

Roskilde  
University

The path to

uni

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 uni-  
versity 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?

## 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



#### TEACHING

Scheduled classes every day

### ROSKILDE UNIVERSITY



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?

What is an ordinary week at Roskilde University?

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.

- **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.

- **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

- **International**

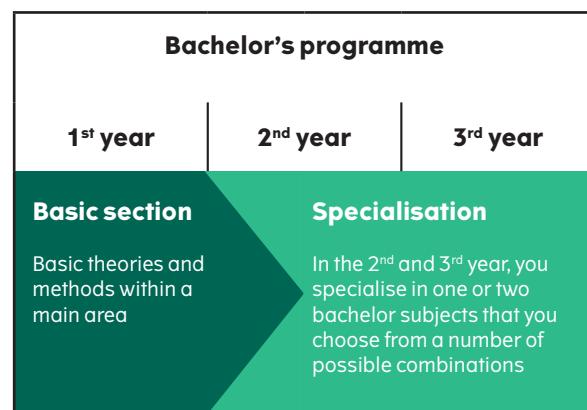
You will build global awareness, an international outlook and the ability to reflect on the world's challenges.



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

EXAMPLE

Weekly schedule						
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SUNDAY
8-10			Project work with the group	Project preparation	Course	Assignments and course preparation
10-12	Course	Assignments and course preparation		Project work with the group		
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.



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Roskilde University

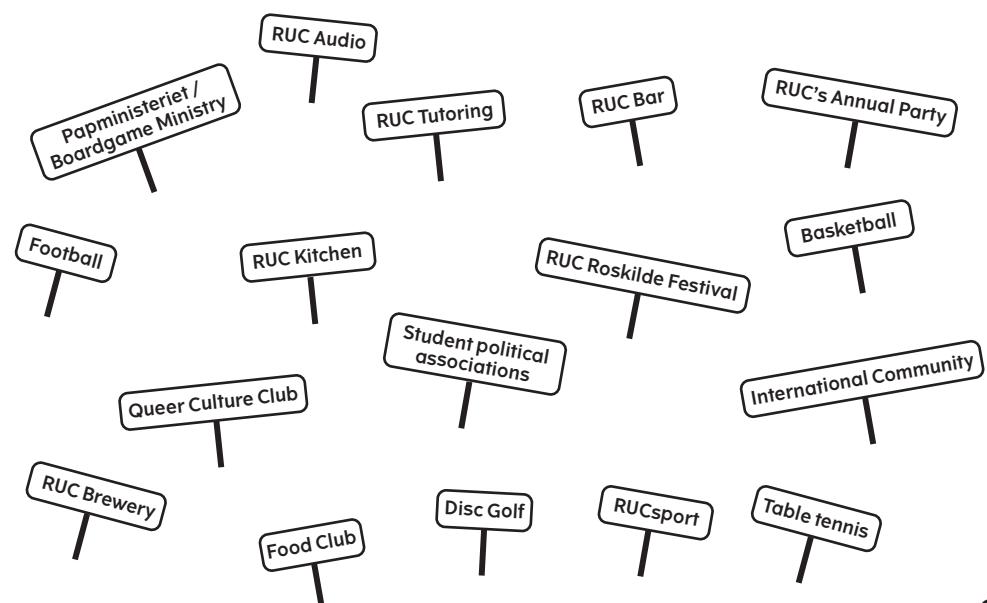
Everyone was very supportive when I started, so I didn't feel alone – and everyone else was new too. RUC has a great introductory period. I found it really fun and you get to know people very quickly."

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## 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 and the other students have your own house, Studenterhuset, which is run by students on a voluntary basis and is open to everyone
- 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:



# 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

## Courses – what does that mean?

*Bastian Winther,  
student at  
Roskilde University*

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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.”

## What's special about project work?

*Carla Kjeldgaard,  
student at  
Roskilde University*

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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.”



What is Roskilde  
University's special  
form of study?

What interests you?



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

Choose between 3  
international bachelor  
programmes



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

International  
Bachelor in  
Natural Sciences

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

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 postgraduate programme, where you can specialise further within your chosen field.

### Bachelor's programme

1<sup>st</sup> year

2<sup>nd</sup> year

3<sup>rd</sup> year

### Basic section

Basic theories and methods within a main area

### Specialisation

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year, you specialise in one or two bachelor subjects that you choose from a number of possible combinations

### Master's programme

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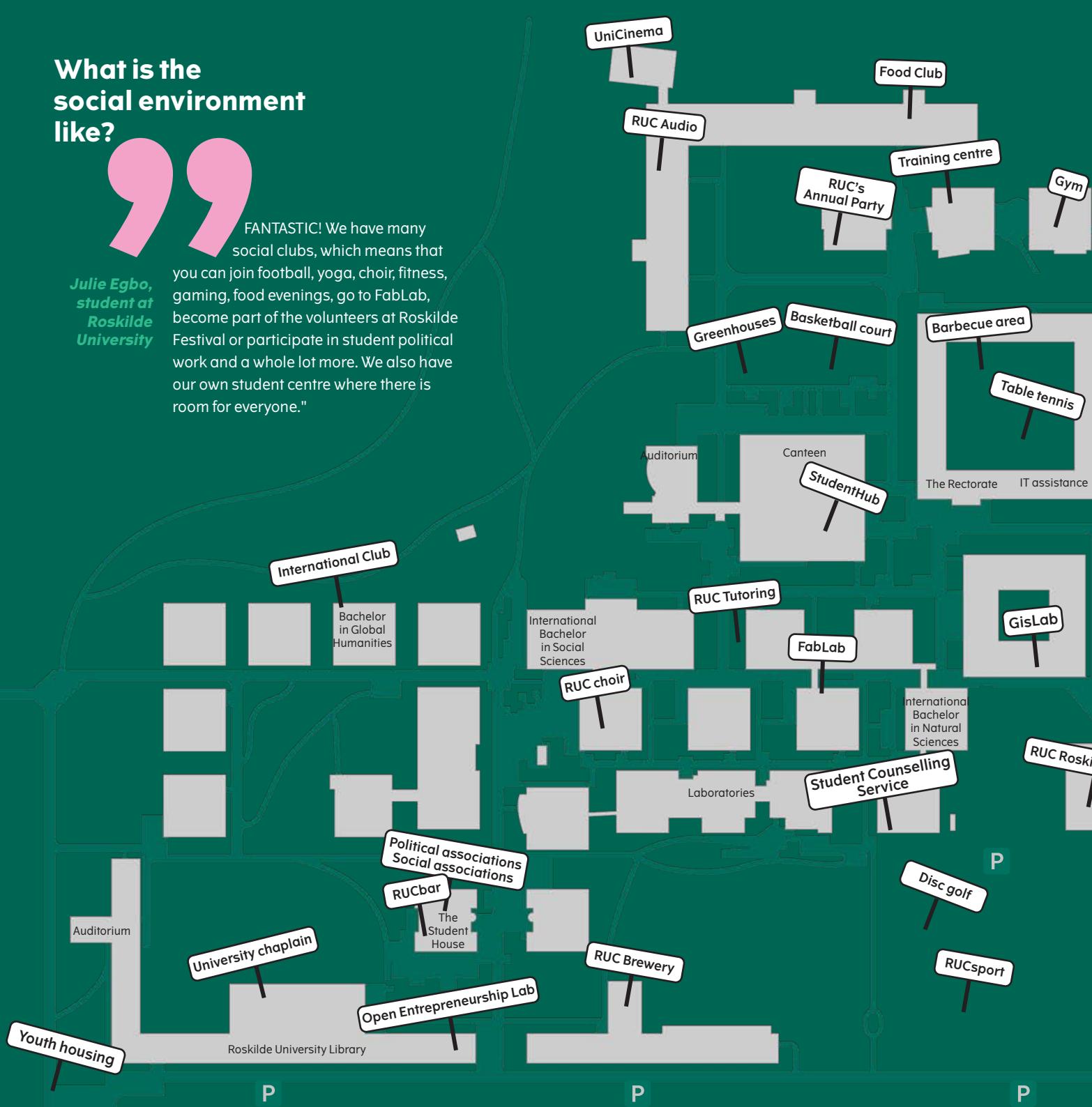


## What is the social environment like?

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*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?

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*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."



## Facts

- 7,200 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

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