Handbook for the Master of Science

Electrical Engineering, Information Technology and Computer Engineering

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Dear students and prospective students,

We are delighted that you are interested in our Master degree program „Electrical Engineering, Information Technology and Computer Engineering“. This handbook offers an overview of the most important information on RWTH Aachen University’s and the Faculty’s crucial institutions and organizations. In addition, instructions on the essential aspects concerning application, enrollment and study progress are given. In this context, we will explain how to chose and register your courses and exams. Finally, information on essential points of everyday university life, like Internet access, specialised literature as well as student life in Aachen, are given.

Please note, this handbook acts mainly as a guideline which is why the focus of the content is the mediation between students and where to find the current information. Hyperlinks and QR-Codes are provided in order to retrieve the relevant information from the respective RWTH Aachen institutions and thus, to keep the information as up-to-date as possible. Nevertheless, all concrete information in this handbook is subject to change.

We hope that you will enjoy your time at RWTH Aachen University!

Sincerely,
The Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology
Contact Points at the Faculty

The Faculty - (Fakultät)

The Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology comprises all related departments, the Student Representative Committee, all the professors, teachers and other colleagues, the office for departmental student advising as well as the administrative body of the faculty and the Dean’s Office. The faculty is headed by the Dean’s Office and the Faculty Board. The Dean is the head of the Dean’s Office; he is supported by a Deputy Dean, a Financial Officer, and a Faculty Assistant. The Dean’s Office is, as it were, the “executive” of the faculty. The Faculty Board consists of professors, representatives of academic and non-academic staff and students, who make decisions on various issues concerning the faculty. Thus, the Faculty Board can be considered as the “legislative” of the faculty. The Examination Board supervises examination procedures and decides on special cases and/or exemptions from the examination rules in certain circumstances.

The Examination Board - (Prüfungsausschuss)

The Examination Board of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology is responsible for the organisation of the examinations. It ensures that the stipulations of the Examination Rules (Masterprüfungsordnung) are adhered to. The examination board decides on individual appeals regarding the examination procedure.

Departmental Student Advising - (Fachstudienberatung)

The Departmental Student Advising of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Information Technology and Computer Engineering is a consultation aligned to individual courses of studies. They advise students on general questions about the content of studies, surrounding studies, or problems about their course of study.
The Faculty Student Representatives - (Fachschaft)

The main aim of the Fachschaft Electrical Engineering and Information Technology, short FSET, is to represent students’ interests and to help with all sorts of problems that may occur during your studies. They give general and technical advice to their fellow students, provide mock exam papers, and organize the introductory events for freshmen. In addition, the Fachschaft has a leading role in annual the plenary meeting of all Electrical Engineering students. By the way, they are always happy about students who would like to join and support them.

Professors and Teachers

The professors give the lectures and explain the details of their subjects for the plenum. In general, the flow of information between professors and students is one-sided. You are, of course, generally allowed to address questions during or after the lecture to the professor. However, we would like to draw your attention to the fact that the German study system is characterized by a high degree of independent learning. You are not expected to understand the subject matter without thoroughly revising the topics of the lecture in its fullness. Additional books are recommended and available in the library, group exercises and teaching assistants will help you to clarify all open questions.

Exercise Supervisors and Teaching Assistants

The teaching assistants supervise your exercise sessions and will answer all your questions related to the subjects. Rather than professors, the exercise supervisors and teaching assistants are your contact for questions about the courses. You may discuss things with them during the exercise or visit them in their office hours for additional questions. The supervisors will generally assist the professor concerning written exams.
Registrar’s Office - Studierendensekretariat

The Registrar’s Office is responsible for the admission, enrollment and change of the course of studies of German applicants. For foreign students, the Registrar’s Office is also of importance, since it is in charge of the re-enrollment procedure, applications for leave of absence and the termination of enrollment.

International Office - Info Service Center

The International Office takes care of international students and guest academics. It offers general advice on studies, study-related problems, financial advice, assistance with legal matters concerning international students, support in case of general (social/personal) difficulties, etc. The Info-Service Center (ISC) of the International Office will try to make your relocation process to Aachen as comfortable as possible. The staff of the ICS will assist you with relocation (visa, travel preparation, etc.), accommodation (registration, rental agreements, tax issues), family related issues, social activities (excursions, sightseeing, orientation in Aachen, etc.), and insurances (health insurances and others).

Central Examination Office

The Central Examination Office is the administrative body of the examination board. It organizes exams and is concerned with final dissertations and theses. Usually, students have to register for their exams at the ZPA. This is done via the virtual ZPA at RWTHonline, which is explained in detail later. In addition, you have to register for your Master thesis at the ZPA. The Central Examination Office also holds a database of your results and an overall view of results. Then, it certifies student status, issues transcripts for students wishing to transfer to another university, for scholarship holders and scholarship applicants, issues transcripts for students needing a certificate for studies progress and issues final degree certificates.
The AStA - Students' Union

The AStA represents the interests of all students of the university. It is thus, independent from individual faculties. The AStA is elected and supervised by the students’ parliament, which, in turn, is elected by the students every year. The AStA offers a wide range of service and support; they provide legal advice, International Students’ Identity Cards (not the BlueCard!), contact to a driving school, etc.
Semester Dates

The following chart shows the simplified semester structure of RWTH Aachen University. The academic year is an annual two-part cycle. Each part consists of a lecture period and a non-lecture period, which is used as examination period. The winter semester starts on 1st of October and comprises approximately four months of lectures and a two month non-lecture period. The summer semester usually starts on 1st of April and amounts three and a half months lecture period and a two and a half month non-lecture period.

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<th>Winter Semester</th>
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<td><strong>Month</strong></td>
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<td>Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar</td>
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**Semester dates in Summer Semester 2019**

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<tr>
<td>March 27, 2019</td>
<td>Welcome Week</td>
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<td>April 01, 2019 - Sept 30</td>
<td>Summer Semester 2019</td>
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<td>April 01, 2019 - Jul 12</td>
<td>Lecture Period</td>
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<td>July 12, 2019 - Oct 06</td>
<td>Non-Lecture/ Examination Period*</td>
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**Breaks and Holidays**

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<td>April 19, 2019</td>
<td>Good Friday</td>
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<td>April 22, 2019</td>
<td>Easter Monday</td>
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<td>May 01, 2019</td>
<td>Labour Day</td>
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<td>May 20, 2019</td>
<td>Ascension Day</td>
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<td>June 10, 2019 - June</td>
<td>Whitsun Break</td>
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<td>June 20, 2019</td>
<td>Corpus Christi</td>
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* You have to register for the exams on the RWTHonline system (explained later in this handbook).
** Every student has to re-enroll for the next semester. If you do not re-enroll, you cannot finish your Master studies. All students will get a letter in time from the office for student affairs (Studentensekretariat) explaining the procedure of re-enrollment. Normally re-enrollment is done by transferring the social contribution for the new semester during the re-enrollment period.
Grades and Credit Points

The grades usually used at German universities can be verbalized as follows:

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<th>Grade</th>
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<td>5.0</td>
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<td>3.3</td>
<td>Good/ Gut</td>
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<td>1.7</td>
<td>Excellent/ Very Good/ Sehr Gut</td>
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In all examinations students must achieve a grade of 4.0 or better to receive the credit points for the course. For the compulsory courses, it is not possible to compensate a failed course by another course passed. Every grade weights differently, depending on the Credit Points of the examination or course. Credit Points are the unit of measure for the amount of time students have to invest to participate in class, prepare homework and exams. The abbreviation „credits“ or „ECTS points“ (European Credit Transfer System) are often used. A credit point corresponds to an estimated amount of work of about 30 hours. One semester comprises typically an effort worth 30 credit points.

Student Card - BlueCard

Within RWTH Aachen University, you can identify yourself with your student identification card, the so-called BlueCard. Equipped with your full name, photo, student ID number, RWTH ID and RWTH card number, the BlueCard serves as ID, payment card in the cafeterias, library card and authentication for University Sports Centers (some features have to be activated first).
Semester Ticket

Students of RWTH Aachen University receive a Semester Ticket for public transportation within Northrhine Westphalia, including buses, undergrads, trams and regional trains. The e-ticket is valid throughout the whole semester, everyday and all day long. The fee for the semester ticket is included in the semester contribution. In case of a ticket inspection during the ride, the Semester Ticket is only valid in combination with your BlueCard or your regular identity card. The Semester Ticket is a great chance to get to know Aachen and the surrounding areas and cities like cologne, Düsseldorf and Bonn.
Regulation for Examinations

The official examination rules of the Master of Science Program Electrical Engineering, Information Technology and Computer Engineering describes the framework conditions to get the master degree. However, for legally binding information please refer to the program-specific examination regulations.

Master Degree Program Structure

A complete Master degree demands the fulfillment of the following requirements. The subjects can be done in any order. The master degree program structure sums up to 120 CP for the Master degree.
Study Plan

The following table is an example on how to distribute the subjects in four semesters. Please note, this is only one possible solution, there are many others. In any case, you have to receive the credits as described before.

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<td>1st Semester</td>
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<td>5 courses from the subject catalogs CORE or ELECTIVE ......................... 20 CP</td>
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<td>1 course from the subject catalog GENERAL ......... 4 CP</td>
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<td>1 LABORATORY or PROJECT .............. 4 CP</td>
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<td>1 SEMINAR from our faculty .......... 4 CP</td>
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<td>2nd Semester</td>
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<td>5 courses from the subject catalogs CORE or ELECTIVE ......................... 20 CP</td>
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<td>1 course from the subject catalog GENERAL ......... 4 CP</td>
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<td>2 courses from catalog ADDITIONAL .................. 8 CP</td>
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<td>3rd Semester</td>
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<td>Industrial internship (18 weeks) ........................................... 18 CP</td>
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<td>Seminar relating to the internship ................................ 4 CP</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 course from catalog ADDITIONAL .................. 4 CP</td>
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<td>Some stuff that didn’t fit in the first 2 semesters :-)</td>
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<td>4th Semester</td>
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<td>Master thesis incl. master colloquium .................................. 30 CP</td>
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Language Skills

International students enrolled in our Master degree program are obliged to take German Language Courses at RWTH Aachen University Language Center equivalent to 8 CP at minimum and show proof of their German language proficiency, latest at the end of their study program. The German language proficiency is a mandatory component of the Master degree. Proof of proficiency is the DSM exam (German Language Examination for RWTH International Master Students). Exempted from this rule are those international students who have already proof of German language skills at Level B1 (or better) and can present an according document to the examination board for recognition.
Register for Subjects

Lectures and Graded Subjects

You have to register for lectures and for exams separately via RWTHonline (more information about RWTHonline on page 18). These registrations are two independent processes. Any changes (register, cancel, change ...) before the individual deadline do not have any effect on the final status - your registration status at the day of the deadline is the deciding status.

- You register for a lecture to get access to the e-learning portal RWTHmoodle, for the lecturer to know how many people there are and to get access to additional material.
- For the exam, you have to register independently of your registration to a subject in order to be approved.

If you want to attend a subject in the winter semester and do the exam in summer semester, you may register only the lecture and the exercise session in the winter semester and then sign in for the exam in the following summer semester.
Ungraded Subjects

For all lectures, an ungraded exam (just passing or failing) is also offered. These can be used as an ungraded subject (TN, Teilnahmenachweis). Signing up for ungraded subjects is possible via RWTHonline by choosing the option “freie Anmeldung”. Registration for laboratories is usually done via RWTHonline, but sometimes it is also necessary to register in person talking to the teaching assistant or the secretary of the institute.

Examination Rules

Concerning any registrations, you must always comply with the deadlines for the course and exam registrations or cancellations (both graded or ungraded examinations). Those can be found in RWTHonline and depend on the respective exam or course. If deadlines are exceeded, you can no longer register or deregister!

Ungraded Exams

You have to register ungraded exams via the corresponding institute and the registration is not transferred to the ZPA. Therefore, you can write the exams as often as you like until you have passed (this holds only true for ungraded exams!). If you have failed, you can talk with the institute to deregister from the exam, and you do another ungraded subject instead. After passing a graded subject, it cannot be converted to an ungraded one.

Graded Exams

You have to register graded exams via RWTHonline. Registration for the exam and the lecture are independent actions, please make sure to register for both. There is no automatic re-registration in case of failure or deregistration of an exam anymore! If an exam is failed or not attended, you have to register the exam yourself for the next time. You can deregister for all exams until 3 days before the exam at the ZPA. There are no constraints on the number or frequency of deregistered subjects anymore. If you are sick in the week before the exam or on the date of the exam you have to go to a doctor and get a medical certificate to deregister from the exam. Please hand in the certificate at the ZPA. Certificates must be obtained immediately, i.e. as a rule at the latest on the day of the examination. The original document must be submitted to the ZPA no later than the third working day after the respective examination date. Once you’ve tried the exam and failed, you cannot do a different subject instead. You have to pass this subject one day to get your degree. You can write a letter to the Examination Board (Prüfungsausschuss) to deregister just one subject during your master degree program, as long as you didn’t already fail the subject three times.
If you have passed the exam, you cannot do it again to improve your grade. You have only three chances for each exam. Please note, after failing the third time, you cannot continue in this master degree program and neither can you study any degree program related to electrical engineering in Germany anymore! In case of written exams, there is one additional oral exam after the third failed exam which decides between 4.0 and failed. To get this last chance, you have to contact the corresponding institute after the revision of the exam and request for an additional oral exam. If you failed the third time, because you cheated, or didn’t show up without having an official medical certificate stating that you have been sick that day, you do NOT get the chance of an oral exam afterwards.

Examrevision

For every exam, an exam revision is offered, where you can have a look into your own exam and the grading. This is typically a week after the results are published. This is the only possibility where you can check the corrections of the institute and may ask questions toward the grading. Only here you may write an objection in case anything was not correctly graded.

Exams, Labs, Seminars, Projects, Internships and Thesis

General

A detailed description of the contents of all lectures, labs, seminars and projects can either be found in the RWTHonline system or in the module handbook. Our latest module handbook for the Master degree program can be found here. However, only RWTHonline comprises official information on the offered courses.

Exams

There are two modes of examinations, written and oral. The duration of the examination depends on the CPs acquired. The duration of the written exam is 60 to 90 minutes for up to 5 CP, 90 to 120 minutes for 6 or 7 CP and 120 minutes for 8 or more CP. An oral examination is an exam method in which you answer questions asked by the professor. The duration of an oral examination is a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 30 minutes per candidate for a module with up to 5 CP and a minimum of 30 and a maximum of 60 minutes for a module with more than 5 CP. An oral exam as a group examination is held with no more than four candidates. The mode of the examination depends on the particular course. For the written exam, the date will be announced via RWTHonline. While for the oral exam, you
have to make an appointment with the secretary of the particular Institute. The mode is usually outlined online and will typically be mentioned in the first lecture session by the professor.

**Laboratories**

Laboratories are ungraded and have 4 CP each. There are a lot of Laboratories offered each semester. Usually, a handout is given which is carefully read in advance to prepare for each date of the lab. Sometimes a small assessment is conducted to verify, if the student is well prepared for the lab.

**Projects**

Projects are an alternative for Labs. Projects are offered by many institutes and are usually conducted by 3-4 students. Most of the time, the content is directly linked to the research activities of the corresponding institute and gives a good insight in new areas. There is a final presentation at the end of semester where you present your work. The list of Projects can be found on the respective institute’s website or in RWTHonline.

**Internships**

The industrial internship (Industriepraktikum) required in the Master degree program is a full-time (approx. 35-40 hours per week depending on the company) professional experience in the industry. The best time to do the internship is shortly before the master thesis. The complete internship of at least 18 weeks has to be done uninterruptedly.

During the internship, the students write a report consisting of three parts; a technical description, a day list of activities with enumeration of working hours and a certification of the supervisor which notifies the correctness of the report. The report must be formulated in German or English and should document the engineering content, problem solving, and development results of the internship. Furthermore the students should practice to present technical facts.

After the internship, the company must deliver a certificate about the practical training (Praktikumszeugnis).

After the internship, the student has to give an internship presentation at one of the institutes.

The internship is ungraded and fetches 22 credits including the seminar pertinent to the internship.
Thesis

You choose a thesis topic and supervisor from one of the institutes involved in our course of studies. After registering the thesis at the ZPA, you have exactly six months to write your thesis. After the submission of the thesis, you should give a presentation at the supervising institute.

While doing your Master thesis, you will not be allowed to hold a HiWi job at the same institute at the same time. In addition, according to a decision of the faculty, institutes are not allowed to pay you for your Master thesis (if you will get paid, your thesis might not be accepted by the examination board). So, before registering for your thesis, please make sure that you have the funds to make a living for six months or seek for another job e.g. at another institute.

The thesis is graded and fetches 30 credits. For your final grade the master thesis counts 16 credits.

Institutes and Chairs

The Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology consists of numerous chairs and collaborates with various institutes. You can find a complete and up-to-date listing of all chairs and institutes of our faculty on our website.

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**RWTHonline** is the integrated campus management system of RWTH Aachen University. Students are able to manage their everyday student life with the program, including – just to name a few - submitting one’s application, register courses and exams, overlook the semester contribution status and access their grades.

RWTH Aachen University’s main homepage provides detailed information about features of **RWTHonline** as well as how to access and use them. Also, you can find contact information for the RWTHonline-Team on this page, in case you cannot find the answer to a specific question online.

In addition, RWTH Aachen University’s IT Center provides detailed manuals for students, concerning different aspects of RWTHonline.

Please note that the manuals are only accessible via the RWTH Aachen University internet network, Eduroam. It can be entered directly, on-site, or via a VPN connection. By contrast, RWTHonline is ready for use outside the university network.
The IT Center at RWTH Aachen University is a centralized institution, providing computing and communication services such as RWTHonline, RWTH mail service, E-Learning platform moodle, WLAN/VPN, TIM (Technology and Innovation Management) service and so forth to all University’s institutes, personnel and students. These services are activated via RWTH Aachen’s ConnectMe program. In the course of the application process via RWTHonline, students receive a Mail with a Coupon-Code that has to be redeemed online. The IT Center provides a step-by-step overview of the activation and registration process.

In addition, students can access the Identity Management autonomously via the IT Center’s online Selfservice. Using the Selfservice, students are enabled to create new accounts, such as for the library, or to change passwords.

The setup of Eduroam is also described on the website of the ITC and contains illustrated instructions and information regarding the configuration of RWTH Aachen’s University network, including the generation of access data and the alignment to different operating systems such as Android, IOS or Windows. In order to set up Eduroam, 3 certificates must be downloaded, saved on your device and installed. If you face any problem, please contact RWTH Aachen University’s IT Servicedesk!

In general, the RWTH Aachen University’s IT Center offers individual guidance via different channels: e-mail, chat support, telephone or in person. You can find all contact information on the IT Center’s homepage.
Libraries

In the course of your studies, you need a very large amount of specialist literature in order to be able to create a general understanding for the topics, to prepare and rework lectures and to learn for exams. Taking all courses of your studies into account, the number of recommended and obligatory literature is very high. While for some works it makes sense to purchase them, other books can be lent via the university. There are different institutions for this purpose:

University Libraries

RWTH Aachen University has a great number of libraries, for example the central library, a medical library or a journal library for Natural Sciences and Technology. There are also about 230 departmental libraries. The university and institute libraries offer the possibility to borrow a lot of books and other literary media instead of buying them.

Library Card

The libraries of RWTH Aachen University do not manage the lending of books with an additional library card. Students can lend books with their BlueCard instead. Before using your BlueCard as library card, you have to activate this separate function online. The University Library provides a description on how to activate your Bluecard as library card on their website.

Central Library

The central library is the main lending library and provides resources for teaching and research. It contains over 1,100,000 printed volumes, about 4000 journals, and an extensive range of high quality electronic resources. Many resources are accessible via the University network.

Textbook Collection

Textbooks, of which several copies are available, are stored in the Textbook Collection. These books are marked „LB“ in the catalogs. This part of the library is particularly important for the engineering majors, as most of the books are offered here. Please note that the number of textbooks is limited – first come, first serve.
Costs and Finances

RWTH Aachen University provides a detailed overview on all costs and finances that students need to expect when studying in Aachen. In addition to a list of expected costs, you will also find information on financial matters and work opportunities for international students.

Especially interesting are student assistant jobs, the so-called “Hiwi-Jobs”. Working at RWTH Aachen or at a related institute, student assistant may actively participate in work and research in their specific field of study. Beyond these university related possibility of working, RWTH Aachen University’s Career Center offers a large number of courses and versatile advising for career opportunities.

BeBuddy Program

The BeBuddy Program is an informal mentoring program of RWTH’s International Office. Local students, Mentees, are matched with international new arrivals, Buddies, to act as a student contact person. The program is a great opportunity to make first contacts and to learn more about RWTH and Aachen.

International Meeting Point - Humboldt Haus

The Humboldt Haus is an integral part of university life and a lively meeting point for international students. It hosts various events and activities, inter alia, events organized by international and German student, organizations and societies as well as courses, workshops, open talks and lectures. Hence, events at Humboldt Haus provide the opportunity to take part in various intercultural activities at RWTH Aachen University.
INCAS

In the Humboldt Haus you will find the office of the INCAS (Inter-cultural Centre of Aachen Students). INCAS is a student organization supported by the RWTH International Office and the FH Aachen (University of Applied Science). It aims at improving the cultural connection between students of all nations by boosting their integration and intercultural communications as well as making the students’ stay as pleasant as possible by providing advices.

Café Lingua and Language Partners of INCAS

In addition to the courses of the Language Center, the student initiative INCAS, offers the two language related programs, the Café Lingua and Language Partners (Sprachtandem).
During the Café Lingua, you can meet many different international and German students in order to practice your language skills. The overall idea is the use of a practical approach to improve your language skills.
The Language Partner program brings together two students, teaching each other their native language. Language partners meet up in cafés, libraries or wherever they agree on and support each other’s language skills. It is completely up to the language partners whether they practice spoken language, discuss grammar issues or focus on any other language category.

EESTEC - Electrical Engineering Students’ European Association

EESTEC describes itself: “So you found your way to Aachen? Great! And how do you like the rain? Not your favorite thing? Then join EESTEC! We are a group of students gathered in a European network, who like to travel, get to know people from other cultures and organize events such as exchanges or workshops. If you are open-minded, like to see more of Europe than just Aachen, and make friends with some crazy Germans, we hope to see you soon.”
AEGEE - Association des États Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe

AEGEE (Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l’Europe) is a European student organisation with about 17,000 members in more than 250 local groups. AEGEE was founded in Paris in 1985. They organise language courses and international meetings, as well as offering support and advice to students.

University Sports Center

The University Sports Center offers numerous possibilities to be active in sports. There are countless different sports courses, the RWTH Gym and outdoor sports facility. When you decide to participate in a sports course, please pay attention on the registration deadline. Sports courses are very popular among students and places are limited. Popular sports courses are normally fully booked within minutes. Nevertheless, participating in RWTH’s sport offers is a great opportunity to get in contact with other students.

Mensa

Mensa refers to student refectories and cafeterias at RWTH Aachen University. There are numerous cafeterias and cafés with varying menus for small prices. You can find the weekly menu online. By the way, you can use your BlueCard to pay at almost every RWTH cafeteria or café. There are machines in every Mensa where you can transfer cash to your card.