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The harbor and maritime economy, the different cultures of a crossroads port, and the university have made the city of Rostock an economic and cultural center on the Baltic Sea for hundreds of years. Founded in 1419, the public University of Rostock is the oldest in the Baltic Sea Region and identifies with the motto “*Traditio et Innovatio*”. Foundation faculties are, in addition to the *facultas artium* (Faculty of Humanities today), the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Medicine, soon completed by the Theological Faculty. At the middle of the 20th century, the Faculties of Agricultural Sciences, of Business and Social Sciences and of Mathematics and Natural Sciences were added as well as an Engineering Sciences Faculty. Finally, a Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Ship Technology and a Faculty of Informatics and Electrical Engineering were established out of it at the beginning of 2004.

Thus, the university has [nine faculties](#) these days, comprising of numerous institutes and clinics. In addition, the [Interdisciplinary Faculty](#) as a central university institution unites researchers and students from all disciplines.

The University of Rostock is rather an insider tip than a mass university. [Rostock](#) is a young and lively Hanseatic City near the Baltic Sea situated in the federal state Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. Currently, almost 14.000 students study in bachelor and master study courses here, in curricula resulting into the State Examination degree (teaching profession study courses, human medicine and dentistry) and in the magister study course of the Theological Faculty. They can select from an extraordinarily broad range of subjects of [130 study courses](#) in different fields of study. For international students, academics and refugees the University of Rostock offers a [bundel of specific services](#) in order to ease preparation, orientation and arrival at Rostock University.

The University of Rostock aims at being an inclusive university where all students (as well as staff members) do have [equal access](#) to course offers and university services. In line with the [United Nations Convention on the Right of Persons with Disabilities](#) (CRPD) as well as the legal framework on the EU-, federal state and national state level concerning the social rights and the realization of equal chances of persons with special needs, barrier-free study structures and barrier-free teaching opportunities are constantly being improved. The aspect of equal chances, inclusion and antidiscrimination is integrated as a structural task into the university’s top management, the vice-rector for internationalization, gender & diversity management ensures that these aspects are incorporated in the organizational development of Rostock University. Various structures and institutions have been created in order to ensure the equal chances and participation of students with special needs.

While studying in Rostock students with special needs can choose from a wide range of counseling services. These include:

- the University Commissioner for chronically ill and disabled students
- the representative for Inclusion and Head of Diversity staff unit

- social counselling
- interest group of students with disabilities and/or chronic illnesses 'Stubeck'

A first overview of the contact persons in the field of support of students with special needs can be found [here](#).

#### The following services are available:

##### Compensation of disadvantages

Students with disabilities and chronic illnesses are legally entitled to a compensation of disadvantages in order to adapt study and examination conditions to their specific needs. Here the University of Rostock especially aims at flexible solutions for the individual cases and the special needs of the respective student. Measures can be e.g. the establishment of individual study plans, timetables or different examination dates, the selection of different place or location of the exam, an extension of the processing time of exams, more and/or longer breaks, a substitution of the type of information examination/examination method as well as an adaptation of exam materials. Contact persons for counselling concerning the realization of compensation of disadvantages are the Commissioner for chronically ill and disabled students and the representatives at each faculty. All contacts can be found [here](#).

##### Further Service and Support

Further support is offered by the '**Studierendenwerk Rostock-Wismar**', they offer social and psychological counselling, legal advice and support students in the following aspects:

- Wheelchair accessible dormitory places in Rostock and Wismar
- special consideration in the allocation of dormitory places
- Information on bread units or food composition from the respective kitchen manager of the canteen; free choice of food components; mostly wheelchair accessible access
- individual advice, placement with service providers or other contact persons in social counselling

All staff contacts of the Studierendenwerk Rostock-Wismar (STRW) can be found [here](#).

Furthermore the STRW supports '**StuBeck**' – an interest group of students with disabilities and/or chronic illnesses, that offers occasions for exchange of experiences and mutual support, for further information please contact [Maxi Michalke](#).

Another counselling offer is embodied by EUTB, a nationwide offer with counselling institutions in every German federal state. They offer independent counselling on various aspects to realize the entitled rights, social participation and inclusion of persons with special needs, the contact details of their service point in Rostock can be found [here](#).