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Editorial

Dear Readers,



As Head of the International Office and on behalf of the entire team, I am very pleased to be able to introduce our new brochure.

Are you interested in coming to the University of Duisburg-Essen from abroad to study or for research? Are you already studying at our University and considering spending a semester abroad as an exchange student or intern? Are you a member of our academic staff and considering taking a sabbatical abroad or adding an international study programme to your profile?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you've come to the right place. The International Office is the University's competence centre for any questions relating to international study, teaching and mobility. It is our job to answer your questions. Give us a call, send us an email or simply drop by the office in person. We will be happy to assist any way we can.

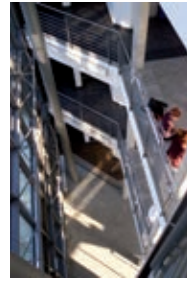
The brochure you are reading introduces you to the services we have to offer and is full of useful tips and suggestions. There are many ways for you to use the international services available at the University of Duisburg-Essen. In this brochure, we show you how to take the first steps and much more besides. Your journey starts here. We look forward to accompanying you along the way.

Best wishes,

Petra Günther

Campuses in Duisburg und Essen

Between the Rhine and the Ruhr



With a present total of over 30,000 students, the University of Duisburg-Essen is one of the largest universities in Germany and is situated in two of the Ruhr region's major cities.

In spite of the high number of students, the University of Duisburg-Essen is by no means a factory. In both cities, the University is centrally located on an easily accessible and manageably sized campus.

Around 4300 international students from over 120 countries are currently enrolled at the University. With over 170 Erasmus partner institutions in 25 countries and a quota of just under 20% international students, the University is a very international place to be.

The University of Duisburg-Essen has eleven faculties offering a broad range of academic and scientific disciplines. Each campus has its own particular profile for study and research:

In Duisburg the main emphasis is on social, technical and scientific disciplines, while the humanities and life sciences are concentrated in Essen.

Both campuses have faculties specialising in mathematics and economics disciplines, and their own special areas of interest.



"In my particular field there is a regular exchange between scientists and students from the partner universities in Seville and Chennai. If we are particularly pressed for time, the International Office helps us to speed up administrative processes.

The International Office makes our life easier."

Dr. Rainer Leisten is Professor of Business Administration and Operations Management at the University of Duisburg-Essen's Faculty of Engineering

More than a university

Life in Duisburg and Essen



Duisburg's inner port



Zeche Zollverein, Essen

Duisburg is a city of many faces, with everything from industrial heritage, parks and local recreational areas to cultural attractions and sporting highlights. The signs of the

dramatic change the city has undergone in the past years are hard to miss, and the fact that Duisburg is still in the middle of that process of transformation is equally apparent. Life in this up-and-coming city offers a wealth of things to see and do and is full of opportunities and possibilities.

Essen is the modern business, trade and service metropolis in the heart of the Ruhr region. What the residents of Essen themselves particularly love about their city is how it combines urban life with green and open spaces. Essen led the Capital of Culture 2010 with its "Change through Culture – Culture through Change" slogan and attracted visitors to the region from all over the world. It set a convincing example of an industrial region rediscovering itself through culture, and the effects will continue to be felt beyond the Capital of Culture year.



"Frau Günther and the team from the International Office were a great help to me with the visa applications for my colleagues from abroad.

Their commitment and expertise were instrumental in enabling me to continue my academic work without any interruptions, and for that I am extremely grateful."

Professor Marc Levine (Faculty of Mathematics) came to the University of Duisburg-Essen from the Northeastern University in Boston and holds one of the acclaimed Humboldt professorships.

Services of the International Office

Our profile



The International Office is the central service facility for international contacts at the University of Duisburg-Essen. You will find us on both campuses, in Duisburg and in Essen, so we are on site to help you wherever you are studying.

We look after international, doctoral and prospective students, offer advice and assistance in particular with questions relating to admissions and enrolment, and allocate places to international applicants.

At the same time, we are the point of contact for University of Duisburg-Essen students who are interested in studying abroad or are looking for a scholarship to study abroad.

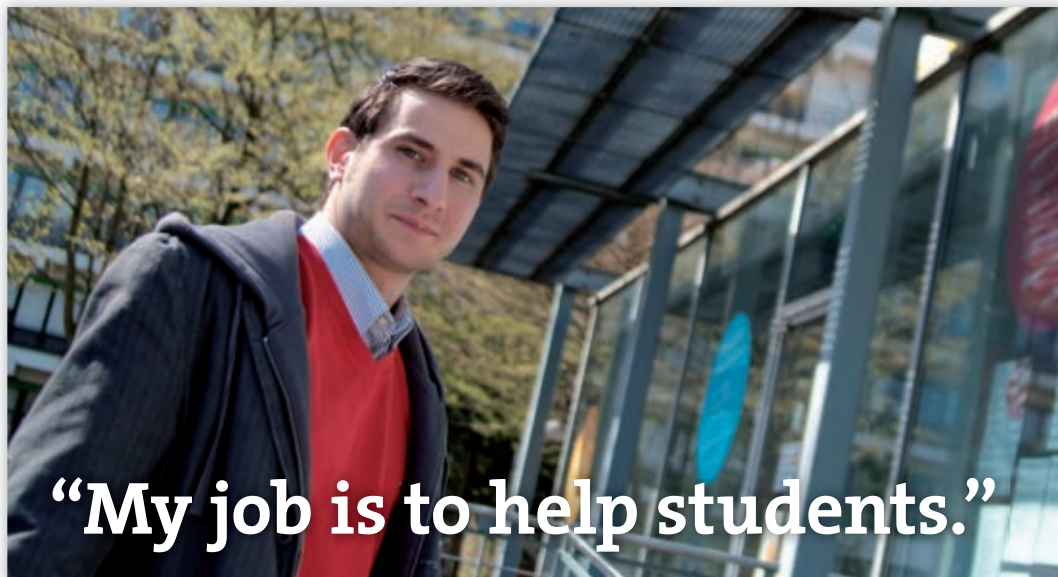
Visiting international academics and researchers, and institutions inviting our academics and researchers, can also rely on us to help them overcome bureaucratic obstacles and everyday problems.

We are also there to provide advice and support to individual professors, research groups and faculties on establishing university collaborations, making contact with partner institutions and international projects.



“I enjoy working with young people from all over the world very much. As the first point of contact for questions about studying, recognition of certificates, admissions, entrance requirements or visas, I always try to deal with the needs of the international students on an individual basis. I still get emails from former students who spent a very happy time at the University maybe even 25 years ago.”

Bärbel Enger has been working in admissions at the International Office for over 30 years.



“I had a lot of worries before I came to Germany. Will I cope? How will I manage when I get there? I don’t even know my timetable yet.” Things were quite different once he arrived here.

Cem Derman is from Ankara. He is in the fourth semester of a Business Administration degree and can remember his first days in Germany very well: “I enrolled at the University and straight away received an invitation to the “O-Tage” (orientation days) from the International Tutors Service Center (TSC). Because I knew absolutely nobody in Germany, it was the only way for me to make new contacts and get to know people.”

For this international student, settling into life in Germany quickly was important to him – but he never imagined it would be quite so easy. “I received such a warm welcome that I quickly relaxed and felt at home,” Cem remembers with a smile. “As soon as I got the information folder, I could see that I was not going to be bombarded with information as I’d expected. The tutors were there to help me personally with my own specific needs. That created a good atmosphere, and I quickly forgot that I was actually at university.”

Regular “Stammtisch” meetings and friendly contact with his tutors made it easier for Cem to embark on life in Essen and at the University. “I tried to make the most of everything the TSC had to offer. But I really wanted to settle down to life in Germany quickly. As great as the tutors were at the time, it had to be important to me too. Otherwise I would never have made it this far.”



“I had to battle my way through a jungle of bureaucracy before I could study for two semesters in Granada. The International Office helped me and made planning my ERASMUS stay much easier. While I was in Spain, I could still rely on the help of the International Office.”

Moritz Obermair is studying Cognitive and Media Sciences at the University of Duisburg-Essen.

His new life really got underway with the start of lectures and classes. “That is where I met the other students on my course. The advantage for me was that I had already got to know a lot of students through the TSC meetings.”

Today, at 24, Cem himself is chief coordinator and tutor at the TSC and helps international students to settle into university life on the Essen Campus. “I want to bring German and international students together. And if that grows into a community, I’ve achieved my goal.”

The International Tutors Service Center TSC



The TSC team at the University of Duisburg-Essen

The TSC tutors help international students with questions on studying, social matters and life in the Ruhr region and at the University. They see themselves as a communication platform for international and German students, for example at the international “Stammtisch” meetings.

The TSC helps students to get their bearings with the “O-Tage” orientation days or InfoTreff meetings, organises joint activities and cultural outings such as trips to famous German cities.



“I have been at the University of Duisburg-Essen since 2006. The tutors from the International Office helped me a lot to settle into life in Germany. I actually also work for the Tutors Service Center myself now.

As well as being in charge of the orientation days, I look after international students and accompany them on trips to the Netherlands or Belgium.”

Weijing Le comes from Shanghai and is studying Cultural Management at the University of Duisburg-Essen. She is currently writing her Bachelor's thesis.

Contacting the International Office

Any questions?



The University of Duisburg-Essen infoline is open from Monday to Friday between 9.00 and 16:00 h.

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“My academic field and the International Office work closely together. For instance, the International Office provided me with a great deal of skilled support in setting up the Double Degree Agreement with the Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour in southern France. Students from both universities now have the opportunity to acquire qualifications from their partner university.”

Professor Cerstin Bauer-Funke works in Romance Studies (French and Spanish Literature and Cultural Studies).

On campus

The International Office staff are naturally also available on campus. For details of the office hours, please visit the relevant page of the University website at:

http://www.uni-due.de/international/en_opening_hours.shtml

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➔ Incomings

International...

- ✓ prospective students
- ✓ students
- ✓ doctoral students
- ✓ academics, scientists and researchers

- Advice on admission and enrolment procedures
- Allocation of places to international applicants
- Student graduation grants
- Assistance with questions relating to residence and work permits
- Academic exchange

← Outgoings

- ✓ Students
 - ✓ Teaching staff
- wishing to go abroad

- Advice for German students on options for studying abroad
- Exchange programmes for students and teaching staff
- Scholarships
- Administration of international mobility programmes
- Maintaining university partnerships

**We are your point of contact for international matters
at the University of Duisburg-Essen.**