and study.

Read more about living in Denmark at:

www.expatindenmark.com
www.lifeindenmark.dk

RUC
22 minutes
by train from
Copenhagen

Facts

Students

8.820

Total number of enrolled students

4.270

Bachelor students

3.530

Master students

1.020

International students

Staff

960

Total full time equivalent staff

470

Academic staff

370

Technical and administrative staff

120

PhD students and postdocs

(Source: Roskilde University, 2018)



“The teaching style is very critical and open-minded. The goal is to challenge each other, instead of teaching a fixed view on things. The classes are very interactive and questions are always welcome. Project work is an important cornerstone of the learning philosophy at Roskilde University and our degree has a specialized focus on hands-on experiences. For instance, we went on a study trip to Brussels and spent one day at the European Environmental Agency in Copenhagen.”

Stella, Germany, International Public Administration and Politics

Full Degree P English



Degree structure

The study programmes offered at Roskilde University are designed according to a 3+2 structure, consisting of a three-year bachelor's programme followed by a two-year master's programme.

- Three-year bachelor's programme equivalent to 180 ECTS
- Two-year master's programme equivalent to 120 ECTS
- Three-year PhD programme

Bachelor's programmes

During the first year (two semesters), students get an interdisciplinary introduction to key theories and methods within the study field of the specific bachelor's programme.

During the last two years (four semesters), students specialise in one or two bachelor subjects, depending on what they choose to specialise in.

Master's programmes

Students can choose either a combined master's programme consisting of two master subjects, or a single-subject master's programme.

Bachelor's programmes

Roskilde University offers a broad range of study programmes with several options in English. The following programmes are in English:

- International Bachelor in Humanities
- International Bachelor in Natural Sciences
- International Bachelor in Social Sciences

For more information go to:

www.ruc.dk/en/bachelor-programmes

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Roskilde University offers single-subject as well as two-subject master's programmes

Single-subject master's programmes

- Economics and Business Administration
- Environmental Risk
- Global Studies
- International Public Administration and Politics
- Mathematical Computer Modelling
- Mathematical Physical Modelling
- Nordic Urban Planning Studies
- Social Entrepreneurship and Management
- Spatial Designs and Society

Two-subject master's programmes

- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Communication Studies
- Computer Science
- Cultural Encounters
- Environmental Biology
- Global Studies
- Informatics
- International Development Studies
- Molecular Biology
- Physics

A full list of the possible combinations of these subjects and descriptions of their content can be found online. For more information, go to:

www.ruc.dk/en/masterprogrammes

Options for Ex Students



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Roskilde University welcomes approximately 150 exchange students (2017/2018) every year through exchange agreements with partners all over the world. Roskilde University offers courses in English within the following subjects:

Bachelor

- Business Administration
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Communication Studies
- Computer Science
- Cultural Encounters
- English
- Environmental Biology
- Global Humanities
- International Studies
- Mathematics
- Molecular Biology
- Physics
- Social Psychology in Everyday Life

We made suggestions for course packages for exchange students. Please check for the latest suggestions:

www.ruc.dk/en/intro-exchange-and-guest-students

Master

- Chemistry
- Communication Studies
- Computer Science
- Cultural Encounters
- Economics and Business Administration
- Environmental Biology
- Environmental Risk
- Global Studies
- Informatics (Only in Spring semester)
- International Public Administration and Politics
- International Development Studies
- Mathematics
- Molecular Biology
- Nordic Urban Planning Studies
- Physics
- Social Entrepreneurship and Management
- Spatial Designs and Society

The full list of subject areas can be found at our course catalogue:

www.study.ruc.dk

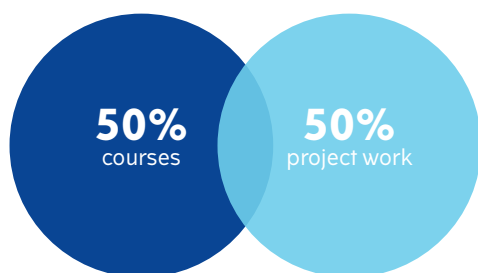
For more information about exchange, go to:

www.ruc.dk/en/admission-exchange

50% Courses and 50% Project Work

More than 40 years of teaching experience at Roskilde University has shown us, that the interactions between specialised courses and project work produce the best learning experience.

Therefore, half of your study period consists of courses and the other half consists of project work. The fundamental basis is always scientific issues – often anchored in the world around us.



Courses – your academic toolbox

The courses at Roskilde University provide extensive subject-related and methodical knowledge and they cover the theories and methodologies within your subject area. This will prepare you for working in-depth with the issues that you find interesting. The course format may be lectures, class-room teaching, study groups, academic exercises, workshops, and seminars. You can see the list of our current courses at kursus.ruc.dk

Problem-oriented project work

The other half of your study period is based on problem-oriented project work, in which you apply theories and methodologies in relation to issues that you are curious about. From the first day of your studies, we teach you how to work on a project-oriented basis. You will learn how to manage and conduct your projects with other group members. It will provide you with an opportunity to carry out your own research, conduct fieldwork, and work with different companies and organisations. In this way, you acquire new knowledge and learn how to use your academic skills to solve concrete and relevant issues in the real world.

Collaboration and in-depth studies

Project work is conducted in groups of 2-8 students, because many heads are better than one. Each semester, you and your co-students will gather in groups based on common scientific interests and common objectives. You will work on your subject or problem area for three months and finish with a project report.

Project supervision

All project groups have a project supervisor, who is one of Roskilde University's committed researchers. They work as a sounding board for you and the group, to help you define the problem you want to work with and to identify the scientific theories and methodologies that are relevant in order to answer your research questions. This is a working method that increases your ability to analyse and collaborate, to have a critical and independent view, and also to focus on what you find academically interesting.



“I feel that the standard of the contact hours with my supervisor, allied with the unique ‘RUC’ atmosphere, makes Roskilde the highest standard of learning I have experienced. The course has solid grounding in theoretical texts but importantly, we go on to apply these to ‘real life’, practical projects which ensure that academia is not confined to any towers, ivory or otherwise.”

Darcy, United Kingdom, Spatial Designs and Society



“Science has always fascinated me - especially physics where you can explain how objects move and water flows through mathematical formulas. I wanted to study abroad and use English on a daily basis for more than just writing papers since it is the global language of science.

Roskilde University’s international science programmes in English are the best you can find in Denmark – that is why this place was the perfect fit for me.”

Maros, Slovakia, International Bachelor in Natural Sciences

Student Life at Roskilde University

Study environment

Roskilde University focuses not only on academic studies, but also on the social environment.

When you begin your studies at Roskilde University, you belong to a house or a subject area together with other students in the same field. Each building has group study rooms, computers, copying facilities, and a kitchen. This structure means that you are in close contact with your fellow students and teachers. You will therefore quickly establish a social network and have a place where you feel at home.

Student Hub

The Student Hub is your entrance point as applicant or student, where you can address all study administration and study guidance questions. You can contact the Student Hub at intra.ruc.dk or show up in person at Roskilde University, where you can get help with enquiries concerning, e.g.:

- Admission and enrolment
- Exchange
- Planning of courses
- Planning of exams
- Student grants (SU)
- Study and career guidance

Social environment

During your studies at Roskilde University you will have different opportunities to meet your fellow students, as the campus offers a range of activities and facilities, including:

- Annual party
- Cafés at your study programme
- Exercise centre
- International Club
- Roskilde University Choir
- Soccer tournament and homemade boat race
- Song contest with competing bands from Roskilde University
- Student Council
- Student House
- Student societies
- Student café/bar Monday to Friday in the Student House

Practical Information

Accommodation

Finding accommodation in Denmark can be difficult. Accommodation in dormitories is in great demand. However, Roskilde University has secured a limited number of rooms on campus for our exchange students. Exchange students can apply for on-campus accommodation through the International Education and Mobility Office. A deposit must be paid prior to arrival. Further information will be included in the 'Letter of Acceptance.'

For full degree students, we provide tips and tricks in our online brochure 'Getting Started' on how to find housing on your own.

Foundation Course

Roskilde University offers a two-week introduction to the university for international students. The Foundation Course provides an introduction to the academic tradition and study culture at the University, as well as an introduction to campus facilities and practical information. You will also become acquainted with Denmark, both in terms of the culture and the language. The Foundation Course is offered in January for the spring semester, and in August for the autumn semester.

Monthly living expenses

In terms of living expenses, it is difficult to predict how much money you will need. To give you an idea of average monthly expenses, here is a rough budget:

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| Housing | DKK 3000-4000 | (EUR 400-535) |
| Food | DKK 1500-2000 | (EUR 200-270) |
| Transportation | DKK 300-1100 | (EUR 40-150) |
| Books | DKK 450-800 | (EUR 60-80*) |

*) Per semester

In total, you should expect to use a maximum of DKK 8000 per month, but it depends on your personal standards and requirements.

Residence permit

As a non-EU/EAA citizen, you may be granted a Danish residence permit in order to study in Denmark. You must make sure that you carefully read the information on how to apply. However, at Roskilde University we will assist you in the process. You should submit the application at least three months before the semester starts. Both exchange and full degree students must pay an application fee to the Danish Immigration Service to have their application processed. In addition, full degree students must pay the first instalment of the tuition fee to the university before they can obtain a residence permit.

For more information, go to:

www.ruc.dk/en
www.newtodenmark.dk
www.studyindenmark.dk



“The possibility of doing an internship in exchange for credits means that I can get in-house experience within the field and still be supported by my university and peers. This is an opportunity that I think is rare to find elsewhere, and if you are self-led and passionate about your interests, then this course lets you follow those.”

Phoebe, United Kingdom, Spatial Designs and Society

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