Welcome to Aachen
Welcome Week Program
for New International Students
Winter Semester 2019/2020

Participation compulsory and free of charge: No pre-registration required!
Welcome!

Congratulations on being accepted to study at RWTH Aachen University! As one of Germany’s top technical universities and one of the best-ranked universities worldwide, you will soon be able to make the most of an academically stimulating environment and world-class teaching and research facilities.

With over 50,000 students from over 200 different countries, Aachen city has a vibrant, multi-cultural flair and offers everything you need for a comfortable student lifestyle. We believe that you will one day look back on your time in Aachen as not only an academically enriching experience, but also as a time that broadened your personal horizons, filled with international friendships, intercultural events, art, music, sport, culture and much more.

Why the Welcome Week?

Moving to a new city, a new country and beginning a new chapter in your education may also seem a little daunting. There are many hurdles – organizational, linguistic, and financial – that have to be overcome, before you can settle down and focus on your studies and making the most of your time in Aachen. We at the International Office have put together an orientation program and this guide to help you overcome these hurdles and feel at home in Aachen as quickly and as smoothly as possible. We look forward to welcoming you in person very soon.

Your International Office Team

P.S.: Remember to sign up for the BeBuddy Mentoring Program.
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What have we got planned for you?
A full week program adapted to your needs

When:
From Friday, 20 September 2019 to Friday, 27 September 2019

Understanding the program:

- Event for degree students
- Event for exchange students
- Event for exchange and degree students
- Event with limited spots. Registration required.
- Breaks and external social events (optional)

All events are free of charge.
Registration is required only where specified.

Note: Photo and/or video sessions taken during the events may be used for promotions and media work. Inform staff in case of non-consent or write an email to welcomeweek@rwth-aachen.de
Day 0 – Friday, 20 September 2019

Meeting point:
Super C building, 6th floor, Templergraben 57, 52062 Aachen

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Important Information about health insurance & how to enroll with RWTHonline?

**When?**  Friday, 20 September at 9.00am  
**Where?** Super C Building, 6th floor  
Pro-tip: if you have not booked any enrollment appointment yet, we strongly recommend checking availability on Friday 20 September! Further information available at p. 33

Ice-breaking and networking session

**When?**  Friday, 27 September, starting 10.00 am and 1.30 pm  
**Where?** Super C Building, 6th floor  
Waiting for your enrollment appointment does not have to be boring! The international student association INCAS, the Chinese-German Society and AISA will be entertaining you in the waiting area of Super C, 6th floor with ice-breaking games, which will help you get to know them as well as your new peers. You will also have the opportunity to grab a coffee or a bite of the **free** buffet offered by the International Office.
RWTH stage at September Special

**When?** Friday, 20 September from 7.30pm / Saturday, 21 September / Sunday, 22 September from 4pm

**Where?** On the forecourt across the street of Super C

Aachen September Special is an event organized by the city of Aachen from 19 September to 22 September 2019, which offers a cultural program with international, national and local artists. One stage is located on Templergraben, directly in front of Super C and will be the platform for live concerts and electronic music. Entrance is free! Further information available at [www.aachen-septemberspecial.de/](http://www.aachen-septemberspecial.de/)

Sunday 22 September 2019

Digital Rallye with Chinese-German Society

**When?** Sunday, 22 September, starting 10.00am

**Where?** Meeting point at Humboldt-Haus, Pontstraße 41

Discover Aachen with its myths and legends in the city rallye offered by Chinese-German Society. Together in teams you solve small puzzles looking for QR-codes all over city. At every destination you will explore a part of the culture and history of Aachen.

Mind matters by AISA

**When?** Sunday, 22 September from 11.00am to 1.00pm

**Where?** 2nd floor, Humboldt Haus, Pontstraße 41

„Meditation: It is the subtle art of being able to do nothing.“ Mind matters is a series of introduction workshops to teach simple breathing techniques, meditation and show people how to flush out stress using them. The workshop also covers related topics such as increasing productivity, improving one’s well-being and regular practice of meditation. Participation is free, no pre-registration required.

BBQ and Chill with AEGEE

**When?** Sunday, 22 September from 2.00 pm

**Where?** Meeting point in front of Super C building, Templergraben 57, 52062 Aachen; BBQ in Westpark, Vaalserstraße 112, 52074 Aachen

Get to know the German way of having a barbecue in a public park on a relaxed Sunday with the international student club AEGEE. Further information available at [www.facebook.com/AEGEE.Aachen/](http://www.facebook.com/AEGEE.Aachen/)
## Kick-Off Event

### Day 1 – Monday, 23 September 2019

**Meeting point:**
Audimax Foyer, Wüllnerstraße 9, 52062 Aachen

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**Where do I get my Campus Tour or Library Tour ticket?**

You can pick up a ticket for a Campus and/or a Library Tour at one of the check-in desks.
Check-in & Welcome to RWTH Aachen University

**When?** Monday, 23 September from 9.00am  
**Where?** Audimax Foyer and Large Lecture Hall, Audimax, 2nd Floor  
**For whom?** Exchange and Degree students

Get your Welcome Starter Pack composed of a Welcome Guide, your Welcome Week wristband and RWTH goodies at one of the check-in tables and make yourself comfortable for the official introduction to the University by the RWTH Rector and the International Office. Rector Professor Rüdiger will open the ceremony with the DAAD Price for particularly dedicated international students. After that the International Office will present itself as well as the program we have planned for you and will give you a short intercultural training to prepare you for the possible cultural hurdles you might have, before introducing the Freshman Week program.
Lunch Break at Mensa Academica

**When?** Monday, 23 September from 12.30pm to 2.00pm  
**Where?** Mensa Academica, Pontwall 3, 52062 Aachen

Further information available at p. 38

Campus Tours of City-Center Campus

**When?** Monday, 23 September at 2.00pm  
**Where?** In front of Super C, Templergraben 57

Further information available at p. 36

Library Tours

**When?** Monday, 23 September at 3.30pm  
**Where?** Foyer of RWTH main Library, Templergraben 61, 52062 Aachen

Further information available at p. 37
Movie Night

When? Starting 7.30pm
Where? Aula of RWTH Main Building, Templergraben 55

It has been an exciting and busy first Welcome Week Day! How about getting some sweets, a drink and just chill with your new friends while watching a movie in one of the University’s biggest and oldest lecture halls?

RWTH Filmstudio regularly organizes movie nights for RWTH students for a very small entrance fee. You get the chance to see very recent as well as classic movies in German or in original version while enjoying some time with your peers on campus. Believe us, it is worth it! RWTH Alumni-Team will also be there to welcome you and introduce themselves.

The movie will be played in English with German Subtitles. Show your wristband at the entrance of the main building and get a free movie ticket. You can buy drinks and snacks from Filmstudio at the checkroom. Just follow the signs!
## Meeting point:
Audimax, Wüllnerstraße 9, 52062 Aachen

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Information for Degree students

**When?** Tuesday, 24 September, starting at 8.30am  
**Where?** Large Lecture Hall, Audimax, 2nd Floor

The key to a successful time in Aachen is getting the information that you need right from the start. On day 2 international degree students should proceed to the Audimax large lecture hall. You will receive a range of important information such as useful tips for successful studies and effective learning from the Student Advice Centre and Psychological Counselling team. The Techniker Krankenkasse will tell you everything you need to know about German health insurance before handing over to RWTH Admissions Office staff, who will explain to you how to book your enrollment appointment and enroll with RWTHonline. Learning foreign languages is highly recommended and the Language Center will tell you how.

Information for Exchange students

**When?** Tuesday, 24 September, starting at 8.30am  
**Where?** Red Lecture Hall, Audimax, Ground Floor

The program for exchange and visiting students takes place in the red lecture hall. T.I.M.E. Double Degree students will have the chance to meet their departmental coordinator personally and ask program-related questions. After that the Incoming Student Services will provide important organizational advice to exchange students about enrollment, Learning Agreement, required certificates and much more. Spending a semester abroad is your chance to learn German and the Language Center will tell you how to register for a German language course.

Events for Exchange and Degree students

**When?** Tuesday, 24 September, at 10.45am and 2.00pm  
**Where?** Large Lecture Hall, Audimax, 2nd Floor

Both exchange and degree students will be meeting again in Audimax large lecture hall for two further presentations. Staff from the IT Center will guide you through important tasks such as getting your credentials and setting up your IT services. The Career Center will talk about searching and applying for a student job and tell you how to improve your future career prospects on the German job market. We hope that by the end of the day you will feel prepared and ready to face the challenges of your first semester in Aachen!
Lunch Break at Mensa Academica

**When?**  Tuesday, 24 September from 1.00pm to 2.00pm  
**Where?**  Mensa Academica, Pontwall 3, 52062 Aachen

Further information available at p. 38

Campus Tours of City-Center Campus

**When?**  Tuesday, 24 September at 3.30pm  
**Where?**  In front of Super C, Templergraben 57

Further information available at p. 36

Library Tours

**When?**  Tuesday, 24 September at 3.30pm  
**Where?**  Foyer of RWTH main Library, Templergraben 61

Further information available at p. 37
German Country Evening

**When?** Tuesday, 24 September, from 5.00pm to 9.00pm  
**Where?** Large Lecture Hall, Audimax, 2nd Floor  
**For whom?** Exchange and degree students

The German Country Evening is organized and hosted by one of the largest and well-established international student clubs: INCAS (Intercultural Centre of Aachen Students). This student initiative is run by students, for students and works in close collaboration with the International Office to provide services and organize various fun intercultural events for international students in Aachen.

At the German Country Evening, INCAS will provide you with an insight into the German way of life, interesting facts and figures and peculiarities and quirks of German culture. They will also take a humorous look at „culture shock“ and provide some coping strategies. Afterwards there will be a chance to relax and have a bite to eat. Enjoy yourself, meet some new people and find out how to get involved in INCAS and many more international student associations.

A **free** typical German buffet will be provided by the International Office.
Day 3 – Wednesday, 25 September 2019

Meeting point:
Audimax, Wüllnerstraße 9, 52062 Aachen

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Getting and extending your residence permit with Q&A Session

**When?** Wednesday, 25 September at 9.00am  
**Where?** Large Lecture Hall, Audimax, 2nd floor  
**For whom?** Non-EU exchange and degree students

Students with non-European nationality will start off the day early with a presentation by the Immigration Office telling you everything you need to know regarding applying for and extending your residence permit. **You will also have the chance to ask questions related to your own personal situation.**
International Freshers’ Fair
and Brunch with the Faculty Student Councils

When? Wednesday, 25 September, starting 9.30am  
Where? Audimax Foyer, Ground Floor  
For whom? Exchange and Degree students

The International Freshers’ Fair is one of the highlights of the Welcome Week. On this day, we
gather together various university services so that you can pick up information and get as many
questions answered as possible on one day and all at one location. Don’t forget to try your luck at
the International Office wheel of fortune.

At the Freshers’ Fair you can meet the International Office Info Service Center staff, the Incoming
Student Services for exchange students, the BeBuddy and Housing teams, the IT Center, the
Language Center, the Student Advice Centre, the University Sports Center, the Career Center,
Psychological Counselling, the Student Union AStA and the Foreigners' Representation AV, the
Immigration Office, the Citizens’ Service, the City Library of Stadt Aachen and many more! Come
and meet your Student Council members at this event and find out how they can contribute to
the success of your studies. Find out your individual timetable for the Freshman Week and get in
touch with local students from your own faculty.

A free buffet will be provided by the International Office. The Freshers’ Fair is a walk-in event,
which you can easily combine with an enrollment appointment (see p. 34).
Campus Tours of City-Center Campus

**When?** Wednesday, 25 September at 2.00pm  
**Where?** In front of Super C, Templergraben 57

Further information available at p. 36

Library Tours

**When?** Wednesday, 25 September at 3.30pm  
**Where?** Foyer of RWTH main Library, Templergraben 61

Further information available at p. 37
Global Village

**When?** Wednesday, 25 September at 5.00pm

**Where?** Large Lecture Hall, Audimax, 2nd Floor

**For whom?** Exchange and Degree students

As much as we suggest you attend the Freshers’ Fair in the morning, we also recommend you do not miss the second highlight of the day: the Global Village! Many international student associations such as INCAS, AEGEE, AISA, CGS, VCWSA and many more will be present to introduce you to their members and their events.

Get your Welcome Week passport in Audimax large lecture hall, take a photo at our fotobooth and start your journey through Aachen’s intercultural scene! Gather ten stamps on your passport and get a reward from the International Office.

Furthermore, you will have the chance to get tips from peer students about different topics such as house-hunting, time management, improving your German skills and much more during workshops offered by the associations.

A **free** buffet will be provided by the International Office.
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Sport activities at RWTH

**When?**  Thursday, 26 September at 9.00am  
**Where?**  Large Lecture Hall, Audimax, 2nd Floor  
**For whom?**  Exchange and Degree students

Meet us at Audimax large lecture hall and get information about sport activities during your stay in Aachen from the RWTH Aachen Sports Center, before heading to the University Sports Center (approx. 10 min walk to Königshügel) to compete in teams during the Welcome Games.
Welcome Games

**When?** Thursday, 26 September after team-building at Audimax

**Where?** University Sports Center, Königshügel, Mies-van-der-Rohe-Straße 3

**For whom?** Exchange and Degree students

Exercise is important for a good work-life-balance and a great way to meet new people. Join us with your international team on Thursday at the University Sports Center at Königshügel for some relaxed sport and game activities! After a quick warm up, your team will compete in various fun Welcome Games events, including an egg and spoon race, sack race, hoop throwing, 400 m relay and more and gather as many points with your team as possible. The teams with the most points will be presented with an award at the end of the games. In the afternoon, introductory tours of the RWTH fitness studios will be offered and the basketball, football and volleyball courts will be available for use.

Please note that the gym tours are limited to ten spots each and last approximately 25min.

**Quick Checklist:**

- Suitable clothes and shoes
- Waterproof jacket in case of drizzly weather
- Protection from the sun: sunscreen, cap
- Towel
- A snack
Important!

- In case of unsuitable weather conditions e.g. heavy rain, the outside events will be cancelled and the games will take place in the sports hall. Participation in the gym tours is still possible.
- Do not take valuable items with you, as there are no lockers to put your belongings in and we are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- You do not need to bring water. The University Sports Center has several taps with drinkable water and the International Office will provide you with water bottles.
- A medical service will be present in case of injuries or sickness.

Library Tours

**When?** Thursday, 26 September at 3.30pm and 5.00pm  
**Where?** Foyer of RWTH main Library, Templergraben 61

Further information available at p. 37
Karaoke Evening in Tijuana

When? Thursday, 26 September, starting 8.00pm
Where? Bar Tijuana, Markt 47, 52062 Aachen
For whom? All Welcome Week participants (students, volunteers, associations and staff)

It has been a busy week and you had to digest a lot of information. Now it is time to have some fun at the Karaoke evening at Tijuana, Markt 47, exclusively for new international students. The first 10 karaoke participants will get a reward from the International Office. Make sure to wear your wristband in order to be recognized as new international student. We are looking forward to a fun evening with you!

Happy hour until 10.00pm: Cocktails at half price
Offer from 11.00pm: Jumbo cocktails at half price
Important: You will need to order and pay your drinks at the bar counter directly. Please note that Tijuana only accepts cash payments.
Day 5 - Friday, 27 September 2019

Meeting point:
Humboldt Haus, Pontstraße 41, 52062 Aachen

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Library Tours

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**Where?**  Foyer of RWTH main Library Templergraben 61

Further information available at p. 37

Lunch Break in Humboldt-Haus

**When?**  Friday, 27 September at 12.00pm  
**Where?**  Humboldt Haus, Ground Floor, Pontstraße 41

You would like to try out international food prepared by our international student associations for lunch? Then come by the Humboldt-Haus on Friday and discover the many different cuisines of the world prepared with love and care just for you.
Deutschstunde

**When?** Friday, 27 September at 1.00pm  
**Where?** Humboldt Haus, 2nd Floor, Pontstraße 41

There are many ways to learn German when studying at RWTH and learning from native speakers is probably the most effective. Let’s introduce you to the Deutschstunde: a weekly meeting at the Humboldt-Haus where German students tutor international students voluntarily in a relaxed atmosphere.

You can register for one of the 30 spots available at the Info Service Center (Super C, 3rd floor, Room 329, Templergraben 57) on Friday, 27 September between 9.30am and 12.30pm. The spots will be allocated on the basis of “first come, first serve”.

Highlight!

Humboldt-Haus Night (in cooperation with AStA)

**When?** Friday, 27 September, starting 6.00pm until 10.00pm  
**Where?** Humboldt Haus, Pontstraße 41

The Humboldt Haus is RWTH international meeting place, hosting many different international events such as country evenings, game nights, dance workshops and much more.

Starting 6pm you can grab yourself a piece of pizza and a cocktail and get to know the AStA. Starting 7pm, you will be able to enjoy two living-room concerts offered by Lars Fiero (English Singer-Songwriter) and Fabian Haupt (German Singer-Songwriter). Get ready for a night filled with music in the Humboldt-Haus!

Interested? Then get one of the 200 free tickets at AStA’s table during Freshers’ Fair or Global Village on Wednesday, 25 September.

Make sure to get a stamp from AStA after having scanned your ticket. The stamp will allow you to leave and re-enter the Humboldt-Haus anytime during the event.
What's up...

Day 6 – Saturday, 28 September 2019

Meeting point:
Humboldt-Haus, Pontstraße 41, 52062 Aachen

INCAS Flea Market

When? Saturday, 28 September, starting 12.00pm
Where? Humboldt Haus, Pontstraße 41

You have just moved to Aachen and your room feels a bit empty? You do not have any cooking pots or mugs? You were not prepared for Aachen weather or you would just like to decorate your room a bit?

Pimp your apartment and wardrobe with second hand clothing and dishes for little money at INCAS Flea Market at Humboldt-Haus on Saturday starting 12.00pm.

AEGEE Westpark Chill

When? Saturday, 28 September, starting 4.00pm
Where? Aachen Westpark, Vaalsterstraße 112, 52074 Aachen

Relax after an exhausting and exciting Welcome Week with the student association AEGEE at Westpark. Learn playing Völkerball and play other fun games with your homies while enjoying a barbecue in one of the most popular outdoor spots in Aachen.
...on the weekend?

Aachen entdeckt Indien by AISA

**When?**  Saturday, 28 September, time to be announced
**Where?**  Katholische Hochschulgemeinde, Pontstraße 72, 52062 Aachen

Have you ever wondered “How does an average Indian spend his day?”. If the answer is yes, then this event is perfect for you.

This year we are taking it to whole another level of creating Indian culture in premise of Katholische Hochschule Aachen (KHG). The event will not be limited to mouthwatering Indian food, dances, music and attire, but we are introducing the taste of street food vendor, typical Indian food market where you can buy the fresh vegetables and try your negotiation skills to get it in special discount, Indian street sports and much more. In 2017, this event was witnessed by almost 1200 visitors and this year AISA, KHG and DIG (deutsche-indische Gesellschaft) welcome you to be a part of it and let experience yourself the fragrance of India! Further information available at [www.aisa.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.aisa.rwth-aachen.de)
What's up...

Day 7 – Sunday, 29 September 2019

Meeting point:
Humboldt-Haus, Pontstraße 41, 52062 Aachen

Mind matters by AISA

When? Sunday, 29 September from 11.00am to 1.00pm
Where? 2nd floor, Humboldt Haus, Pontstraße 41

Further information available p.6

Sunday chill with BEST

When? Sunday, 29 September from 1.00pm to 5.00pm
Where? Ground Floor, Humboldt Haus, Pontstraße 41

Enjoy a nice barbecue at the Humboldt Haus with the international student club BEST and with your new friends on Sunday afternoon! You can get further information about this event during Global Village when meeting BEST.
Sunday Funday with AEGEE

**When?** Sunday, 29 September, starting 2.00pm  
**Where?** Meeting point in front of Super C building, Templergraben 57

What is Sunday Funday? Well just come and find out! The student association AEGEE will meet you in front of Super C building and get you on a excursion around Aachen to a surprise destination. Further information can be found at [www.facebook.com/AEGEE.Aachen](http://www.facebook.com/AEGEE.Aachen)

Bollywood Party by AISA

**When?** Sunday, 29 September, starting 9.00pm  
**Where?** Apollo Kino & Bar, Pontstraße 141-149

As the new international students ready themselves to start the semester with a bang, AISA brings them a whole night party: BollyBEATS. In this years’ Fresher’s edition, break the dance floor at one of the most popular disco locations in Aachen. Let it loose over some of the fastest and grooviest Desi beats ever! With the latest hits from Bollywood to proper Bhangra beats from Punjab and all the way over to Dappaankoothu numbers from the South.

**Regular entry:** €4  
**Entry for new international students:** €3 if you wear your Welcome Week wristband
What’s next?

Freshman Week by your Faculty Student Councils

**When?** From Tuesday, 1 October to Friday, 4 October 2019  
**For whom?** Degree students

Find out when your faculty greeting takes place here:  
[www.rwth-aachen.de/go/id/vnb](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/go/id/vnb)
What are the faculty student councils?
Each faculty at RWTH Aachen University has its own Student Council. The Student Council is formed by experienced RWTH students who have been elected to represent the interests of the student faculty members. The Student Councils are an important source of academic advice, providing fellow students with peer-to-peer support and additional course materials such as past exam papers. The Student Councils work together to organize the official First-Year Orientation Week (Freshman Week) of RWTH Aachen as well as various extracurricular events throughout the year.

Important:
The Freshman Week’s events are generally in German language and organized for first-year Bachelor students. You can check whether your Faculty Student Council organizes a Freshman Week in English or for first-year Master students at the Freshers' Fair on Wednesday, 25 September or at:
www.rwth-aachen.de/Erstsemestereinfuehrung

Highlights
· Official Welcome by Rector Ulrich Rüdiger
· It is crucial to participate in the official Welcome since you will be assigned to a tutor for the rest of the week and you will have the chance to be assigned to an English-speaking group.
· The City Rallye on Thursday 4 October is the highlight of the week. Your tutor group will take you to various stations spread throughout the city, where you can play games, win prizes, meet representatives of various university facilities, pick up free gifts and much more.

Why participate?
The Freshman Week is a great opportunity to get to know local students in a relaxed atmosphere and organize the academic part of your studies. For instance, your tutor will be able to help you form your course schedule and give you tips on particularly hard exams or events within the faculty.

Contact
A full list of faculty student councils with links to their relevant websites can be found here:
www.rwth-aachen.de/fachschaften
www.rwth-aachen.de/Erstsemestereinfuehrung
Let’s get started – Get through your studies with TK health insurance

TK is a sponsor of RWTH Aachen Welcome Week and we support you to get through your enrolment and your studies. Just follow the steps to join TK health insurance.

**TK membership application form**  Just send an email to your university advisor Frank Korkor if you want to become a member of TK. He will send you the membership application form. Please complete and send it signed back to him. For fast handling you can also use the online application. (Click to follow the link)

**SEPA form**  You have the option to pay your health insurance contributions monthly. Using the SEPA transfer option we can debit the payment as agreed from a German bank account. If you do not have a German bank account, the whole contribution for the semester is due in advance.

**Passport picture**  Please give your passport picture to Frank Korkor or simply upload it to tk.de after you have received your membership certificate.

**Insurance certificate**  After sending us your signed membership application and SEPA mandate you will receive an insurance certificate that you have to submit to RWTH Aachen to complete your enrolment. Please send a certificate of matriculation to Frank Korkor when you have completed the process.

Your personal university advisor
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Techniker Krankenkasse
Campus-Boulevard 57
52074 Aachen

Tel. +49 160 - 362 95 38
frank.korkor@tk.de
Important Information about health insurance

When?
- Friday, 20 September at 9.00am – Super C, 6th floor
- Tuesday, 24 September at 9.30am – Audimax, Large Lecture Hall, 2nd floor

For whom? Degree students only

Why do I need to submit a proof of health insurance for enrollment? How does the health insurance system in Germany work? Where can I find an English-speaking doctor? The Techniker Krankenkasse will be happy to answer the questions you have about health insurance and guide you through the process of getting a policy in Aachen.

Enrolling with RWTHonline

When?
- Friday, 20 September at 9.30am – Super C, 6th floor
- Tuesday, 24 September at 10.00am – Audimax, Large Lecture Hall, 2nd floor

For whom? Degree students only, not relevant for exchange students

As new international student pursuing a degree at RWTH, one of the first processes you will need to go through is your enrollment at the University. Additionally to an online registration, you will need to present original documents (i.e. passport, secondary education certificate) to the RWTH Admissions Office in order to complete your enrollment. This does not apply to exchange and visiting students. In order for you to relax and not miss important Welcome Week events, we have planned several information sessions and time slots for enrollment.

Please note: If you have already attended these presentations once, you do not need to attend the second session.
Enrolling during the Welcome Week

Although you need to take care of many administrative procedures, you should make the most of your stay and attend as many Welcome Week events as possible. Participating in the Welcome Week is compulsory. Do not worry, you will be able to complete your enrollment without missing out on major events.

**Step 1 – Book an enrollment appointment**

If you have accepted your study place offer, you need to book a personal enrollment appointment in advance via our online booking engine available at:

https://ecampus.rwth-aachen.de/units/io/termine/SitePages/Homepage.aspx#&panel1-1

**Step 2 – Upload your enrollment documents via RWTHonline**

In your RWTHonline account, you will find a list of documents which you need to upload for enrollment prior to your appointment. Make sure to read the information provided on the documents requirements and to upload the right documents.

**Step 3 - Prepare for your appointment**

Your enrollment documents will need to be shown to the Admissions officer during your personal appointment. You will find the list of required documents in your RWTHonline account. Make sure to check whether you need to show the original document or a (certified) copy of it.

**Step 4 – Go to your personal appointment**

Make sure to have the confirmation of booking of your appointment and to be on time at the right office (A, B, C,…). The enrollment takes approximately ten minutes.

After your appointment, just go to the next Welcome Week event planned.

You have booked an appointment but you cannot keep it? Please send a short email to int-zugang@rwth-aachen.de. The Admissions Officers will cancel your appointment and you will need to book a new one via the online booking engine.

Further information about enrollment may be found at the following websites:

Enrollment in Bachelor studies for Internationals
Enrollment in Master studies for Internationals
Opening hours of the Admissions Office during the Welcome Week:
Friday, 20 September 2019: 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 4.00pm  
Monday, 23 September 2019: 9.30am – 12.30pm  
Tuesday, 24 September 2019: 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 4.00pm  
Wednesday, 25 September 2019: 1.00pm – 4.00pm  
Thursday, 26 September 2019: 9.30am – 12.30pm  
Friday, 27 September 2019: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Recommended time slots for enrollment appointment:
- Friday, 20 September all day long  
- Tuesday, 24 September in the afternoon  
- Wednesday, 25 September in the afternoon  
- Friday, 27 September in the morning

An enrollment appointment takes approximately 10 minutes. Be on time for your appointment and just go to the next Welcome Week event planned once you are done.
City-Center Campus Tours

**When?**
- Monday, 23 September at 2.00pm
- Tuesday, 24 September at 3.30pm
- Wednesday, 25 September at 2.00pm

**Meeting Point:** in front of the Super C building

We will show you around the central RWTH campus. Starting at the student services building “SuperC” you will pass by the Hauptgebäude (main building), the main library, various lecture halls and finish in Pontstraße where there are various restaurants and cafes all tailored to student budgets!

Each campus tour lasts approximately one hour.

Registration is not necessary. However the spots in each campus tour are limited to 20 persons. Therefore, you will need to pick up a ticket at the Info Service Center information table either during check-in on Monday or the International Freshers’ Fair on Wednesday. The starting time of your tour is printed on your ticket!
Library Tours

When?
- Monday, 23 September at 3.30pm
- Tuesday, 24 September at 3.30pm
- Wednesday, 25 September at 3.30pm
- Thursday, 26 September at 3.00pm and 5.00pm
- Friday, 27 September at 10.00am, 11.00am, 1.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm

Meeting Point: Foyer of the RWTH main Library, Templergraben 61

As RWTH student, it is a must to know the University’s library. During examination phase, you will be able to observe the very long queue in front of the building shortly before opening hours. The tours are limited to 15 spots. Therefore, make sure to get a library tour ticket during check-in or at the information table of the main library during the Freshers’ Fair.
Lunch Breaks at Mensa Academica

When? Mensa Academica (Canteen), Pontwall 3, 52062 Aachen

Hosted under the same roof as Studierendenwerk Aachen and AStA, the Mensa Academica is the biggest canteen at RWTH Aachen and very popular among RWTH students and staff. You can enjoy a wide range of healthy and wholesome food at reasonable prices. You can choose from international meals like wok and grill dishes or pizza and pasta. You will find a printed Mensa Academica’s menu during the Welcome Week in your Welcome bag.

If you have already received your BlueCard, then you can pay by adding credit to your card at one of the card terminals in the Mensa or in SuperC. If you have not yet enrolled, then you can purchase a guest card at the card terminal. There is a €2 deposit for the guest card.

You can find the daily menus offered at the different Mensen in Aachen at https://www.studierendenwerk-aachen.de/en/eating-drinking/menus.html

Opening hours at Mensa Academica (valid until 04.10.2019)
The Mensa Academica has longer opening hours during lecture periods.

| · AcademiCaffé          | Mo – Thu: 7.30am – 4pm |
|                         | Fri: 7.30am – 3.00pm  |
| · Burger Bar            | Mo – Thu: 11.30am – 4.00pm |
| · Pasta and Pizza       | Fri: 11.30am – 3.00pm   |
| · Work and Grill        | Mo – Fri: 11.30am – 2.15pm |
| · Mensa 1st floor       | Mo – Fri: 11.30am – 2.15pm |
BeBuddy Program

Sign up to the BeBuddy program and we will match you with an experienced RWTH student in your faculty who will help you during your first semester in Aachen. If you need help understanding something, if you need someone to pick up your room key, if you need someone to go with you to the city administration or Immigration Office: ask your Buddy!

Buddies are student volunteers, who may also have other commitments, so it is best to make such arrangements as early as possible. Please register online for the BeBuddy program at least three weeks before your arrival in Germany. Unfortunately, however, we cannot guarantee that you will be matched online in time, especially before the start of the winter semester, as many international students come to Aachen during this period and are waiting for a buddy. We will do our best to provide you with a buddy as soon as possible and thank you for your understanding should this take a little longer.

Sign up online:
www.rwth-aachen.de/bebuddy
Intercultural Trainings

What are the norms of German culture? How are these different to those of your own country? What is considered polite in Germany? What values influence behavior and communication? These are some of the key questions that are addressed in the regular intercultural competence workshops offered by our specialist intercultural trainer. Participation in an intercultural workshop is highly recommended to enhance your personal skillset and to help you understand and ease into a life and culture which may be very different to what you have been accustomed to. Intercultural expertise is a highly-sought skill, essential not only within your academic life but also for your future career.

An overview of current workshops can be found in the online International Office calendar.

Intercultural trainings in English for early arrivals:

- 17.09.2019 14:00-17:30
- 18.09.2019 14:00-17:30
- 19.09.2019 09:00-12:30
- 19.09.2019 14:00-17:30
- 20.09.2019 09:00-12:30

You can register from mid-August via email at dominika.dudzik@zhv.rwth-aachen.de. You will be informed about the room where the training will take place once your registration will have been confirmed.
German Language Course of Language Center

Studying in Germany will give you the best opportunity to learn this beautiful language that is German. The Sprachenzentrum will introduce you to their course offer during the Welcome Week. If interested in registering for one of their German language courses, please make sure that you fill the requirements for a successful registration. For instance, you will need your TIM-ID in order to take the obligatory placement test and create a user account, which is necessary for your placement test results, your course registration and your final grade.

The placement tests will take place between 30.09.2019 and 04.10.2019 and the course registration will take place between 01.10.2019 and 08.10.2019.

Make sure that you have completed your enrollment at least two weeks beforehand. Your enrollment will be complete once you will have transferred the student service fee and the Admissions Office will have accepted your enrollment documents. After that, it can take up to one week to receive access to your network services and thus, to your TIM-ID, which is necessary to take the placement test and create a user account at the Language Center.

Please note that you will neither be able to participate in the placement test nor register for a German language course if not completely enrolled at RWTH in due time. Thank you for understanding. Further information about the language courses can be found at http://www.sz.rwth-aachen.de/cms/~iilg/sz/
Welcome to RWTH International Academy

The decision to invest in a specialized executive Master of Science degree is a big step in your life, and you should be sure that you are choosing the right program and the right university.

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- M.Sc. Management and Engineering in Computer Aided Mechanical Engineering (MME-CAME)
- M.Sc. Management and Engineering in Production Systems (MME-PS)

Should you have any questions, just let us know! masters@academy.rwth-aachen.de

We will gladly answer your questions and provide general information on a vast range of topics.

We, the Master Office Team at the RWTH International Academy, are happy to help you with any concerns regarding your study program, administrative procedures, and living in Aachen.

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Stay tuned! International Office Facebook

The International Office has a Facebook page, where we post events, news, competitions and important information. We therefore strongly recommend you follow our page.

Lottery

Try your chance at winning one of four surprise gift bags containing RWTH Merchandise by liking our International Office Facebook Page during the Welcome Week (23.09.2019 – 27.09.2019):

https://www.facebook.com/IO.ISC/

Pro-tip: If you already liked our page, just unlike it and like it again!
Stay tuned! International Office Instagram

If you follow our Instagram account, you will stay informed about the international highlights of RWTH Aachen University! Photos taken during the Welcome Week will be posted via our Instagram account and you also have the chance to be part of it by sharing your Welcome Week experience with #RWTHWelcomeWeek!

Photo competition

As new international student having your own experiences in Aachen we want you to share your very first experience and impressions of Aachen or RWTH with us. Post your best arrival picture on Instagram with #RWTHWelcomeWeek and with a bit of luck you may win a RWTH sweater or t-shirt!

**When?** From 01 September to 31 October 2019
Contacts in the International Office
Info Service Center

For general questions about organizing your stay in Aachen and what to do when you first arrive, contact the Info Service Center of the International Office. The team will be present at various events during the Welcome Week, but also have daily office hours at the times listed below. Whatever you need to know, the Info Service Center team will be able to point you in the right direction.

Tip: The Frequently Asked Questions website contains information sheets and answers to many common questions regarding studies and life in Aachen: 
www.rwth-aachen.de/io-faq

You can also find detailed information about various topics on the website “Organizing your Stay in Aachen”.

Contact details
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52062 Aachen

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Fax: +49 (0)241 80 90661
www.rwth-aachen.de/isc
international@rwth-aachen.de

Office hours
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9.30am -12.30pm
Thursday & Wednesday: 1.30pm – 4pm
Contacts in the International Office
Incoming Student Services

The Incoming Student Services team support exchange and other visiting or non-degree students with the administrative aspects of their stay. This includes the application and admission process, enrollment and extension of periods of stay as well as issuing various certificates such as “Certificate of Arrival”, “Certificate of Attendance” and signing your Learning Agreements. For academic matters, please contact your Departmental Coordinator.

If you are an exchange or visiting student, you are welcome to visit us during the office hours below:

Contact details
Incoming Student Services
SuperC, 3rd floor, room 328
Templergraben 57
52062 Aachen

Tel.: +49 (0)241 80 90832
Fax: +49 (0)241 80 90661
www.rwth-aachen.de/isc
international@rwth-aachen.de

Office hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30am -12.30pm
Wednesday: 1pm – 4pm
Friday: office closed
Where to find us?

Hochschulsportzentrum (Sports Center)

1 Main events of Welcome Week
2 Find the Mensa, AStA and Studierendenwerk
3 RWTH Shop and Movie Night
6 Bürgeramt
7 Office „Techniker Krankenkasse“
4 Super C Services:
- IT Center (Ground Floor)
- RWTH Branch of the Immigration Office (4th Floor)
- Info Service Center + Incoming Student Services (3rd Floor)
- Welcome Center for international researchers (5th Floor)
- Admissions Office (5th Floor)

5 find INCAS and AV
Your Welcome Week Checklist

What should I bring with me?

- ID/Passport
- Degree students: Enrollment documents
- Documents for residence permit (if required)
- Sportswear
- Waterproof jacket
- Umbrella

What should I do after I arrive?

- Attend Welcome Week events planned for your target group
- Register your address in Aachen at the Citizens’ Office
- Open a bank account
- Activate Sperrkonto (blocked bank account) if necessary
- Get your health insurance confirmation or waiver from a German insurance provider
- Enroll at the university with RWTHonline & pay the student service fee using the bank details provided in RWTHonline
- Degree students: Book a personal appointment at the Admissions Office
- Activate your IT services (www.rwth-aachen.de/go)
- Create your BlueCard (http://www.rwth-aachen.de/selfservice)
- Create a timetable and register for courses using RWTHonline
- Exchange student: contact your Departmental Coordinator
- Apply for a residence permit at Immigration Office (if required)
- Like our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/IO.ISC)
- Follow us on Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/rwthinternationaloffice/)
- Join a student club, or sport association
- Contact the International Office if you have any questions

Check out our FAQ
http://www.rwth-aachen.de/go/id/inno
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