

Usage Regulations of the Faculty Library for Physics and Astronomy

1. General Information

- The library of the Faculty of Physics and Astronomy is a reference library primarily available to students and members of the Faculty of Physics and Astronomy for study, research, and teaching purposes.

2. Opening Hours

- The library's opening hours are announced via notice.

3. Borrowing and Loan Period

- To borrow items, you need the free app "RUB Bib" and a valid LoginID.
- The app generates a barcode valid for 4 hours. If you do not have a smartphone, you can obtain your barcode at the information/service desk of the university library.
- The loan period for items is four weeks. It can be extended twice for an additional four weeks, provided the items are not reserved.
- For LL books (long-term textbook loans), the loan period is one semester. Renewals and reservations are not possible.
- Journals and monographs marked with a red dot ("absolute reference") are excluded from borrowing.
- A maximum of 20 books can be borrowed per person.
- In special cases, the library may request the return of a borrowed book before the loan period expires.

4. Late Returns

- The return deadline must be adhered to. If the deadline is exceeded, you will receive a reminder via email. If the reminder is ignored, you may be excluded from borrowing. If necessary, the legal department of Ruhr University Bochum will handle the matter and may impose a fine.

5. Handling of Materials, Liability

- Books and other items must be handled with care. Users are liable for damages and loss.
- Items must be checked for obvious defects by users before borrowing.
- Loss or damage to items must be reported to the library. It is prohibited to repair or have repairs done independently.
- Materials must not be passed on to third parties.

- The library is not liable for damages caused to users' data, files, or hardware through the use of the library's hardware and software. This also applies to damage caused by media from the library.

6. Compensation

- The type and amount of compensation are determined by the library at its discretion.
- Compensation for damage is based on the cost of restoration, and for loss, on the replacement value. A fee is charged for processing a replacement copy.

7. Terms of Use for Internet and Wi-Fi

- The use of computer workstations is subject to the condition of scientific or study-related purposes.
- Users must comply with the legal regulations of criminal and youth protection laws as well as copyright laws.
- Users are liable for damages caused by passing on their access rights to third parties.
- No data or programs of the library may be altered or manipulated on library computers, and no software, whether on brought-in data carriers or from the internet, may be installed.
- Technical malfunctions must not be resolved independently but must be reported to the library staff immediately.

8. Behavior in the Library, House Rules

- Users must behave in a way that does not disturb others or impair their use of the library.
- The library is not liable for lost, damaged, or stolen belongings.
- Eating and drinking (except water) is not allowed in the library.
- The library management or authorized library staff exercise the house rules. Instructions must be followed.

9. Exclusion from Use

- Users who seriously or repeatedly violate the usage regulations and house rules may be permanently or temporarily excluded from using the library.

10. Effective Date

- These usage regulations come into effect on October 1, 2024.