Equal Opportunities during Your studies

Counseling services and points of contact
This handout is for students at RWTH Aachen University and provides an introductory overview of the main advisory services and contact points on campus.

**Equal Opportunities Office**  
@gleichstellungsbuero_rwth
The Equal Opportunities Office (GSB) of RWTH Aachen University is committed to equal opportunities, equal treatment and anti-discrimination. We offer confidential consultations and raise awareness for issues relevant to equal opportunities. Any concerns? Come talk to us at the Student Contact Center for Antidiscrimination.

**Family Services Center**  
@gleichstellungsbuero_rwth
The Family Services Center of the Equal Opportunity Office advises (expectant) parents and families. We offer support in finding childcare and in balancing your studies, work, research and care obligations.

**Equal Opportunities Project**  
@gsp.rwth
As an initiative of the student-body, the Equal Opportunities Project (GSP) advocates for anyone at RWTH Aachen University who feels discriminated against, disadvantaged, or unheard in any way. The GSP raises awareness, provides information, and discusses issues relevant to gender equality.

**Central Student Advise Center**
The Central Student Advise Center advises all pupils, prospective and current students as well as parents and teachers. It is the first point of contact for all questions concerning your studies and university as well as for psychological counseling.

**The AStA**  
@astarwth
The AStA is the university-wide representation of interests of all students at RWTH Aachen University and is elected annually by the student parliament. The AStA represents students in university politics and provides advice on university and social issues.


**Student Faculty Councils**

Student Faculty Councils are the student representatives in the departments of RWTH Aachen University and thus a part of the student self-administration. In total, our student body is divided into 18 student councils.

**Anti-Racism Student Contact Center** @ars.rwth

The Anti-Racism Student Contact Center (ARS) is part of the student body and contact point for students affected by racism. At the same time, the initiative raises awareness on the topic of racism and actively promotes a critical approach to it. Experiences of racism can also be reported anonymously to the ARS.

**International Office** @rwthinternationaloffice

The International Office offers information and services for international and German students on the topics of application and admission to RWTH Aachen University, studying and living in Aachen as well as studies abroad.

**Ausländer*innenvertretung** @avrwth

Ausländer*innenvertretung (AV) is the official representation of international students at RWTH Aachen University and supports international students with regard to legal consultation, accommodation and consultation for studies.

**Integration Team–Human Resources, Gender and Diversity Management** @IGaD_RWTH

The IGaD works closely with the Rectorate to raise awareness at all levels of the university for the need for appreciative interaction and to provide impetus for the active promotion of equality and diversity.

**Queerreferat** @queerreferat_ac

As a student-organized association, the Queerreferat an den Aachener Hochschulen e.V. has been committed to the rights for the queer community for almost 35 years and offers a variety of events and counseling opportunities for queer students and allies.
**Rollenfrei**
*Rollenfrei* is a student project addressing societal taboos and stereotypes and aims at reducing unequal treatment of students and people based on their gender and/or sexual identity.

**Vorschub**
*Vorschub* offers representation and advice for students with disabilities and chronic illnesses at RWTH: from barrier-free access to lecture halls to compensation for disadvantages and individual and confidential consultations.

**Autak**
*Autak* is a student-organized project with the motto „Accessibility through Innovation“. Autak develops solutions for accessibility issues for people with disabilities.

**First Generation Aachen e.V.**
*First Generation* offers a network for first-generation university students, including workshops on topics such as time management, learning methods and career planning.

**Representatives for student employees**
The BSHK offers advice to students with any problems or questions concerning their employment as a student or research assistant.

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