

# INFOSHEET: ERASMUS+ STUDY STAY

General information regarding studies, enrollment and accommodation can be obtained from the International Office.

## 1. STUDYING MEDICINE AT THE RUB

There are different types of courses in the Medical Program at the Ruhr University. A subject often consists of different courses and course types, which must all be completed in order for the subject to be considered passed and for you to receive the corresponding ECTS points.

You may encounter the following types of classes when planning your stay:

- Lectures (VL)**
- Bedside teaching (UaK)**
- Seminars (SE)**
- Internships (PR)**
- Block internships (BP)**
- Courses**
- Excurses**
- Tutorials**
- Case of the week**

Lectures and courses are held regularly on a weekly or fortnightly basis. Attendance is not compulsory here. However, we strongly recommend attending the lecture or course in order to pass the exam offered at the end of the semester. Students are required to attend all other types of classes.

Exams are written at the beginning of the lecture-free period (approx. February and July/August of a year). The 9th semester is an exception, as it begins with a 6-7 week lecture block. The corresponding exams usually take place in the 2nd week of January. Without passing the exam, you will usually not receive any ECTS points for the subject.

Some subjects are offered over two semesters with an exam in one of the two semesters. You should only take these subjects if you are with us for a full academic year.

Winter semester: 5th / 7th / 9th semester

Summer semester: 6th / 8th / 10th semester

## 2. CHOICE OF YOUR STUDY ACHIEVEMENTS

Three options are available to you as part of a study stay:

- I. The exclusive attendance of lectures**
- II. Attendance of lectures and clinical rotations**
- III. The exclusive performance of clinical traineeships**

## I. ATTENDANCE OF LECTURES

You may choose subjects from the 5th to 10th semesters across semesters. Subjects that also include practical modules (UaK, SE, PR, BP, excursion, tutorial) may not overlap in time. When which subjects are offered can be found on our digital [Blackboard](#). You can only take subjects that are offered in the period you have chosen. For example, if you spend the winter semester with us, you cannot take courses from the summer semester (6th/8th/10th semester).

### Special features of the 9th and 10th semesters

The 9th and 10th semesters are taught consecutively and last until approximately the beginning of June. The 9th semester begins with a 6–7-week lecture block. This is followed by clinical-practical teaching in the form of block internships and block lectures. Students rotate through the teaching periods in a 14-day rhythm. In the 9th semester, the exams usually take place in the 2nd week of January.

## II. ATTENDANCE OF LECTURES AND CLINICAL ROTATIONS

If you are planning a combination of lectures and clinical placements, the clinical placements should take place exclusively during the lecture-free period.

For current semester schedules and a preview of upcoming semesters, please see our [Academic Calendar](#).

A list of the departments in which clinical electives are possible can be found [here](#). Please note that the final exams are written within the first two weeks of the lecture-free period. During this time, we do not recommend doing any clinical rotations.

## III. EXCLUSIVELY PERFORMING CLINICAL ELECTIVES

At the earliest, clinical traineeships can take place from 01. October of a year until the end of the academic year. A clinical traineeship must last at least 2 weeks in each department, and at least 4 weeks in psychiatry and psychosomatics.

For administrative reasons, please plan a Monday as the first day of your clinical clerkships.

Please also consider downtime, such as traveling home for holidays, in your clinical clerkship planning.

## 3. ISSUANCE OF STUDY CERTIFICATES

### LECTURES/BLOCK INTERNSHIPS

Your teachers will send your grades to the examination office at the end of the academic year (in June). If you need your Transcript of Records more swiftly, you need to make your teachers aware of this and ask them to send your grades to the examination office immediately after your block internship or lecture has ended. Your Transcript of Records will be issued by the Erasmus Coordinator in cooperation with the examination office.

## CLINICAL ROTATIONS

Clinical traineeships completed in our clinics are confirmed by the relevant department following your clinical traineeship. Please submit the *Intern Evaluation Form* to your supervisor and have him or her sign it. The signed form needs to be handed in to your Erasmus coordinator if you want it to appear on your Transcript of Records.

## TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS

You will receive your Transcript of Records from your Erasmus Coordinator after you have taken all your exams and completed your courses/internships.