Welcome to Aachen
Welcome Week Program
for new international students
Winter Semester 2022/23

Participation highly recommended and free of charge
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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 as well as world-class teaching and research facilities.

With over 60,000 students from about 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 challenges and feel at home in Aachen as quickly and as smoothly as possible. Thanks to our multifaceted program, you will be able to enjoy all presentations concerning important procedures and services at the comfort of your home or from anywhere you like. Furthermore, diverse events will be organized on campus and will focus on getting to know the University, Aachen but foremost other peer students and RWTH services personally. We hope that through these events, we can support all students equally and help everyone settle down smoothly and in the safest way possible.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Your International Office Team

P.S.: Get some impressions of the Welcome Week events by looking back at our prior programs and remember to sign up for the BeBuddy Mentoring Program.
What have we got planned for you?

A program adapted to your needs

**When:**
From Monday, 19 September 2022 to Friday, 30 September 2022

**Target groups:**
Some events are restricted to specific target groups only. Make sure to check the target group before attending them.

- **Degree students:** If you are enrolled to graduate and receive a Bachelor or Master’s degree from RWTH, you are a degree student.
- **Exchange students:** If you are enrolled at a University abroad while staying one or two semesters at RWTH as part of an exchange program (Erasmus, Partnership Worldwide, UNITECH or similar) or a project work (Visiting Project Students, Free Movers...) without graduating from RWTH, you are an exchange or visiting student.
- **Double Degree students:** If you are both enrolled in a University abroad and at RWTH to get a Master’s degree from both universities (e.g. Tsinghua or T.I.M.E. Double Degree), you are a double degree student and may participate both in events for degree and exchange students.
- **International Academy and RWTH Business School students:** The International Academy and Business School are offering private courses of studies in exchange for an additional tuition fee. International Academy and RWTH Business School students are welcome to participate in the Welcome Week events. However, make sure to consider the introduction program organized by your study course coordinator and attend those extremely important events as a priority.

**Where and when can you get a Welcome Week wristband?**
You will get a Welcome Week wristband when checking into most Welcome Week events (e.g. Campus Tours, Open Consultations, Talk Show and Kick-Off).

**You cannot attend some of Welcome Week events?**
Check out our Latecomer page for the recorded zoom presentations at www.rwth-aachen.de/latecomer.
Important information about the Welcome Week events

**Photo and video material**
Please note that the photo and video material produced during the Welcome Week might be published later on our websites, in social media and in print media. Please contact the photographer directly or email us at welcomeweek@rwth-aachen.de if you either do not want to be photographed at all or do not want to be photographed in a certain situation.

**Information for students with disabilities and chronic illnesses**
The representation of students with disabilities and chronic illness (VORSCHUB) advocates for the interests of students - from barrier-free access to lecture halls to compensation for disadvantages and individual and confidential counselling. In addition, they provide students with study assistants who can accompany them in everyday university life.

In case you need support or have questions, do not hesitate to get in touch with VORSCHUB (www.asta.rwth-aachen.de/en/counseling/vorschub/)

**Stay up-to-date**
The latest updates and short-notice changes about the Welcome Week events will be published on our event page: www.rwth-aachen.de/welcomeweekprogram
# Your Welcome Week Program

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- **Online event (via Zoom)**

**Social event**
On-site events (Highlights!)

Use the on-site events to discover the beautiful city of Oche (dialect for Aachen) while getting to know other international and local students. We have highlighted the events especially worth attending for you and look forward to meet you there in person!

The respective event meeting points and times are indicated in each event description. Kindly note that the event organization may change on short notice due to the pandemic.

Overview Highlights

- Welcome Home Feast & Beer Garden on Friday, 23 September
- Talk Show, Humboldt Haus & Association on Monday, 26 September
- Welcome to RWTH Aachen University: official Kick-Off Event on Tuesday, 27 September
- Freshers’ Fair on Wednesday, 28 September
- Games without Borders on Thursday, 29 September
- International Newcomers Party on Friday, 30 September

Where and when can you get a Welcome Week wristband?

You will get a Welcome Week wristband when checking into most Welcome Week events. In case you need a wristband to be admitted into a specific event, we will indicate where and when you can get a wristband before the event.
On-site events with limited spots or specific target groups

Whether a tour of the Campus or the Library in a small group or an event organized specifically for exchange and visiting students, these on-site events are there to help you get to know the University and settle down in Aachen while getting to know new people.

The registration procedures to the events with limited spots are indicated in each event description. Prior registration via email is only possible for events when clearly indicated. Kindly refrain from sending registration emails if not required.

Overview events with limited spots or specific target groups

- Intercultural trainings (limited spots) - several dates
- Campus tours (limited spots) - several dates
- Library tours (limited spots) - several dates
- Onboarding for exchange students on Thursday, 22 September
- Open consultation at International Office on Friday, 23 and 30 September
- ASTA Open House (limited office capacities) on Friday, 30 September
- Introduction Day by the International Academy (for International Academy students only) on Thursday, 29 September
Online events

Let us welcome you virtually and guide you through the first processes you need to complete when being admitted to RWTH. Our online events are the gate to most systems you will have to use and processes you will have to go through as new international students. For our online events, you need a laptop or a computer and a good internet connection. Click on the Zoom links indicated in each online event description to join the session.

Important: the sessions about health insurance on 20 September run parallel. You have to choose which one you prefer to attend. We recommend checking their respective health insurance companies' websites beforehand.

Overview online events

• NEW! Fit for studies - interactive lecture on Monday, 19 September (Link)
• Enrolling online with RWTHonline on Tuesday, 20 September
• Health insurance by Techniker Krankenkasse on Tuesday, 20 September
• Health insurance by AOK on Tuesday, 20 September
• Food on the table & a roof over your head on Tuesday, 20 September
• Applying for residence permit on Thursday, 22 September
• Making use of IT Services on Thursday, 22 September
• Registering for... Sports activities, Language Courses, Courses and exams - the basics on Thursday, 22 September
• Q&A with Faculty Advisors on Friday, 23 September
• German job market on Friday, 30 September
Social events

The main goal of the Welcome Week is to connect new international students among each other but also with further students of RWTH during diverse social activities mostly organized by student organizations. Making friends and expanding your social network may also contribute to the success of your studies and you should make the most of these informal meetings.

**Important:** the number of spots may be limited depending on the event and the location. Please note that prior registration to those events is not possible and that admission will be based on the principle of first come, first served.

**Overview social events**

- Clash of the Nerds with AStA on Wednesday, 21 September
- Movie Night with RWTH Filmstudio on Wednesday, 21 September
- Board Games and Pizza Party on Monday, 26 September
- PowerPoint Karaoke with AStA on Thursday, 29 September

**Information regarding alcohol**

Please note that carrying and consuming of alcoholic drinks is generally prohibited within RWTH facilities (Audimax, Super C, Humboldt Haus). Purchase and use of alcohol during the Welcome Week events is only allowed when and where clearly indicated in the respective event descriptions. Any participant caught with alcohol where prohibited will be expelled from the event.
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| 11am - 12pm   | Intercultural Training*                        
                     Location will be announced upon successful registration |

*Further information about the intercultural trainings and campus tours available at „Recurring events“ section (page 40 to 43).
Enrolling online with RWTHonline (degree students only) with the Admissions Department

As a new international degree student, your enrollment at the university will give you access to many further services and processes you will have to complete at the beginning of your studies. The Admissions Department of the International Office will tell you about the enrollment procedure with RWTHonline. You will find out which documents you need to upload, how to check your application or enrollment status with RWTHonline and what to do once your enrollment is complete. The Admissions Department staff will also be there to help you in case some of your questions remain unanswered.

www.rwth-aachen.de/go/id/rcx/

*Important:* you can choose which health insurance session you would like to attend. We recommend reviewing the respective health insurance companies' websites beforehand to find out which one is more suitable for your needs.

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Health insurance (parallel sessions!)
with the AOK or by the Techniker Krankenkasse

The Welcome Week partners Techniker Krankenkasse and AOK will be happy to answer the questions you have about health insurance and guide you through the process of getting a policy in Aachen, e.g.: Why is health insurance necessary to complete my enrollment at RWTH? How does the health insurance system in Germany work? Where can I find an English-speaking doctor? And much more!

The Techniker Krankenkasse and AOK will be offering parallel information sessions in English. You have to choose which one you prefer to attend. We recommend checking their respective health insurance websites beforehand.

www.tk.de/en
www.aok.de/kp/uni/information-for-international-students/
Food on the table & a roof over your head
with the Housing Advice Service & Studierendenwerk Aachen

Attending to student welfare is Studierendenwerk’s main task. They work to create a perfect social environment for successful studies considering different aspects such as dining, housing, financial support and childcare. In their many different dining halls, cafeterias and coffee bars, they offer a wide range of healthy and wholesome food at fair prices. They also own most of the student dormitories in Aachen, offering different types of rooms from classic single rooms and apartments to shared apartments and family apartments for students with children.

However, you will soon find out that finding housing will be one of your biggest challenges as international student at the beginning of your stay in Aachen. Since the University does not own, nor manage accommodation, you will need to start applying and searching for yourself early, be very patient and persistent and possibly consider other options than planned. But do not give up! There are several services at RWTH and providers who are there to help you with this difficult task and this meeting is your chance to get to know them and adjust your expectations while receiving tips on house-hunting.

www.studierendenwerk-aachen.de
www.rwth-aachen.de/housing
Wednesday, 21 September, 2022

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*Further information about the intercultural trainings and campus tours available at „Recurring events“ section (page 40 to 43).

**Where can you get a Welcome Week wristband?**
Get a Welcome Week wristband between 2.30pm and 6pm in front of the Super C building at the Campus tour check-in table.
Clash of the Nerds with AStA
Admission starting 7.30pm

Come join the Clash of the Nerds event organized by your student union AStA and with your team, try to find the most errors in the statements the host will make. Statements will be on a lot of topics from Star Wars to Anime and Manga. The best teams will win RWTH merchandize. Please note that bars and cafés in Germany usually do not offer any credit card payment. Therefore make sure to bring cash with you.

www.asta.rwth-aachen.de

Movie Night with RWTH Filmstudio
Admission starting 7pm

RWTH Filmstudio regularly organizes movie nights for a very small entrance fee. You get the chance to see most recent as well as classic movies in German or in original version while enjoying some time with your peers on campus. The movie **Jurassic World: Dominion** will be played in English. Get one free movie ticket at the entrance of RWTH main building between 7pm and 7.15pm thanks to your Welcome Week wristband (which you can get at one of the Campus Tours in the afternoon), buy drinks and snacks from Filmstudio at the checkroom and just enjoy the show.

**Entrance fee without Welcome Week wristband or after 7.15pm: 3,50€**

www.filmstudio.rwth-aachen.de
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**Zoom Link to online events**

**Code:** 018522
Applying for residence permit
with the Immigration Office of Städteregion Aachen

Students with a non-European nationality generally need to apply for visa to travel to Germany and apply for residence permit once they have settled in Aachen. The Immigration Office will be 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.

Entry visa and residence permit
www.staedteregion-aachen.de/auslaenderamt

Making use of IT Services
with RWTH IT Center

Home is where Wi-Fi is! During this meeting, staff from the IT ServiceDesk will guide you through important tasks such as getting your credentials and setting up your IT services, using self-service to change your passwords, connecting to University's Wi-Fi and much more! In case of online courses, you will also learn how to get access to VPN and how to use it.

www.rwth-aachen.de/it-center
Registering for...

2pm - 2.45pm  Sports activities
2.45pm - 3.30pm  Language courses
3.30pm - 4pm  Courses and exams - the basics

Physical exercise and learning new skills like German or a foreign language are highly recommended, as they are important for a good work-life-balance and a great way to meet new people. The staff of the University Sports Center will tell you about their sport activity offers and registration procedure, before handing over to the RWTH Language Centre team who will tell you about their language courses and the registration requirements.

Furthermore, the Student Union AStA would like to help you take your first steps in the course and exams catalogue of RWTHonline and provide basic knowledge to simplify your academic integration. AStA also provides information on general exam regulations in English.

**Important:** AStA and the International Office are not able to provide course-specific information. For more detailed questions about the courses you should register for in your first semester, please reach out to your Faculty Advisor (degree students) or Departmental Coordinator (exchange students).

www.hochschulsport.rwth-aachen.de
www.sz.rwth-aachen.de
www.asta.rwth-aachen.de
Onboarding for exchange students

The Incoming Student Services Team is offering an onboarding reception for exchange, visiting and double degree students specifically. After a short introduction of the staff and presentation about important processes to complete, the Incomings team will offer some ice-breaking games and give you the chance to network a bit while enjoying some appetizers.

www.rwth-aachen.de/exchange-students
Q&A with Faculty Advisors

You are wondering about the content of your study course and asking yourself how to create your class schedule, register for courses and exams? This online event is made for you. Academic advisors will be hosting virtual sessions to answer your subject-related questions.

In case your faculty coordinator or faculty student council is not available during this event, you should contact them directly:

- Departmental coordinators for exchange students: www.rwth-aachen.de/departmental-coordinators
- Academic advisors for degree students: www.rwth-aachen.de/fachstudienberatungen
- Faculty student councils: www.rwth-aachen.de/fachschaften

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Platforms of faculty student council 5.2
Metallurgy and Materials Engineering

- Discord-Server
- Instagram of faculty student councils: fsmuw_rwth
- Instagram of academic field: die_fachgruppe_muw_rwth
Welcome Home Feast & Beer Garden

During the Welcome Home Feast we welcome you to Aachen as your new home but also RWTH students back to Aachen, who have just returned from their stay abroad. Get in touch with student associations and local students, share experiences from your home country, take photos with your new buddies at the photobooth and enjoy a buffet provided by the International Office on the 6th floor of the Super C building. Additionally, AStA will be hosting a beer garden on Platanenplatz right next to the Super C building (if the weather is allowing it) where you can enjoy a cold beverage outdoors.

Important information regarding food and beverages:
• The buffet organized on the 6th floor of Super C is free of charge.
• All food is without pork meat. Vegetarian and vegan food will be provided.
• The amount of food is based on one meal per expected participant and therefore might be out before the end of the event.
• The food and drinks provided by Studierendenwerk have to be consumed on the 6th floor of Super C. Please return your Studierendenwerk cups to the catering staff and do not take them outside the Super C.
• The beverages sold at BierTemp are not free of charge. Make sure to bring cash with you as card payment are not possible.
• No alcohol is allowed into the Super C building. Any alcoholic beverages bought at BierTemp must be consumed outside the Super C.

www.rwth-aachen.de/engagement/
Monday, 26 September, 2022

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*Further information about the intercultural trainings and campus tours available at „Recurring events“ section.

**Important:** Please note that alcoholic drinks are not allowed into these events at Audimax and the Humboldt Haus.
Talk Show, Humboldt Haus & Associations

What does it mean to be a student at RWTH? How do I avoid culture shock and get integrated quickly? What is there to see and do around Aachen? What students associations exist at RWTH and what exactly is the Humboldt Haus? Many RWTH students with international background had the same questions as you do now and some of them will tell you about their own experience and will give you valuable tips on how to adapt in Germany during live interviews. The Humboldt Haus coordinator will also present the large offer of student associations RWTH has and tell you why you should definitely make a stop at the Humboldt Haus during your stay. As part of the audience, you can ask anything you would like to know about every day and academic life.

www.rwth-aachen.de/io-faq
www.rwth-aachen.de/humboldt

Board games & Pizza party

Pretty self-explanatory event: just join us at the Humboldt Haus to enjoy some pizza while meeting new people while playing a range of board games.

www.rwth-aachen.de/humboldt
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Tuesday, 27 September, 2022

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**Check-in**

Get your Welcome Starter Pack composed of your Welcome Bag, your Welcome Week wristband and further goodies at one of the check-in tables before making yourself comfortable in Audimax Large Lecture Hall for the official welcome ceremony. Our health insurance partners TK and AOK will be there in case you have question about health insurance policies.
Welcome to RWTH Aachen University: Official Kick-Off event

Meet our staff and other new international students during the official introduction to the University by the Vice Rector for International Affairs and the International Office. Prof. Habel and Dr. Finsterbusch will open the ceremony with the DAAD Price Award 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. Last but not least, the student representation AStA, Representation of Foreign Students AV, the Equal Opportunities Project and the Freshman Week team will be introducing themselves and the Freshman Week program following the Welcome Week.

www.rwth-aachen.de/welcomeweek
www.rwth-aachen.de/international
**Wednesday, 28 September, 2022**

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**Freshers' Fair**

The International Freshers' Fair is one of the many 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 this event, you can meet the International Office and staff from many different RWTH services, the Immigration Office, our Welcome Week partners and many more! Come and meet your faculty student councils and/or advisor and find out how they can contribute to the success of your studies. A free buffet will be provided by the International Office.
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*Event for students enrolled at the **International Academy** only!

**Further information about the intercultural trainings and library tours available at „Recurring events“ section.
International Academy Welcome Day

The International Academy one of the RWTH private schools, offering courses of studies in exchange for an additional tuition fee. Students enrolled at the International Academy are warmly invited to this welcome ceremony organized by the Masters coordinators at the International Academy for them exclusively.

www.academy.rwth-aachen.de/en/
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. RWTH Aachen University is one of Germany’s Universities of Excellence. It is a place where the future of our industrialized world is thought out.

Master in Engineering
- M.Sc. Computer Aided Conception and Production in Mechanical Engineering (CAME)
- M.Sc. Robotic Systems Engineering (RoboSys)
- M.Sc. Smart Production Engineering (SPE)
- M.Sc. Textile Engineering (Textile)

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

Master of Public Administration
- MPA European Studies

68% of our graduates did an internship in Germany or Europe during their studies.

90% of our alumni have landed a job position within 6 months after graduation.

RWTH International Academy gGmbH
Campus-Boulevard 30, 52074 Aachen
masters@academy.rwth-aachen.de
Games without Borders

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 on Templergraben for some game activities! After checking in at the Super C building, your team will compete in various fun challenges, including twister, egg and spoon race, limbo dance and more. 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. Give a hundred percent and try your chance at winning the Games without Borders!

Please note that alcoholic drinks are not allowed during Games without borders.
**PowerPoint Karaoke with AStA**

Topic: unknown; Presentation: full success  
Improvisational talent take note!

PowerPoint Karaoke is one skill you may have to acquire during your studies at RWTH when somewhat unprepared for a presentation. To help you discover or improve your talent for improvisation, your Student Union AStA will be hosting a PowerPoint Karaoke session at Audimax. At this event, you can spontaneously volunteer as a presenters if you would like to try your change at giving a presentation on an unknown PowerPoint presentation. The results are usually very funny and are pretty close to stand-up comedy.

**Important:** The AStA will be selling alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks in the Audimax foyer, which can only be consumed in the foyer. If you would like to purchase beverages, remember to bring cash money with you. Furthermore, please note that only alcoholic drinks sold by AStA will be accepted into the Audimax building.
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*Further information about the Open Consultation available at „Recurring events“ section. This open consultation is your last chance to get your Welcome Week wristband for the party.

**ASTA Open House**

If you are already visiting the open consultation at the International Office in the Super C building, you should take the opportunity to also pay a visit to the ASTA staff during their open house event at Pontwall 3 (same building at Mensa Academica) and see how they can help you during your studies.

**German Job Market**

What are the standard application requirements for a job and how to address my prospective superiors appropriately? How to present myself best during a job interview? Although you are just starting your studies and you may not be thinking about this yet, it is never too early to think about career opportunities, whether it is for student jobs during your major or for a long term career in Germany. The professional coach Jana Köhler from the Startup HalloGermany will talk about searching and applying for a job in Germany and tell you how to become attractive for the German job market.
**BierTemp**

For the last Welcome Week evening, it is time to have some fun together starting at the beer garden on Templergraben managed by your Student Union AStA. Enjoy a cold drink with your new friends at the provisory BierTemp before the final party!

Remember to bring cash with you as payment by card will not be possible. Please note that the number of seats at BierTemp are limited.

**International Newcomers Party**

Let’s conclude this busy and exhausting Welcome Week with a night of dancing at one of Aachen most popular clubs, the Apollo Kino&Bar (Pontstraße 141-149). Apollo offers not only diverse parties with student-friendly prices at night in the student district of Pontstraße but also hosts dance events and a movie theater showing independant movies, sometimes in original language.

**Admission fee:** 5€

Admission only for guests with a Welcome Week wristband

**Where can you get a Welcome Week wristband?**

During any other Welcome Week event and at the International Office, Room 3.27 during Open Consultation on Friday, 30 September from 10am to 12pm.
Recurring events

Intercultural Trainings (EN)

What are the norms of German culture? How are these different to those of your own country? What values influence behavior and communication? These are some of the key questions that are addressed in the intercultural competence training. We highly recommend new international students to take the opportunity to participate in one of the trainings to enhance their personal skillset and to help understand and ease into a new (and probably very different) culture. Intercultural expertise is a highly-sought skill that could also be an advantage for your future career.

Interested? Register for one of the following intercultural trainings:

- Monday, 19 September, 2022 - 2pm - 5.30pm
- Wednesday, 21 September, 2022 - 10am - 1.30pm
- Monday, 26 September, 2022 - 10am - 1.30pm
- Wednesday, 28 September, 2022 - 10am - 1.30pm
- Thursday, 29 September, 2022 - 10am - 1.30pm

Send an email to Chiara Weber (chiara.weber@zhv.rwth-aachen.de) by 14.09.2022 with the following information:

- preferred training date
- last name, first name, gender
- country of origin
- course of studies (please indicate if you are a student at the International Academy or RWTH Business School)

Please note that the trainings have limited places and that the spots will be allocated on the basis of „first come, first serve“. The location of the respective trainings will be announced by Ms. Weber upon confirmed registration via email about one week before the training.

Important: international students enrolled at RWTH Business School receive intercultural trainings seperately and therefore cannot register for the intercultural trainings indicated above.
Campus Tours (EN)

Our Welcome Week volunteers will show you around the central RWTH campus. Starting at the student services building “Super C”, you will pass by the Hauptgebäude (main building), the main library, various lecture halls and take a coffee and tea break on the way at the Humboldt Haus, before finishing in Pontstraße where you will find various restaurants and cafes all tailored to student budgets! The spots in each Campus tour are limited. Therefore make sure to check-in approx. 10min before the preferred time slot.

Dates and time slots

- Tuesday, 21 September at 2.30pm
- Tuesday, 21 September at 4.30pm
- Monday, 27 September at 2.30pm
- Monday, 27 September at 4.30pm

Alternative for solo or self-tours

Campus Tour audioguide and rallye available for free on our Campus Tour website:  
www.rwth-aachen.de/campustours
Library Tours (EN)
Get a ticket at the check-in table in front of the Super C!

As RWTH student, it is a must to know the University’s Library and the Library staff is happy to show you around and explain how to get access to the materials provided or book a seat in the Library. The tours have limited spots. Therefore, make sure to get a ticket at the indicated check-in area in front of Super C approx. 15min before the preferred time slot and before going to the main Library and to be on time. You will also find information on their services at www.ub.rwth-aachen.de.

Dates and time slots
- Tuesday, 27 September at 2pm
- Tuesday, 27 September at 3.30pm
- Tuesday, 27 September at 5pm
- Wednesday, 28 September at 10am
- Wednesday, 28 September at 11.30am
- Thursday, 29 September at 10am
- Thursday, 29 September at 11.30am

Alternative for solo or self-tours
In case you cannot participate in a library tour, we recommend having a look at the virtual tour of the University Library available on YouTube.
Open Consultation at the International Office
Waiting times may occur depending on the number of visitors

Dates and time slots
- Friday, 23 September from 10am to 12 noon
- Friday, 30 September from 10am to 12 noon

By participating in all obligatory events of the online Welcome Week, you can be sure that most of your questions will be answered by the beginning of the semester. However, we know that some individual inquiries remain unanswered due to the high number of participants during the events. Therefore, we would like to invite you to get in touch with us during this open consultation and have your last doubts and question marks cleared with our different advisors:

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Further information about the services available at
www.rwth-aachen.de/internationales
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 Rebecca Jennes 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 Rebecca Jennes 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 Rebecca Jennes when you have completed the process.

Your personal university advisor
Rebecca Jennes
Techniker Krankenkasse
Campus-Boulevard 57
52074 Aachen
Tel. +49 170 - 75 99 860
rebecca.jennes@tk.de
What’s next? Your online enrollment!

Enrolling at RWTH in winter term 2022-23

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, new students of winter term 2022-23 will be enrolled online and do not need to make a personal appointment. Please follow the steps below in order to complete your enrollment as a degree student:

**Step 1**
Accept your study place offer and complete the enrollment data entry in your RWTHonline account.

Once you have been admitted to RWTH Aachen University, make sure to accept your study place offer via RWTHonline. Then click on the blue button “Add Data”, enter the required information and upload the necessary documents as PDF. After submitting your data, you have the possibility to download the “Application for enrollment” form.

**Provide a valid postal address in Germany**

Please check if your current address on the “Application for Enrollment” form is valid. This address should be in either Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium or Luxembourg and should be the one that you use during your stay at RWTH Aachen. If you are still looking for accommodation, you can use the address of friends or a hotel in which you are staying at the moment. You can change your current and your home address by yourself in RWTHonline. Please use the application “Current/Home Address” that is available on your Business Card/Workplace. We do need a valid address to send you the semester ticket and your student ID card! Therefore, please always ensure that you are indeed reachable at the address you give us.

**Step 2**
Complete your enrollment documents by upload

Scan the signed form “Application for Enrollment” that is equipped with the current address, convert it to a PDF file and upload it in your self-service in RWTHonline. After having uploaded all documents required for enrolment, we will check them within 3 weeks. Afterwards we will come back to you by email. Either in this email, you will be informed about your successful enrollment or you will be asked to correct wrong documents or to upload missing documents required for enrollment.
Transfer the semester fee
Please transfer the semester fee. You will find all necessary payment information in RWTHonline Self-service when clicking on “Tuition Fee”.

Please note
To avoid the risk of spreading the virus, please abstain from having your documents authenticated. This is not necessary. We reserve the right to check the original documents in individual cases during the semester. It is therefore indispensable to bring all required original documents with you to Aachen.
If you have any questions and/or would like to send additional documents for your enrollment, please use this email address: admissions@rwth-aachen.de.

In order to document your health insurance status (mandatory for enrollment), please get in contact with a German public health insurance provider. If you do not have a sufficient health insurance, please take out an appropriate insurance. If you already have a private or foreign health insurance deemed sufficient by the public health insurance, please ask for the confirmation of exemption from further insurance obligations.
Since this information will be transmitted electronically to us, please always notify the insurance on transmission no. (“Sendenummer”) of RWTH Aachen University. The transmission number or “Sendenummer” is H0000784. Further information about student health insurance can be found on this webpage: www.rwth-aachen.de/stud-kv.

We advise persons who enter Germany from a foreign country to inform themselves on possible regulations and restrictions concerning the Covid pandemic at www.einreiseanmeldung.de.

INFORMATION FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS:
Exchange students need to complete their online enrollment by following the instructions provided upon admission by the Incoming Student Services. If you have not received any information yet, please get in touch with incomings@rwth-aachen.de. If you experience any difficulties during the enrollment process, please contact the admissions department at admissions@rwth-aachen.de.
Certificate of insurance

Do you need a certificate of insurance to enable you to enrol at RWTH? Scan the QR code or visit our AOK student service:

Karlshof am Markt, 52062 Aachen, Germany

AOK Rheinland/Hamburg
Die Gesundheitskasse.
What’s next? Your Ersti-Woche!

From Monday, 3 October to Friday, 7 October, 2022

Schedule:
Check your individual schedule at the Ersti-Woche webpage. The respective schedules by the faculty student councils will be available shortly before 3 October, 2022.

Tip: don’t miss the Ersti-Rally on Wednesday, 5 October and master challenges with your tutor group!

What is the Ersti-Woche or Freshman Week?
The Ersti-Woche is the official introduction week at RWTH for all first year Bachelor (and sometimes Master) students. The events are organized by the Faculty Student Councils of each faculty to integrate and prepare you for your first semester the best way possible. The student councils („Fachschaften“) are formed by experienced RWTH students elected to represent the interests of their fellow students. They are an important source of academic advice (e.g. timetable, additional course materials, past exam papers...) and peer-to-peer support (e.g. they plan events to meet other students from your own faculty).

Course specific first-year information available for the following faculties
- Faculty 1, Computer Science
- Faculty 1, Biology
- Faculty 1, Mathematics
- Faculty 1, Chemistry
- Faculty 1, Physics
- Faculty 5, Geosciences and Geography - Bachelor students / Master students
- Faculty 7, Arts and Humanities
- Faculty 8, Business and Economics

All other faculties (Civil / Mechanical / Electrical Engineering, Medicine and most of Faculty 5) refer directly to the general Freshman Week website available at www.rwth-aachen.de/erstsemestereinfuehrung and https://esa.rwth-aachen.de so don’t miss it!
What’s next? Start of lectures!

Register for classes, prepare your timetable
When? The Freshman Week (Ersti-Woche) is the course registration phase!

Degree students: Get in touch with your Faculty Advisor & Faculty Student Council
Any questions regarding the course-specific organization of your stay have to be directed to your Faculty Advisor (Fachstudienberater*in). You can find their contact details at www.rwth-aachen.de/fachstudienberatung
Your Faculty Student Council is also there to help you prepare your first timetable during the Freshman Week. A full list of faculty student councils with links to their relevant websites can be found at www.rwth-aachen.de/fachschaft

International Academy and RWTH Business School students: Get in touch with your Master Coordinator
Master students enrolled at International Academy or RWTH Business School are bound to a private course of study with a specific curriculum set by their Masters Coordinator at RWTH International Academy and at RWTH Business School.

Exchange and Double Degree Students: Get in touch with your departmental coordinator
Different procedures apply to exchange students when it comes to course and exam registration and credit point recognition. In each faculty, there is at least one person in charge of advising exchange students on academic matters. If you have questions about the content of the courses, the language requirements, the course registration and exam regulations, you need to get in touch with your Departmental Coordinator. This person will also be in charge of signing your Learning Agreement and issuing your Transcript of Records. You can find the contact details of your Departmental Coordinator at www.rwth-aachen.de/departmental-coordinators
What’s next? Language courses

Register for a German Language Course at RWTH Language Centre

Studying in Germany will give you the best opportunity to learn the German language and experience German culture. The Language Centre will introduce you to their course offering during the Welcome Week. If you are interested in registering for one of their German language courses, please make sure that you have your RWTH User ID at hand when taking the obligatory placement test and setting up your Language Centre user account, which is necessary if you want to check your placement test results, sign up for a course or want to know what grade you have been given at the end of term.

You will find the dates of the placement tests and the course registration at www.sz.rwth-aachen.de/go/id/lhix

Make sure that you have completed your enrollment at least two weeks before the placement test. Your enrollment will be complete once you have transferred the student service fee and the Admissions Office has accepted your enrollment documents. Afterwards, it can take up to one week to receive access to your Network Services and, thus, to your RWTH User-ID. Please note that you will neither be able to participate in the placement test nor register for a German language course if your enrollment at RWTH has not been completed. Thank you for understanding.

Further information about the language courses can be found at www.sz.rwth-aachen.de
Welcome to Aachen
Have a great start & all the best for your studies!

RWTH Business School stands for unique graduate and executive education at the intersection of management and technology for executives and young professionals.

www.business-school.rwth-aachen.de
Further services for Internationals

BeBuddy Program

To support new international students in settling in, we offer a free of charge buddy program. This is a mentoring program where experienced RWTH students offer help to new students (mentees) like you by acting as their „buddy“. 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 just to the next supermarket: ask your Buddy! They will help you settling down. 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, 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

Participation in an intercultural workshop is highly recommended for new international students to enhance one's personal skillset and to help understand and ease into a culture which may be very different to what one has been accustomed to. Intercultural expertise is a highly-sought skill, essential not only within your academic life, but also for your future career. If you would like to learn more on intercultural communication, we recommend you to sign up for a workshop during your stay in Aachen.

The intercultural trainings in English are offered regularly and you can check the upcoming dates and registration procedure on the related website.
Student Associations

Student Associations can be a great way to get to know new people as well as to spend your leisure time in a meaningful way. They offer a great variety of events or projects you can participate in, covering the areas: intercultural exchange, sports, culture, social and sustainable projects, engineering and sciences, career and professionalization.

If you are new to Aachen and do not yet know how to get in touch or to find the initiative, which would be interesting for you or if you would like to found a student association of your own, you are welcome to contact us. One of the many ways to get to know the association that fits you is to visit the events provided by the student associations throughout Welcome Week as well as to attend the Welcome Home Feast.

Contact details:
Mentoring of Student Associations
studini@rwth-aachen.de
www.rwth-aachen.de/engagement
They say that the Humboldt-Haus is the only house in which you can fit the entire world! And why is that? The Humboldt-Haus is the international community center of RWTH Aachen University. It is the main meeting place for many student initiatives and location of interesting and exciting international and intercultural events. If you are new to Aachen and want to meet local and international students, simply check out the diverse event program offered at Humboldt-Haus by the university and by various student initiatives. If you want to organize an intercultural event yourself, feel free to get in touch with the Humboldt-Haus Team.

If you want to learn more about Humboldt-Haus, visit the following website: www.rwth-aachen.de/humboldt
International Office Facebook Group and Instagram

The International Office has created a Facebook Group for new international students to network and find friends: **RWTH welcomes Internationals**

Furthermore, we have an Instagram account where we like to post news about RWTH and Aachen, impressions of the international atmosphere of the University but also competitions! 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 or by tagging us with @rwthinternationaloffice!

www.instagram.com/rwthinternationaloffice

**Instagram photo competition**

Try your chance at winning RWTH Merchandise by participating in our Instagram photo competition between 19 September and 30 September, 2022!

1. Share your favorite Welcome Week photo in a story or a post. The photo must contain a Welcome Week item (flag, bag, wristband...) - be creative!
2. Add the #RWTHwelcomeweek and tag us @rwthinternationaloffice

You may submit several photos as long as the requirements are fulfilled. The winners will be chosen between 3 October and 7 October, 2022!
Contacts in the International Office

Welcome Week Team

The Welcome Week Organization Team is happy to help you with any questions you have concerning the program, participation requirements and social events planned during the Welcome Week for new international students. Our team is lucky to be supported by volunteers who will try to guide you the best way possible during the different activities planned.

You have missed the Welcome Week events? All Welcome Week presentations materials and recorded sessions as well as further event dates after the Welcome Week will be published on our Latecomer page!

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welcomeweek@rwth-aachen.de

Please note:
During the Welcome Week, we have limited reachability due to our presence in the online and on-site events. In case you would like to reach out on very short-notice, you can also contact the Info Service Center for support.
Info Service Center

For general questions about organizing your stay and living in Aachen and what to do when you first arrive, contact the Info Service Center of the International Office. The ISC team will be able to point you to the right direction and is your first contact to your questions. Check out their Survival Guide for all the detailed information that will help you prepare for your arrival and stay in Aachen the best way possible! The ISC regularly offers web-seminars during the semester to help you out with unanswered questions even after the beginning of your studies. Further information is available at www.rwth-aachen.de/isc

Tip: The Survival Guide and the Frequently Asked Questions Website contain answers to many common questions regarding studies and life in Aachen: www.rwth-aachen.de/io-faq

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Regular Office hours
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30am – 12:30am

Virtual Office hour
Every Wednesday: 9:30am - 12.30pm
link available at www.rwth-aachen.de/isc

Reach us by phone everyday from Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 12.30pm and from 1.30pm to 4pm
The Incoming Student Services team supports 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” or “Certificate of Attendance”.

For academic matters, please contact your departmental coordinator. You find the contact details of your departmental coordinator at www.rwth-aachen.de/departmental-coordinators.

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**Virtual Office hour**
If you are an exchange or visiting student, you are welcome to contact us during our personal and virtual office hours. You will find our current consultation hours at www.rwth-aachen.de/exchange-students
Housing Advice Service

Finding accommodation in Aachen may be one of the biggest challenge at the beginning of your studies as international student. Even though the University does not own nor manage accommodation, the Housing Advice Service of the International Office is happy to support you and guide you in finding a place to stay. Our team collects offers from private owners and can inform you about further student dormitories located in and around Aachen.

Have a look at our Housing Guide available at [www.rwth-aachen.de/housing](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/housing) and register to our [international housing Newsletter](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/housing) for regular updates about available offers, partnerships with private dorms, anti-scams and further housing-related tips and upcoming webinars and events related to housing.

**Contact Details**

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**Personal consultation:**

every Thursday from 9.30am to 12.30pm

**Virtual consultation:**

every Monday from 1pm to 2pm

Link available at [www.rwth-aachen.de/housing](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/housing)
Where to find us?

1. Find the Mensa, AStA and Studierendenwerk
2. RWTH Shop
3. Super C Services:
   - IT Center (Ground Floor)
   - RWTH Branch of Immigration Office (4th Floor)
   - Info Service Center and Incoming Student Services (3rd Floor)
   - Welcome Center for international Researchers (5th Floor)
   - Admissions Office (5th Floor)
4. Find the Humboldt Haus and AV
5. Bürgeramt (Citizens' Office)
Your Welcome Week Checklist

What should I bring with me?
- ID/passport
- Degree students: enrollment documents
- Documents for residence permit (if required)
- Waterproof jacket / umbrella
- Valid proof of complete COVID vaccination or recovery

What should I do after I arrive?
- Attend Welcome Week events planned
- Register to the BeBuddy program
- Contact our Housing Advice Service for help if you have not found lodging yet
- Register your address in Aachen at the Citizens’ Office
- Open a bank account / activate Sperrkonto (blocked bank account) if necessary
- Have your status checked by a German public health insurance for enrollment
- Enroll at the university with RWTHonline & pay the student service fee
- Activate your IT services (www.rwth-aachen.de/go)
- Create your BlueCard (www.rwth-aachen.de/selfservice)
- Create a timetable and register for courses using RWTHonline
- Apply for a residence permit at the Immigration Office (if required)
- Follow us on Instagram (www.instagram.com/rwthinternationaloffice/)
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