

Profiles in the



OPTIONAL BEREICH

RUHR UNIVERSITY BOCHUM



Profiles

Research



The Research profile offers a close combination of teaching and research. It supports students through research-related courses and even tries to integrate them into current research projects. Students get to know the basic principles of research, are trained in critical thinking, and get to practice the research and scientific methods of their elected studies.

Independent studies



The Independent studies profile is aimed at students with an individual and more specific approach to their elective studies that goes beyond the profiles on offer. All courses of the Optionalbereich are included in this profile, which provide a vast combination of modules to the students' liking and the acquisition of scientific, intercultural, technical, interdisciplinary, practical and artistic skills in many different fields of study.

International



The International profile, for which at least 10 CP have to be acquired via studies abroad, enables students to approach cultural, socio-political, philosophical, religious and economic subject matters on an international level. Additionally, this profile trains students in language and communication skills, as well as in cultural competences.

Teaching



The Teaching profile is meant for students who plan to follow a teaching career at secondary schools. Available courses cover theoretical knowledge and practical application, which aim to impart didactic, communicative, and social skills that are relevant for educational settings.

Practical applications



The Practical applications profile prepares students for their professional life outside the university after having obtained their B.A. As mandatory part of this profile, students have to complete internships of at least 10 CP in Germany or abroad. Those serve to further expand on key competences, such as independent work, taking responsibility, communicative and teamworking skills provided in complementary courses of the Optionalbereich.

Languages



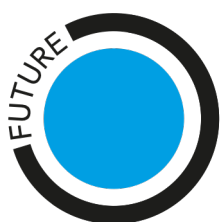
The Language profile focuses on the importance of multilingualism as foundation for international academic exchange, intercultural cooperation and mobility. The courses in this profile provide students with opportunities to learn new languages, expand on existing knowledge, further their understanding of their subject and deepen professionalism, for example, in the fields of business, media or law.

Knowledge transfer



The Knowledge transfer profile prepares students for teaching outside of school, i.e. at university, in vocational or adult education. The courses offer didactic, communicative and social skills, which are applicable both in an out of classroom settings and can help students develop a professional attitude and critically reflect their roles as teachers.

Future



The profile Future deals with social challenges and general questions regarding the future and how to shape it. It promotes interdisciplinary cooperation to explore complex relations. Accordingly, students of this profile gain interdisciplinary competences, such as scientific, didactic, social and communicative skills.

During the first year of study, it is highly recommended to take advantage of the offers available on our website. Individual consultations by the administrative office are also possible. Please use our contact form for this purpose.

Information

Optionalbereich



The Optionalbereich is an essential component of your studies in the 2-subject B.A. programme at the Ruhr University. You attend modules in one of the currently eight profiles and acquire skills that enhance your individual profile at an academic level and that further your professional orientation. You are free to decide more or less independently how to earn the required 30 credit points (CP), of which at least 20 CP must be studied in one profile. As part of a single-subject Bachelor's degree programme, some of the Optionalbereich courses are also available for you or are even an integral part of your studies.

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