

# International Bachelor in Social Sciences

**The International Bachelor in Social Sciences offers you an international and interdisciplinary perspective on social sciences and gives you the opportunity to specialise in one or two bachelor subjects.**

Social sciences identify societal problems and challenges, like climate change or societal impact of covid-19, which it analyse in order to better understand a specific problem that exist at national level and/or global level. Social sciences study structures and agencies, examining the relations between societal structures, like the economic structures in a country, and agencies focusing on understanding role of individuals in society. At the International Bachelor in Social Sciences, you will work with social sciences from an international perspective. You will study together with both Danish students and students from different countries. This gives you a multicultural perspective. The programme is taught in English, this means that you will have to read and write academic English for both your courses, exams and projects.

Moreover, all teaching and course literature is in English. The academic staff come from different countries, and they are researchers in different fields of social sciences including geography, political science and international relations.

During the first year on the International Bachelor in Social Sciences, you will have courses in political science, sociology, economics, planning, spaces and resources. The programme has a strong focus on methods, and each semester you will have a course in different social science methods, starting with introductory courses. In your final year you will have more specialised methodology courses. The methods course will provide you with strong competencies to investigate and analyse relevant problems in society, both quantitatively and qualitatively. You will work inter-disciplinary, and you will gain knowledge of key social science concepts, theories, and methods. This will form the foundations of your academic knowledge in the field of social sciences regardless of the subjects you choose in your specialisation.

From the second year, you start to specialise in either one or two subjects. You can choose from a predefined list of combinations from social sciences, or you can combine your social science subject with a subject in the humanities or natural sciences.

In addition to your theoretical courses, you will carry out project work, where you will be part of a project group and together with 3-4 other students you will identify and investigate a societal problem. During the project work, you will apply your theoretical knowledge and methodological tools from the courses.

Some examples of issues which you can work on in your projects are:

- Is Brexit threatening human rights protections of foreigners in the UK?
- Protecting national interests? –Policies on pharmaceuticals in India
- How is digital activism challenging political systems?
- International institutions in a globalized world – a blessing or a curse?

## Admission requirements

- English at Danish B-level
- Mathematics at Danish B-level
- History or Social Science or Contemporary History or History of Ideas at Danish B-level



# Why study International Bachelor in Social Sciences



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

The first one-and-a half years of your bachelor programme at RUC will give you a broad introduction to social sciences. You will gain knowledge of central theories and methods in social sciences. This introduction to social sciences and how to work academically will give you solid foundation for choosing one or two bachelor subjects that you will specialise in.



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

Interdisciplinarity is central to all degree programmes at Roskilde University. The International Bachelor in Social Sciences gives you the opportunity to specialise in one or two subjects. The problem-oriented project work encourages students to think interdisciplinary. Therefore, as a student at Roskilde University you work beyond traditional academic subject boundaries to analyse complex societal and real-life problems.



**You learn to manage projects and solve real-life problems**

Problem-oriented project work is the guiding framework for learning at Roskilde University. This approach to teaching and learning is a way to investigate and solve complex, societal problems and challenges. Project work constitutes 50% of your studies. In your project work, you can choose to work with a company or other types of organisations to investigate and solve a real-life problem. Problem-oriented project work is about identifying a problem and using the existing knowledge in an academic field and carrying out your own research together with your project group, thereby creating new knowledge yourself.



**You will be taught and guided by professors**

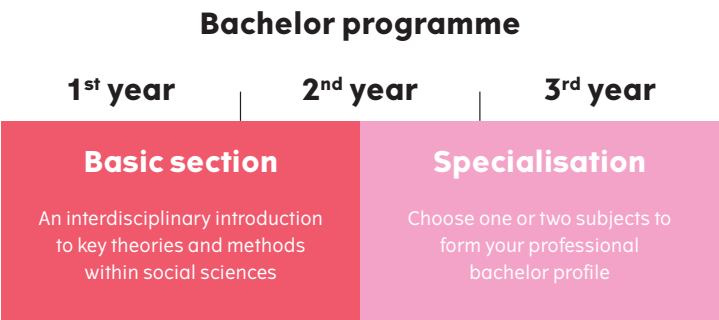
International Bachelor in Social Sciences is a research-based programme. Academic staff, who carry out cutting-edge research, will teach you, and they will bring the latest knowledge into both courses and project supervision. Moreover, your project group will have a supervisor, who will give guidance. Your supervisor will give you feedback on your project ideas and discuss your project progress.

# Programme structure

**Your bachelor programme starts with 1½ years of studying fundamental theories and methods within the scientific field of social sciences. This phase is followed by 1½ years of specialisation in one or two bachelor subjects.**

You will be introduced to the main theories and methods within social sciences during your first half of your bachelor programme. At the same time, you will carry out project work, where you investigate societal problems using theories and methods from your courses together with 3-4 fellow students. Working together with other students enables you to discuss the project, give each other feedback and learn from each other. Group work facilitates your learning and is an important part of studying at Roskilde University.

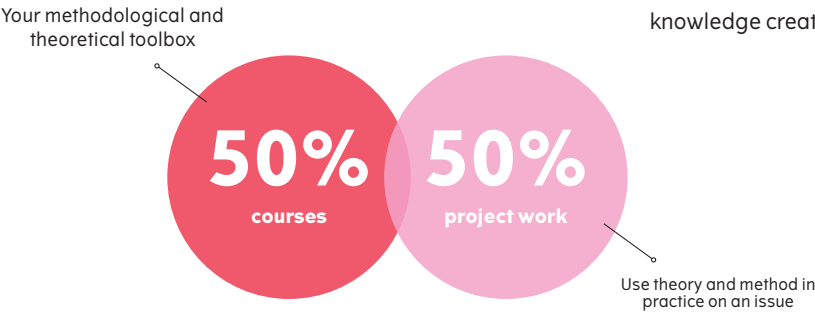
After your introduction to social sciences, you will specialise in one or two bachelor subjects for the remaining 1½ years of your bachelor programme. You can choose between different subjects and you can combine these subjects for example: International Studies combined with Communication Studies. See page 4 for an overview of the available subjects and combinations.



## Courses and project work

International Bachelor in Social Sciences consists of 50% courses and 50% project work.

- The courses take place as lectures, workshops or class-room teaching. You will have fewer on-campus classes than you have been used to. as a university student you are expected to work independently and take responsibility for your own learning, this includes preparing for class and working in your project group.
- You can expect to spend approximately 7 hours of preparation time for each class.
- 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 corporation with companies and organisations outside the university.
- The characteristics 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

When you have completed the initial 1 ½ years of your bachelor programme, you will choose your two specialisation subjects. Here is a short introduction to the subjects between which you can choose. The subjects with red headlines are the social science subjects.

## Business Administration

Business Administration is a business programme which involves the classic disciplines such as organisation, marketing, financial management, accounting, finance and business law. Business Administration at Roskilde University is unique due to the focus on interdisciplinarity and project work.

[ruc.dk/bachelor/business-administration](http://ruc.dk/bachelor/business-administration)

## Business Studies

Business Studies has a economic approach, including relevant aspects of a company's finances, organisation and marketing.

[ruc.dk/bachelor/business-studies](http://ruc.dk/bachelor/business-studies)

## 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.

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## 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](http://ruc.dk/bachelor/cultural-encounters)

## 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](http://ruc.dk/bachelor/international-studies)

## 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](http://ruc.dk/bachelor/social-psychology-everyday-life)

## COMBINATION OPPORTUNITIES

International Bachelor in Social Sciences is an interdisciplinary programme where you combine two subjects from a predefined list of combination possibilities. Get an overview of the combination possibilities from the list below.

<b>Business Administration</b> is a single-subject programme and can not be combined with other subjects	
<b>Business Studies</b> must be combined with one of the following subjects:	Communication Studies Cultural Encounters International Studies Social Psychology of Everyday Life
<b>International Studies</b> can be studied as a single-subject <i>or</i> in combination with one of the following subjects:	Business Studies Communication Studies Cultural Encounters Social Psychology of Everyday Life

# Being a student at Roskilde University

At International Bachelor in Social Sciences 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 you will belong to a team, known as SIB, of approximately 80 fellow RUC-students. SIB will be your base and home for the first half of your programme. You can choose to be active in the student academic committee, which organises social- and academic activities, like pub quizzes with questions set by a professor or board game evenings.

**It takes commitment,  
independence and responsibility  
to study International  
Bachelor in Social  
Sciences.**

## **Become a part of the International Community**

International Community is a student driven organisation that facilitates events and communities between Danish and international students at RUC. Join the 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 to your daily life compared to what you may have been used to before. You will have fewer on-campus lessons and you will be challenged with higher demands of independent preparation for your courses.

Concurrently, 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 leading professors and lecturers, and you will be given assignments and tests as you make your academic progression. By the end of the 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 International Bachelor in Social Sciences. 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

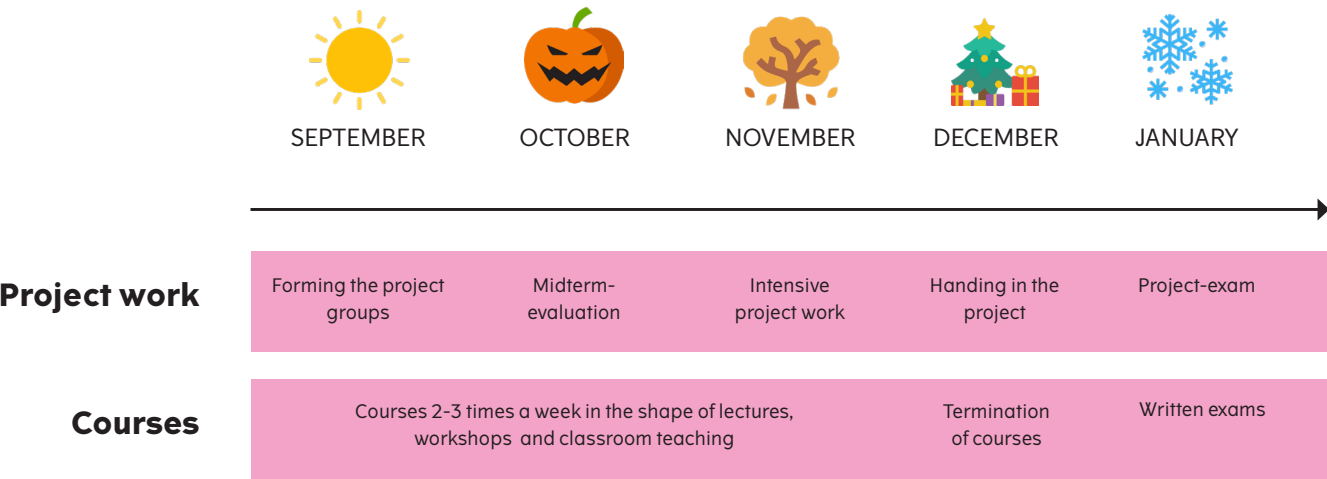
## SEPTEMBER

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.15-10.00	Course Political Science	Course Methods in Social Sciences	Preparing for the course Sociology	Course Sociology	Project work		
10.15-12.00							
13.15-15.00	Preparing for the course Methods in Social Sciences	Supervision meeting and project work	Course assignment for the course Sociology	Deadline for assignment for the course Sociology			Preparing for the course Political Science
15.15-17.00							
17.15-19.00							
19.00-23.00							

At RUC
  At RUC, at home or elsewhere

In the beginning of a semester, your courses will take up most of your study-time. This changes during the semester, and by the end of the semester you will be working full time – or more – to finish the project work.

# Example: A fall semester





Students doing project work at Roskilde University



Photo: Lisbeth Holten

Campus life at Roskilde University



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# Need guidance?

Talk to one of RUC's student 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](https://ruc.dk).

Contact the Study Guidance:

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