

User regulations: Quiet Room

University Duisburg-Essen

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Preamble

Our University is a place of tolerance and peaceful coexistence. We are committed to approaching one another with respect, honesty, trust and inclusiveness (see the [Anti-discrimination Policy](#)). The same principle applies to the Quiet Room.

§ 1 Terms of use

The room is available to all members and staff of the University during its general opening hours. It is for individual contemplation, i.e. silent meditation and prayer as well as other forms of silent reflection and quietude.

When you use this room, consideration of others and mutual respect are vital. Do not disturb the other people present.

The Quiet Room is only to be used for its intended purpose. Accordingly, talking and singing are not permitted. No eating, drinking, dancing, making music, sleeping or working. Switch off electronic (communication) devices.

Do not move or alter the furnishings. Treat the room with care and leave it clean and tidy.

Do not affix, hang or display anything (no hanging up posters, putting out flyers, etc.).

Obscuring the emergency exits, emergency lighting or firefighting equipment is not permitted.

The Quiet Room is overseen by a Council. You can reach them at raumderstille@uni-due.de if you have any questions or suggestions.

The UDE house rules also apply.

§ 2 Council

The Rector appoints a Council to advise the University of Duisburg-Essen on matters related to the Quiet Room. The member of the Rectorate responsible for diversity belongs to the Council as an advisory member. The remainder of the Council consists of four voting members. One person representing a diversity-oriented perspective is to be appointed as a voting member from each of the following groups: professorial staff, academic and artistic staff, technical and administration staff, and students. Members and staff of the University may submit nominations to the Rector for the positions of voting members of the Council.

Appointments are for a term of two years. More than one term of office is possible. If a member

leaves the Council before their term expires, a replacement appointment will be made for the remainder of that term.

The Council elects a Chair with a simple majority by secret ballot. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn to select the Chair.

The Council advises the University upon the Rectorate's request and draws up an annual report.

§ 3 Final provisions

These user regulations will be evaluated two years after entering into force at the latest.

Approved by the Rectorate on 19 November 2025

Note:

Please note that complaints can no longer be lodged that these regulations are in breach of procedural or formal stipulations contained in the Higher Education Act (*Hochschulgesetz*) or the University's own administrative and self-governance regulations after the period of one year has elapsed since their publication unless

1. the regulations were not properly published
2. the Rectorate had already objected to the resolution by the committee responsible for approving the regulations
3. a complaint had already been lodged with the University regarding the formal or procedural violation, including specifications of the legal stipulation that was breached and the exact reasons why the breach occurred, or
4. the fact that complaints would no longer be permissible after a certain period was not communicated when the regulations were published

Duisburg and Essen, 30 April 2026

The Chancellor

Ulf Richter

On behalf of the Rector
of the University of Duisburg-Essen