



BeBuddy-Newsletter 03/2023

1) Support service for house-hunting at the International Office of RWTH

Looking for accommodation can be quite the challenge for many new students in Aachen. For international newcomers especially, it can become a source of stress and anxiety, as the access to the housing market is hindered amongst others by the language barrier, financial expectations and limitations and administrative hurdles. To counter this situation, the International Office supports its international students and researchers at RWTH Aachen University with house-hunting in and around Aachen by providing detailed information, online seminars, virtual and personal consultation and by conveying private offers.

The Housing Advice Service supports international Bachelor and Master students, whereas the Welcome Center for international researchers attends to the needs of international PhD students, Post-docs and guest researchers.

In case you need support, download the Housing Guide available at www.rwth-aachen.de/housing and subscribe to our [International Housing Newsletter](#). The Housing Advice Service also provides [tips for renting out your property](#) for housing providers with short-, medium- or long-term accommodation offers in private dorms or at private persons and is happy to provide advice on ways to reach out to prospective international tenants.

Further information available at www.rwth-aachen.de/housing.

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2) Welcome Weeks for new international students summer semester 2023

RWTH Aachen University is looking forward to welcoming its new international students during the Welcome Weeks organized by the International Office from **21st March to 31st March 2023**. We are very excited to introduce the international freshmen to the university services and partners, the many different student associations and to each other!

We are sure that the students will feel supported and welcome to Aachen and to RWTH.



Thank you for your support in advance! We are very happy to see such an enormous engagement in the BeBuddy program as well as in other voluntary projects like the Welcome Week volunteers.

You can find further information about the tasks and the Welcome Week Program at www.rwth-aachen.de/welcomeweek

3) German language courses for international students

In cooperation with the Language Centre of the RWTH, we offer three interesting courses with experienced lecturers of the Language Centre for international students of the RWTH, in order to support you in your studies. If you are interested, you can register for one or all three courses.

Course 1: Grammar Training Intensive (with guidance for further self-study)

Date: 11.04.2023 - 14.07.2023, Tuesdays, 12:30 - 14:00, online on Zoom

Course Content: In this course, you will review important basic grammar of the German language with your instructor and learn how to improve and practice your grammar skills independently. To do this, you will briefly check at the beginning of each learning unit where you still have problems with the grammatical structures. Afterwards, the structures will be explained and you will develop exercises together with other participants of the course and your instructor, with which you can train individually and independently.

Course Objective: By practicing the grammatical structures, you will be able to improve your oral expression, your written expression and your reading and listening comprehension.

Level: At least B1.1

Course 2: Speaking and presenting (focus on technical German)

Date: 11.04.2023 - 14.07.2023, Mondays 12:30 – 14:00, online on Zoom

Course Content: The natural science/engineering language course is designed to help you start your studies. By combining technical language and speaking/presenting on STEM topics, you will be able to transfer your existing skills into German and use German in a technical context. This will also enable you to work better with fellow German students. The course also provides space to address intercultural challenges.

Course Objectives:



- Prepare for college by acquiring basic vocabulary and linguistic structures related to science and technology (STEM).
- Practice presenting and speaking on technical and factual topics

Level: At least B1.2

Course 3: German for work and profession

Date: 11.04.2023 - 14.07.2023, Mondays 14:30 – 16:00, online on Zoom

Course content: Many international students look for a job in a German company or research institution during or after their studies at RWTH. When starting a career and in the initial phase of working life, not only special linguistic structures and technical terms at work are a challenge, but also the work culture and dealing with colleagues.

In the course, linguistic structures, formulations and typical vocabulary from different areas of working life are taught using examples (texts, situations, etc.). In addition to learning strategies for specialized vocabulary, dealing with linguistic and intercultural problems is discussed. The participants' respective areas of expertise will be taken into account.

Goals of the course:

- To approach the topic of working in Germany already during the course of studies
- To build up necessary competences on the topic of "work"

Level: At least B1.2

Registration: by 14.03.2023 by email (flucht@rwth-aachen.de) with a copy of both sides of the residence permit and the Blue Card

In case of regular attendance, a certificate of attendance will be issued by the RWTH Language Centre.

We are looking forward to your registrations. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact flucht@rwth-aachen.de.



4) Let's Shake Hands - assist Ukrainian children in adapting to their new living environments abroad

As a result of the ongoing war in Ukraine, hundreds of thousands of children have been forced to flee their homes and interrupt their education in order to ensure their safety. The organization "Let's shake hands" mission is to assist these children affected by the war in returning to as normal of a daily life as possible, with a particular focus on helping them continue their education. The charity project believes that one way to do this is through connecting Ukrainian children with young people from other countries who can assist them in learning a foreign language and other subjects.

You can learn more about the organization and its initiatives on the website, <https://letshakehands.com/>

They are currently looking for mentors among students who would be willing to conduct several classes for Ukrainian children. It will be especially relevant for students studying pedagogy and wishing to practice. However, you do not have to be experts in teaching but just young people willing to help. This teaching practice will help students develop skills such as time management, communication, creative thinking and increase their self-confidence. And it will also be a good experience of volunteering in a young start-up.

If you have any questions please contact team.letshakehands@gmail.com

That is all for March. Good luck for your exams. We hope to see you soon!

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