Master **Cognitive Science**

First Year Introduction

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General Information

Questions? Take a look at our homepage:

https://philosophy-cognition.com/mcs/

Examination Office Psychology

Your program is part of the Faculty of psychology and under the responsibility of the corresponding examination office!

Faculty of Psychology

- Head of the examination office: Ms. Maidi Wigchers
- Master programs: Ms. Petra Lazer

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    Email: psy-pr-amt@ruhr-uni-bochum.de

- Link: https://www.psy.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/psy/studfak/pruefamt/index.html.en

Examination Rules

You are legally obligated to familiarize yourself with the examination rules that determine your program.

Legally Binding!

German version:

http://www.psy.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/studfak/how/po.html.de

MSc Cognitive Science Homepage

https://philosophy-cognition.com/mcs/

- ❖ Course guide
- ❖ Templates
- ❖ Practical information

Talks and Workshops

- ❖ Students should participate in talks, workshops, summer or spring schools

- ❖ They are announced in the CogSci Events Calendar

- ❖ You should participate in 7 talks in the first year

- ❖ One workshop counts as two talks

- ❖ Summer or spring schools count as three talks

How to get information

1. Check the relevant websites
2. Check your examination rules
3. Check your emails
4. Ask other students
5. Contact cogsci-info@rub.de

Contact us

❖ Use your RUB email address

❖ Use a meaningful reference (e.g. ‚MCS Module Completion/Appointment Needed')

❖ Make sure your response is above the original email, not below

❖ Attach all relevant documents

Websites to consult

Registrar's Office

https://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/studierendensekretariat/

International Office

http://www.international.rub.de/intoff/index.html.en

Center for Mind and Cognition (CMC)

https://philosophy-cognition.com/cmc/

Support

Equal Opportunities Office

https://www.psy.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/zentralebereiche/frauenraum.html.en

Psychological Counselling Service

https://studium.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/en/psychological-study-counselling

ASTA Overview

https://asta-bochum.de/links/links-anlauf-beratungsstellen-im-ueberblick/
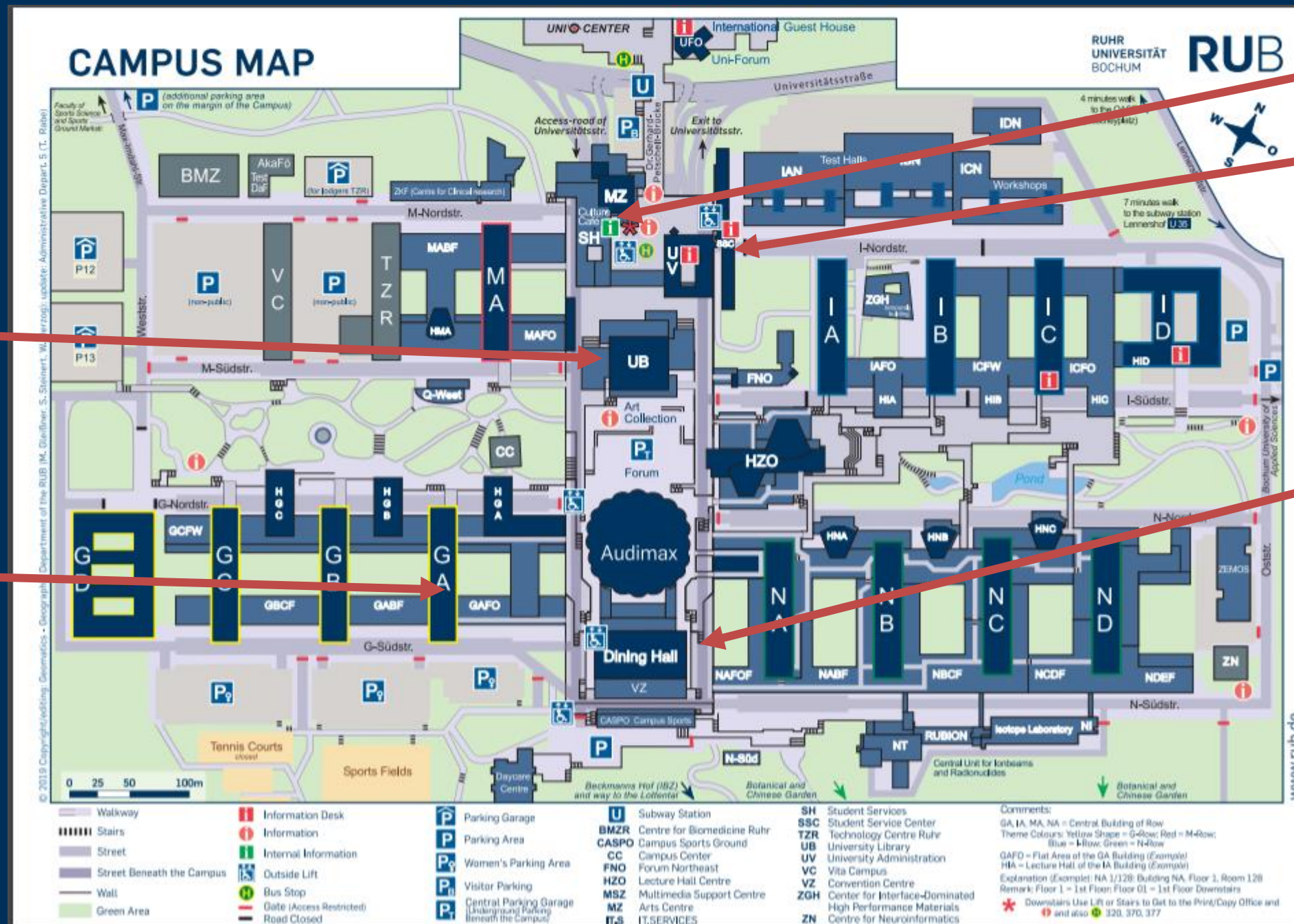
https://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/anreise/download/RUB-Lageplan_en.pdf

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Master Program

Studying Cognitive Science

4 semester with 30 CP each:

- ❖ Semester 1 to 3: 90 CP for course work
- ❖ Semester 4: 30 CP for master thesis

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After the first semester

- ❖ Think about the topic of your thesis
- ❖ Choose your second-semester courses accordingly
- ❖ Have written at least one essay as a final exam

After the second semester

- ❖ Fill out your module completion form and make an appointment with Beate
- ❖ Choose and get in touch with the supervisor of your thesis and agree on a rough topic

Studying Cognitive Science

1. A: Introduction
2. BM: Basic Methods
3. C: Topic Selection
4. AM: Advanced Methods
5. D: Free Selection
6. I: Interdisciplinary Research Area
7. P: Proposal Master Thesis
8. M: Master Thesis

German Courses
• Max. 15 CP

First Semester

1. A: Introduction → Seminar & lecture are obligatory for all students
2. BM: Basic Methods → Depending on your study background
3. C: Topic Selection
4. AM: Advanced Methods
5. D: Free Selection
6. I: Interdisciplinary Research Area
7. P: Proposal Master Thesis
8. M: Master Thesis

Second Semester

1. A: Introduction
2. BM: Basic Methods
3. C: Topic Selection → min. 6 CP in every module and min. 24 CP in total
4. AM: Advanced Methods → min. 2 modules and min. 12 CP in total
5. D: Free Selection → 6 to 12 CP (e.g. internship, course overhang, etc.)
6. I: Interdisciplinary Research Area
7. P: Proposal Master Thesis
8. M: Master Thesis

Third Semester

1. A: Introduction
2. BM: Basic Methods
3. C: Topic Selection
4. AM: Advanced Methods
5. D1: Free Selection   ⮕ 2 modules (min. 6 CP)/ otherwise (min. 3 CP)
6. I: Interdisciplinary Research Area   min. 18 CP in total
7. P: Proposal Master Thesis   → 9 CP (March **2025**)
8. M: Master Thesis

Fourth Semester

1. A: Introduction
2. BM: Basic Methods
3. C: Topic Selection
4. AM: Advanced Methods
5. D1: Free Selection
6. I: Interdisciplinary Research Area
7. P: Proposal Master Thesis
8. M: Master Thesis

Moving Courses

1. A: Introduction
2. BM: Basic Methods
3. C: Topic Selection
4. AM: Advanced Methods
5. D: Free Selection
6. I: Interdisciplinary Research Area
7. P: Proposal Master Thesis
8. M: Master Thesis

If you take more than the required number of CP in one module, we can possibly move those CP to another module.

→ Talk to Beate in advance

Additional courses that exceed the 120 CP of the program do not contribute to your final mark

Module Mark

Starting in October 2019, the examination rules have changed. It is now possible to finish a course without getting a mark for it.

Particularly in **C**, **D** and **I** modules it is often the case that students take more than one course per module.

If you have received a mark in each of these courses, only one of these marks will be the module mark.

You need at least one graded course in each module.

Module Mark

1. If the two courses in one module are a lecture and a seminar, always the mark of the lecture counts.
2. If the two courses in one module are two seminars or two lectures, always the better mark counts.
3. If a course of any time is completed with a mark, the mark will always be on the transcript. You cannot turn this mark into a simple 'passed'.

Module Mark

Warning!

We strongly recommend that you do not finish any course without a mark in the first two semesters. Once you received a 'passed' in a course, you have limited your flexibility to move courses and also select new courses dramatically.

We further advise that you do unmarked courses in your I modules. Not having to write an essay or to give a presentation in your final semesters will give you additional time to work on your thesis. Instructors determine what you have to do to get a 'passed'.

German Grading System

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5.0 😵
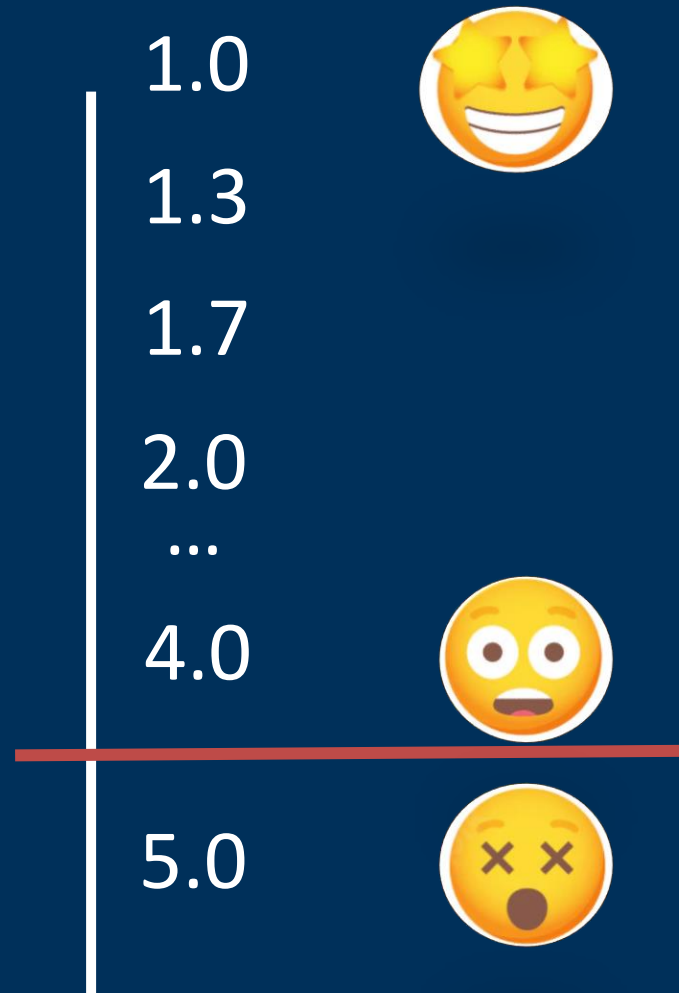
Failing a class 3 times leads to exmatriculation

Course Attendance

Starting with summer term 2019-2020 all courses (except lectures) require compulsory attendance: you have to be present at all sessions scheduled for the respective course.

Discuss the details with the respective lecturer, rule of thumb: missing more than 2 sessions can be too many. There is a possibility that the course certificate will be denied.

Registration

In your first semester, the instructors can register you.

From the second semester onwards, you have to register yourself via *ecampus*.

Technical problems? Contact ecampus helpdesk:

helpdesk-ecampus@ruhr-uni-bochum.de

Internship

We strongly recommend internships and lab visits which count for module D (Free Selection). We recommend 6 CP. Talk to Beate in advance.

❖ Internships can be done at RUB, a German or foreign university or a company

❖ 30 hours of work give you 1 CP

❖ ungraded and graded CPs possible (graded internship requires a protocol)

❖ There is an internship contract that you can download on our homepage.

Studying abroad

❖ Many options for funding

   https://international.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/en/going-abroad-bochum-world

❖ Contact the international office and Beate if you are interested in studying abroad

Final Advice