

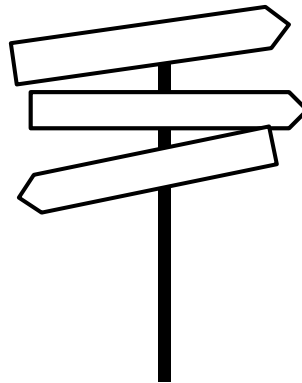
Welcome Days: Studying as a Degree-Seeking International Student



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Welcome Days at the University of Bonn

WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

1. 'STUDY CULTURE'
2. ORGANIZING YOUR STUDIES
3. COUNSELING & SERVICE



'STUDY CULTURE'



Interactive education system

- Active learning attitude expected
- High level of autonomy & self-reliant studying expected



Time management

- Time management = one key factor for studying successfully
- Daily / weekly workload not controlled by anyone



Attendance & active participation

- No *universal* compulsory attendance
- Attendance regulations announced in online course catalogue
“BASIS” → basis.uni-bonn.de
- Please note: The ‘qualification goal’ of a class is often difficult to achieve without regular attendance & active participation!



Getting in touch with teachers/ instructors

- Via consultation hours
- Urgent questions can usually be asked after (or during) class

Check out departmental website(s) for contact information!



ORGANIZING YOUR STUDIES



“Vorlesung”/ “Plenum” | Lecture

“Seminar” | Seminar

“Übung”/ “Tutorium” | Tutorial



10 s.t. = 10 am

10 c.t. = 10:15 am

s.t. (“sine tempore”) = without time = **at the stated time**

c.t. (“cum tempore”) = with time = **15 minutes later**

Akademisches Viertel = “academic quarter of an hour”

→ Check course announcements in
BASIS (online course catalogue)!



ORGANIZING YOUR STUDIES

ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE – [BASIS.UNI-BONN.DE](https://basis.uni-bonn.de)

Indigenous Religions in North America - Single View


Nr.: **556002301** **Seminar** SoSe 2022 2.0 Hours per week in term

Language: English

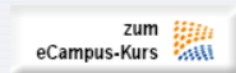
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Curricula: kein Abschluss Pool f. Anglistik
Bachelor of Arts English Studies (B.A.)
Bachelor of Arts English Studies (Zwei-Fach-B.A.)
kein Abschluss Pool Institut VI

Lecturer: Dr. Matt Sheedy;

	Day	Time	Room	Lecturer	Max	Remarks	Duration
Dates/Times/Location:  →	Thu.	18 (c.t.) to 20 woch	<u>Hauptgebäude-RPW5 - 1.003 (Übungsraum B)</u>		35		07.04.2022 bis 14.07.2022

application period:



Description:

Indigenous religions are both easy and hard to define. In one sense, they are easy to recognize in the long history of Western representations—for example, in art, comics, and film—that have created particular associations in the popular imagination, such as shamanic rituals, smoking peace pipes, and communicating with the spirit world. When one digs beneath the surface, however, Indigenous religions are hard to define for at least two reasons. First, they have largely been represented on outsiders' terms throughout the long history of settler-colonialism and forced Christianization. In this sense, "Indigenous religions" is a relational concept that must be considered in connect to Christian cultures, including the particular forms of state secularism that are practiced in Canada and the United States. Second, as Suzanne Owen points out, many Indigenous communities reject the term "religion," preferring terms like "spirituality" in order to distance themselves from organized forms of Christianity. What is more, many Indigenous communities view the relationship between culture, "spirituality," and politics differently than is commonly understood in Euro-Western societies, and thus need to be considered on their own terms. This includes Indigenous forms of knowledge, which tend to stress the relationship between humans, animals, and the land over human-centred notions of progress and development. In this class, we will begin by looking at how Indigeneity has been defined by settler-colonial societies and how this has impacted the ways in which Indigenous communities have defined themselves. We will also explore "new age" appropriations of Native America spirituality, Native American forms of Christianity, as well as the growing resurgence in Indigenous forms of knowledge and practice that increasingly challenge Western notions of religion, science, and progress.

Prerequisites:

Course Requirements (Studienleistungen)

German grading scale

- $1,0 - 1,5 = \text{“sehr gut”}$
- $1,6 - 2,5 = \text{“gut”}$
- $2,6 - 3,5 = \text{“befriedigend”}$
- $3,6 - 4,0 = \text{“ausreichend”}$
- $5,0 = \text{“nicht ausreichend”}$
→ failed

Get to know your degree program (structure, possible focus areas, ...)

- Study schedules (“Studien(verlaufs)pläne”)
- Module guides
- Examination/study regulations

→ via website of your degree program on
uni-bonn.de/studienangebot (EN)



**Get to know your subject-specific study advisor(s)
(Fachstudienberatungen) &
departmental student council(s) (Fachschaften)!**

**+++Highly
recommended+++**

→ **Subject-specific information**

- Registration procedure at your examination authority and registration procedure for courses
- Class schedule via online course catalogue BASIS
- Your subject-specific advisor(s) and departmental student council(s) can inform you on potential orientation events!

→ uni-bonn.de/fachstudienberatung

→ uni-bonn.de/fachschaften

1. *Course* registration within registration period

- With Uni-ID: via BASIS
- Without Uni-ID: Contact instructor/ “Fachstudienberatung” (subject-specific study advisor(s)) via email
- Registration can be withdrawn
 - Mind the ‘withdrawal period’

2. *Exam* registration

- Uni-ID required for registration via BASIS
- No automatic or compulsory exam registration
- Registration can be withdrawn
 - Mind the ‘withdrawal period’



People who may help you (register):

- Your “Fachstudienberatung” (subject-specific study advisor(s))
uni-bonn.de/fachstudienberatung
- Your teacher/ instructor
- Other persons in your study program
- BASIS support & FAQ
basis-support.uni-bonn.de



COUNSELING & SERVICE



Reach out!

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GOOD ADVICE

Advising and Service

The University of Bonn offers a wide range of advising opportunities and services for you to use at all stages of university studies. Our advising and service network is here to help you with everything related to academic orientation, application and enrollment, degree progression, academic problems, personal challenges, stays abroad and career counseling. These services are supplemented by various student-run advisory bodies and the services of Studierendenwerk Bonn in the areas of funding, housing and social affairs.



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Subject-Specific Study Advisory Services

The subject-specific study advisory services provide help with detailed questions concerning program contents and progression, modules and examination regulations, and the opportunities for setting academic priorities during your studies. They are also the persons to contact if you want to discuss the modalities of earning transfer credit for previous coursework and examinations before submitting your application.

[Go to subject-specific study advisory services](#)



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Central Study Advisory and Counseling Service

The Central Study Advisory and Counseling Service (ZSB) guides prospective students through the process of gathering information and making decisions, offers advice on choosing a degree program and applying for admission, and helps new students get started at the University. For current students, it serves as a general resource providing guidance and support in periods of academic re-orientation and when students experience doubts about their studies or personal problems.

[Go to Central Study Advisory and Counseling Service](#)



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Student Registry

The Student Registry is responsible for handling applications, admissions and enrollments. It manages leaves of absence, deregistrations, data changes and semester fee payments as well as many other issues in student management.

[Go to Student Registry](#)

International Office

The University of Bonn's International Office is the contact point for all issues revolving around international and intercultural programs and activities: How and when do I plan a stay abroad? What are potential destinations? How do I pay for everything and how do I prepare myself in the best possible way? Comprehensive counseling services are also available for international students to help them structure their studies in Bonn in the best possible way.

[International Office](#)

Advice and support from fellow students

Student councils

The student councils provide information and support from the student's perspective. Student councils are a key point of contact, especially for first-year students, because their activities at the start of studies offer good opportunities to forge initial contacts and familiarize yourself with the University environment. Many student councils offer study scripts, help arrange language exchanges and learning partnerships, and organize subject-related excursions.

[Go to student councils](#)

General Students' Committee (AStA)

Aside from representing students' political interests, the General Students' Committee tasks are counseling and service. Their expertise covers a wide range of topics: a federal financial aid (BAföG), advice for students with children, social and legal consultations, advice for international students, and advice for queer students. It is the place to go to for help and advice on just about any issue.

[Go to AStA](#)

Zentrale Studienberatung – “ZSB” (Central Study Advisory and Counseling Service)

- Study Advice and Support
- Workshops & Coachings (in German and English)

→ uni-bonn.de/study-advisory-service



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TACKLING PROBLEMS, FINDING WAYS FORWARD.

Psychological Counseling

In personal meetings, you can obtain counseling – including preventive advice – regarding psychological concerns, insecurities or problems that can have a negative impact on your quality of life or academic success. Our counselors will help you develop new perspectives, your own constructive solutions and strategies to tackle challenges. If needed, we can also advise you on finding therapy and/or put you in touch with someone who will be able to help. In addition, you can take advantage of our group sessions, which focus on specific issues and target groups.

Our counselors



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Further counseling services and emergency contacts

You can find a selection of the counseling services and institutions available in Bonn in several places, including our **Psychosocial Counseling flyer**.

Psychosocial Counseling flyer (PDF)



Fachstudienberatung (subject-specific study advisors)

- Subject-specific counseling with “Fachstudienberater*innen” “Studiengangsmanager*innen”, ...
- Advice regarding your choice of focus areas, course of studies, ...
- **Help with your individual class schedule**
- Help with coordinating more than one subject/ degree program

→ uni-bonn.de/fachstudienberatung



Fachschaften (Departmental student councils)

- Represent student interests of a certain degree program
- Contact & advice for new students
- **Connect co-students, provide orientation**

→ uni-bonn.de/fachschaften



Peer-to-peer

Allgemeiner Studierendenausschuss – “AStA” (General Students’ Committee)

- International Students Department
- Social services / counseling
- AStA shop
- ... and much more

→ asta-bonn.de



Peer-to-
peer

Career Service

- Focus on transition from student life to professional life
- **Consultation hours**
→ email your CV prior to the appointment
- **“Career Service Appointment” for English-speaking students**
- Seminars on career orientation and career entry planning (e.g. job application, job interviews, etc.)

→ uni-bonn.de/careerservice



**Career Day
 (“Karrieretag”)
December 3, 2025**



Planning your career in Germany?

iStart

We offer for international students:



- Intensive Career Program



- Events for all international students



- Grammar correction of job applications



- Information about career entry

+ much more support!



More info: www.uni-bonn.de/istart

E-Mail: start@uni-bonn.de

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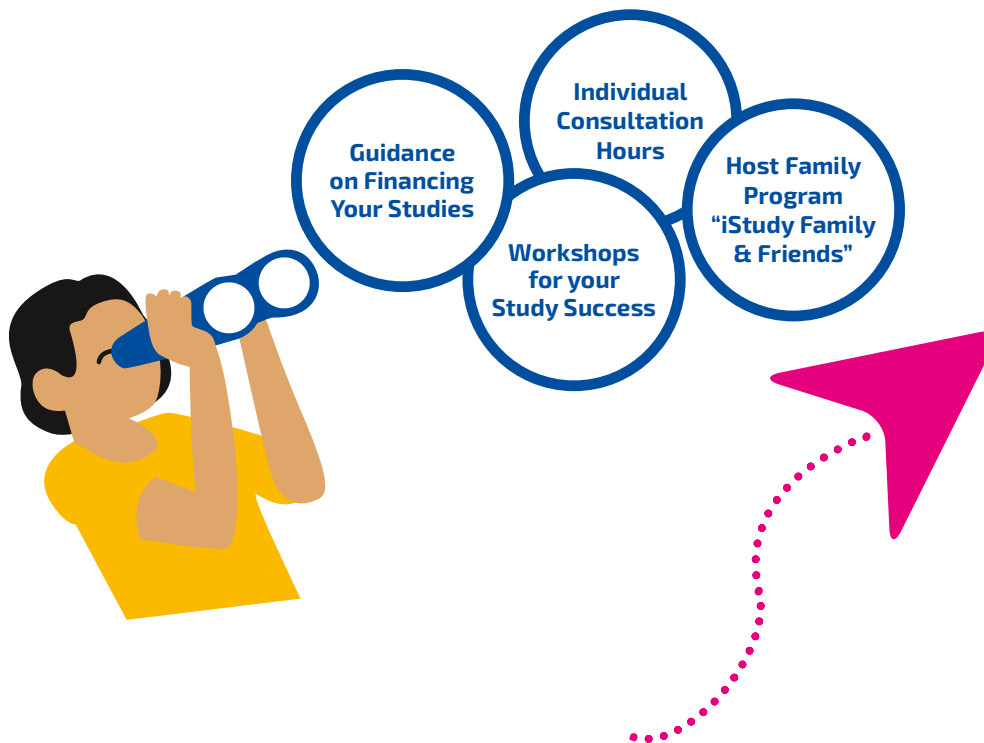
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iStudy Programm

Support for international students at bachelor's and state examination level



International Office

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WORKSHOPS "RESSOURCENSTARK DURCH'S STUDIUM" (PUSH THROUGH YOUR STUDIES – IN GERMAN & ENGLISH)

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RESSOURCENSTARK DURCHS STUDIUM

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RessourcenStark durchs Studium

Die Workshopreihe „RessourcenStark durchs Studium“ soll Sie dabei unterstützen, Ihre Kompetenzen und Fähigkeiten nachhaltig zu entwickeln und Ihre Ressourcen zu stärken – für ein erfolgreiches und gesundheitsorientiertes Studium.

Bei der Zusammenstellung der Workshops und Coachings haben wir uns an den Themen orientiert, die von Studierenden in der Beratung und in Umfragen als besonders wichtig für ihre persönliche Situation und ein erfolgreiches Studium benannt wurden. Die Veranstaltungen finden sowohl während der Vorlesungszeiten als auch in den Semesterferien statt. Alle Veranstaltungen werden von psychologisch bzw. pädagogisch versierten Trainer*innen durchgeführt und sind für Studierende der Universität Bonn selbstverständlich kostenlos.

Schreibberatung (Writing Consultation)

studierendenwerk-bonn.de/en/counselling-social-affairs/writing-consultation



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WRITING CONSULTATION



WRITING ADVICE

YOUR CONCERNS

THE WRITING ADVISOR

GETTING AN APPOINTMENT

COUNSELLING ULB

Writing advice - because you can learn to write

Would you like to write your thesis efficiently and with pleasure? Do you want to professionalise your work strategies? Do you have any questions or just do not know what to do?

Our professional writing advice concentrates on your individual writing process and the structure of your text. In a personal consultation, you have the opportunity to ask your questions in peace and to get a text feedback that is independent of evaluation.



Literature divided into

- main library
- departmental libraries



Departmental libraries

- *Specific* literature
- Free of charge
- 'Offline use' and 'online use'



- Universitäts- und Landesbibliothek (“ULB”)
(Main library | University and State Library)
- Abteilungsbibliothek MNL
(MNL branch library)



How to use the libraries

- Introductory sessions to using the libraries (digital + on-site)
- FAQs for new students

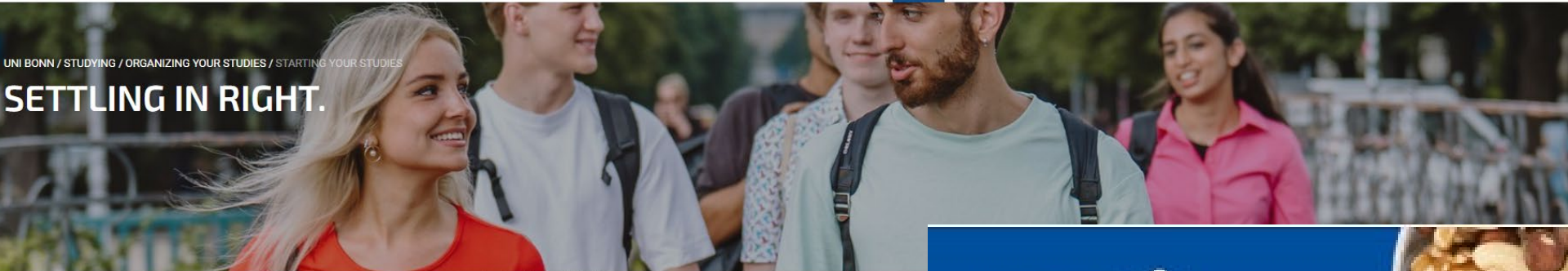
ulb.uni-bonn.de/en/information-for/first-semester-students



YouTube channel:
“ULB Bonn”
→ „Using the USL Bonn“ etc.

WEB PORTAL "STARTING YOUR STUDIES"

[UNI-BONN.DE/STARTING-YOUR-STUDIES](https://uni-bonn.de/starting-your-studies)



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SETTLING IN RIGHT.

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Starting Your Studies

Great to have you on board with us!

Starting university is a personal and unique experience – a new chapter in life that can be exciting as well as opening up a new world. It marks a new chapter in your life that will differ in many aspects from your usual ways of living and working. We want to help you in a positive and systematic way and make sure you independently co-shape your start into your studies.

Don't panic!? – Starting my studies at the Uni Bonn

- online presentations
- open consultation hours
- workshop for new students

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STUDYING AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT – WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

HELPFUL INFORMATION MATERIAL FOR NEW STUDENTS



Get your personal copy of the „Studienkompass“ at the “Infobox for studies”!

→ Poppelsdorfer Allee 49

- uni-bonn.de/en/international/campus-international/welcome-days/incoming-guide_en.pdf
- uni-bonn.de/starting-your-studies → “Studienkompass”

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!
HAVE A GREAT TIME IN BONN



ZENTRALE STUDIENBERATUNG ("ZSB") | [UNI-BONN.DE/ZSB](https://uni-bonn.de/zsb) CENTRAL STUDY ADVISORY AND COUNSELING SERVICE



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