WELCOME TO BONN
WINTER SEMESTER 2023/24
1. **After enrollment** you receive an e-mail from the student registry including the exact amount of the *social fee* and bank account where you need to transfer it to.

2. **After the social fee was successfully transferred** the student registry:

   a) sends your student-ID via post – make sure that your name is on your mail box (if you want to change your mailing address please send an email to intstud@verwaltung.uni-bonn.de)

   b) alternatively you can pick up your student-ID at the **student registry’s service point** at:

      Poppelsdorfer Allee 49
      Mo – Fri: 09.00 am – 12.00 pm and 01.00 pm - 04.00 pm
Every student gets their own user-account and own email-address together with the student-ID

Activate your account on https://gosa.gosa.uni-bonn.de/gosa

You find your initial username & password in the upper right corner of your student-ID letter
1. STUDENT-ID: ACTIVATION

- Use your username and the initial password to sign in on Gosa: https://gosa.gosa.uni-bonn.de/gosa/
- There you can change your password
- You can always check your student-ID status there too
1. STUDENT-ID: E-MAIL ACCOUNT AND WIFI

- Check your email regularly: mail.uni-bonn.de
- All university relevant email will be sent to your university email address.
- The WiFi network eduroam and bonnet can be used at different university buildings and places (main building, libraries, Hofgarten, etc.).
- Check the instructions to connect to the WiFi (Uni-ID required).
2. HOUSING / CITY REGISTRATION

You do not have confirmed accommodation yet?

1. The University of Bonn does not provide any accommodation
2. Stay flexible
3. Keep your options open
4. Start looking for accommodation as soon as possible – do not give up!
5. Consider a short time accommodation for the first couple of weeks while you are room hunting at sight
You do not have a confirmed accommodation yet?

- **Student dorm rooms**: Studierendenwerk Bonn (€ 250-500) - the chances of getting a place before the start of the semester are better

- **Private market**:
  - [www.wg-gesucht.de](http://www.wg-gesucht.de)
  - [www.wg-suche.de](http://www.wg-suche.de)
  - [www.housinganywhere.com](http://www.housinganywhere.com)

- Find more information about housing in Bonn in our [flyer](#) or contact housing@uni-bonn.de
2. HOUSING / CITY REGISTRATION

You have confirmed accommodation in one of the student dorms?

− You will receive an e-mail from the Studierendenwerk Bonn. Read the information carefully.

− Fill in and sign:
  − Rental contract
  − General terms of lease („Allgemeine Mietbestimmungen“)
  − SEPA direct debit

− Send these documents back to the Studierendenwerk Bonn. **Via Post!**

− Pay first rent and deposit

− Arrange a move-in date with property manager — **Move-in not possible October 03!**
The city registration is important for many following steps (e.g. opening a bank account, applying for a residence permit, getting a German tax ID etc.)

The city registration has to be done in person – appointment required:

→ Make an appointment for the registration of residence before coming to Bonn

→ Appointments can have a prolonged waiting period. To get an earlier appointment:
Try to refresh the page around 7:20 a.m. or call the city administration via + 49 228 776677. Ask your Study Buddy for help in case needed.

Watch our info video on Accommodation, City Registration and Broadcasting Fee on Youtube
3. GET CONNECTED

Connect with other (international) students:

• join our International Choir
• join International Students Uni Bonn Winter Semester 2023/24 Facebook group
• get news about events, Germany, Bonn and the university in the bi-weekly BONNews newsletter - subscribe here: listen.uni-bonn.de/wws/subscribe/bonnews.int
• English-taught seminars at undergraduate level International Classroom Bonn
3. GET CONNECTED – STUDY BUDDY PROGRAM

- Support for new international students by Bonn students throughout the first semester (e.g. arrival, move-in, formalities, finding your way around Bonn and University of Bonn campus)

- Match according to gender, age, study field, languages, interests (as well as possible)

- Events throughout the semester

- Register for the program [here](#) (minimum 3 weeks before arrival)

More information:
[www.uni-bonn.de/studybuddy](http://www.uni-bonn.de/studybuddy)
[study-buddy@uni-bonn.de](mailto:study-buddy@uni-bonn.de)
3. GET CONNECTED – INTERNATIONAL CLUB

- Events and meetings for all international and German students and doctoral students several times per week
- Game nights, quizzes, language cafés, cookery events, hikes, sports activities, Karaoke, movie nights, and many more
- Find out about the events: www.uni-bonn.de/int-club club@uni-bonn.de
4. CHECKLIST – BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

DOCUMENTS

– **A valid passport** – plus a visa for students (including doctoral students) who need one before entering the country and/or an ID card

– **Copy of the passport and visa and/or ID card** stored separately while traveling in case of theft or loss

– **Documents relating to your studies**, e.g. your letter of admission and certificate of enrollment

– **Proof of funding**: bank account statement, notarized letter from your parents, etc., proof of scholarships from your home university or the scholarship awarding institution

– **Debit card, credit card, cash** (Euros)

– **Driver’s license**, if you have one, (International) **student ID**, if you have one
4. CHECKLIST – BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

HEALTH

- **Prescription drugs** and prescriptions for the duration of your stay. Ask your doctor if you can get your medication on prescription in Germany.

- **Medical reports** that you need for continued medical treatment in Germany

- **Proof of health insurance** (either for the period between your arrival and the beginning of the semester (October 1 or April 1) or for your entire stay

- **European Health Insurance Card** or similar

- **Vaccination record**, *(coronavirus vaccination certificate (if applicable) + English translation)*
− **Charging cable** for your electronic devices such as your cellphone, laptop, tablet, etc.

− **Plug adapters** so that you can use and charge your electronic devices. Germany uses Type F plug sockets and 220 V mains electricity.

− **Ethernet cable** to use the internet in your dormitory

− Consider buying a **prepaid SIM card** in Germany since using foreign SIM cards might be much more expensive. Check if your phone would be compatible with such a prepaid card.
– **Towels, bed linen** and other **items** that you will need for your accommodation. (If you are renting a room in a Studierendenwerk dormitory, you can order a “Dorm Basic Set” (€ 60) before you arrive.)

– Find out about what the weather is like in Germany so that you pack enough **warm clothes** for the winter and **lightweight clothes** for the summer.

– Enough **toiletries** to cover the start of your stay.
– **Contact details of person who is welcoming you** at your accommodation (i.e. dorm house keeper – make an appointment beforehand, landlord, flatmates, receptionist)

– **Directions** to your accommodation

– **Translation app**

– **Address book** (paper or electronic): contact details of your family, friends, important contacts, emergency numbers in Germany

– **Photos** and other little mementos for decorating your room – what will help you get set up and feel comfortable in your accommodation?

– Please bear in mind the [import restrictions](#) imposed by the German customs authorities (for travelers from outside the EU/EEA)

**Find the full checklist** [here](#).
Check the Welcome Days website regularly to stay up to date on all information sessions: www.uni-bonn.de/welcomedays

- **October 02, 2023**: latest recommended arrival for the semester
- **October 04, 2023**: First-Semester-Students’ Welcome by the University of Bonn
- **October 05, 2023, 09:30 am – 12:30 pm**: Welcome Event and Info Booths for All New International (Doctoral) Students – Place: Wolfgang Paul Lecture Hall and foyer, Kreuzbergweg 28, 53115 Bonn
- **October 06, 2023 01:30 pm**: Info session on Free-Time Activities + City Tour – Place: Wolfgang Paul Lecture Hall, Kreuzbergweg 28, 53115 Bonn
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Thank you for your attention!