

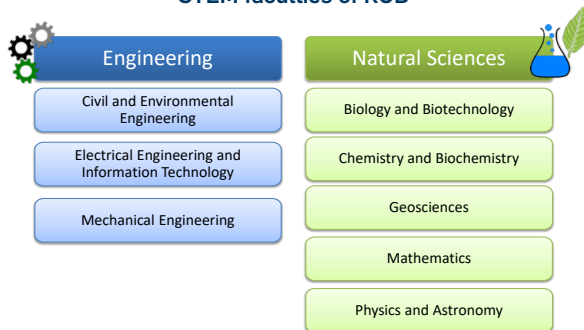
WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- students of **Natural Sciences** and **Engineering** at Ruhr-Universität Bochum

PREREQUISITES

- **competency in the foreign language** of at least level **B1** of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR);
for typologically distant languages (e.g. Chinese, Russian or Arabic): level **A2**
- **German** or **English** needs to be either the native language or the target language

STEM faculties of RUB



HOW DO I APPLY?

The Tandem.MINT Programme will start in **summer semester 2018** as a pilot-project. It will run over the course of one semester.

You can apply until **March 15th, 2018**.

The application form and further information can be found online shortly:

international.blogs.rub.de
www.zfa.de/tandem

QUESTIONS?

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TANDEM.MINT

TANDEM LANGUAGE LEARNING

for students of Natural Sciences & Engineering



ABOUT TANDEM.MINT

WHAT DOES „TANDEM“ MEAN?

In Tandem Language Learning, you practice a foreign language, e.g. German, in direct exchange with a native speaker – in return, you support your tandem partner in learning your native language. In contrast to a language course, it is up to you, which skills you would like to improve specifically, what you want to focus on and which methods and resources you would like to use. As a consequence, your learning process depends on your personal aims and capabilities.

WHAT DO I LEARN AND HOW?

By direct interaction with a native speaker, you learn the foreign language with a hands-on approach, in a social context, and focussed on authentic communication. This way, you may gradually overcome inhibitions to use the language in everyday life, and especially in the academic or working environment. Besides advancing your language skills, you will get to know fellow students of similar fields of study and improve your intercultural competence.

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT TANDEM.MINT?

Learning resources tailored to typical situations in the academic and professional context in Natural Sciences and Engineering allow you to test and train your language skills with a focus on specialised fields of action. You can thus learn to apply technical terminology, to describe specific matters and processes, and to discuss specialist perspectives. Writing subject-related texts in the foreign language, e.g. lab reports or papers, can also be part of your agenda.



HOW IS THE PROGRAMME STRUCTURED?

After registration is closed, we will try to find a matching tandem partner for you. If the matching is successful, you will establish contact to your tandem partner independently. For preparation, you will participate in an introductory session (approx. 90 minutes) at the University Language Centre (ZFA). As needed, you may also register for an individual coaching session to define your personal learning objectives. In the course of the semester, you will have regular meetings with your tandem partner (to be organised independently).

DO I RECEIVE CREDIT POINTS?

Based on regular participation throughout one semester, you will obtain a participation certificate. Acquiring Credit Points is possible, provided that you complete the whole module with all mandatory components. Whether the tandem programme can be credited in elective modules depends on the individual regulations of your study programme. However, this is subject to individual agreement with the student counsellors or examination board of the respective faculty or study programme. Please note: No graded final exam will take place.

BACKGROUND

■ Tandem.MINT is a cooperation of the projects inSTUDIESplus and ELLI2 with the **University Language Centre (ZFA)** and is sponsored by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). The programme starts in summer semester 2018 as a **pilot-project**.



What does STEM mean?
STEM is the abbreviation of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The equivalent term in German is MINT.

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