

WELCOME DAYS





WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF BONN

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WHO IS HERE TODAY?

Please stand up if you are coming from

- Africa
- Anglo America
- Asia
- Australia and Oceania
- Europe
- Latin America



WHO IS HERE TODAY?

Please stand up if you are

- an Erasmus student
- a Global Exchange Program student
- an Institutional Exchange student
- a degree seeking student in a Bachelor's or State exam program
- a degree seeking student in a Master's program
- a doctoral candidate



OVERVIEW OF WELCOME DAYS EVENTS

Thursday, October 5

09:30 am - 12:30 pm

Welcome Event for all new students and doctoral students from abroad

₩ Wolfgang-Paul
 lecture hall + foyer

Friday, October 6

10:00 - 11:00 am

Q&A Session for new international doctoral students

♀ Zoom

Friday, October 6

01:30 pm

Info Event Free-time activities with city tour afterwards

Wolfgang-Paul lecture hall

Tuesday, October 17

05:00 – 06:30 pm Info event Doctors' appointments and health insurance

International Club,
Poppelsdorfer Allee
53, 53115 Bonn

Saturday, October 28

09:30 am - 1:30 pm

Workshop **Culture Shock**

Thursday, November 2

03:00 - 05:00 pm

Workshop Men's Health

☐ International Club,Poppelsdorfer Allee 53,53115 Bonn

Thursday, November 23

02:00 – 05:00 pm

Workshop Women's Health

¶ International Club,
Poppelsdorfer Allee 53,
53115 Bonn

Overview of all events:

www.uni-bonn.de/welcome
days



WHAT WILL WE TALK ABOUT TODAY?

- 1. Checklist of formalities
- 2. Student ID and semester ticket
- 3. Health
- 4. Intercultural experience
- 5. Other offers
- 6. Heads up, Questions, What's next?

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1. CHECKLIST OF FORMALITIES

- **☑** Insurance
- ☑ Enrollment → Student ID → Semester Ticket
- ☑ <u>Dorm lease</u> (and *Wohnungsgeberbestätigung* = landlord confirmation)
- ☑ <u>Visa & residence permit</u> (only non-EU citizens)
- ☑ Opening a bank account (mandatory for scholarship holders)



1. FORMALITIES - NEXT STEPS

More on formalities on our website







2. STUDENT ID & SEMESTER TICKET (OCT-MAR)

- Payment of the social fee → Student ID and ticket are sent via postal mail (address in enrollment documents).
 - You have paid the semester fee but have not received your semester documents by post? Or you have not received information on how to pay the semester fee?
 - → Please contact the Student Registry (<u>intstud@verwaltung.uni-bonn.de</u>) or go and pick it up at the <u>Service Point</u> (**Poppelsdorfer Allee 49**).
- Please do not laminate! Plastic cases to keep your paper ticket safe available at <u>Infopunkt</u>.





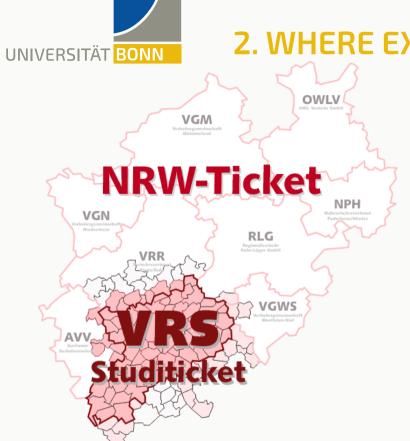
2. WHEN EXACTLY CAN I USE THE TICKET?

Semester ticket in the VRS area:

- Valid all day everyday for you to use busses, trams, suburban and regional trains.
- On weekdays after 7 pm, on weekends and holidays:
 - + take a bike
 - + take one further person
 - for free!

Source: www.astabonn.de/Datei:VRS Ne tz 2020.jpg





- 2. WHERE EXACTLY CAN I USE THE TICKET?
 - Your Student ID includes a ticket for public transport in Bonn and surroundings and the whole federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia (VRSand NRW-Ticket)
 - More information about the validity of the semester ticket:
 - www.asta-bonn.de/Studiticket
 - www.asta-bonn.de/Services#Studiticket (scroll down to semester ticket)



2. UPGRADING TO A €49-TICKET?

- You can upgrade your semester ticket to a nationwide validity for € 15.28 Euro per month.
- Download the app "SWB easy.GO": Android or Apple
- Go to "Login" and "Registrieren". Register with your personal data and confirm by clicking on the link in the email.
- Then in the app go to "Tickets" and then "Zum Ticketkauf". Choose "D-Ticketupgrade VRS Hochschulen". Pick "Startmonat" either "Nächster Monat" (next month) or "Aktueller Monat" (this month). Choose the mode of payment, click the box for "Ich akzeptiere die AGB." (I accept the terms and conditions.). Click on "Zahlungspflichtig bestellen".
- You will then have to show your student ID and your upgrade ticket in the app during a ticket inspection.



3. HEALTH

- Sick/slightly hurt, but ok? → Go see a resident doctor (choose a doctor via your preferred online search engine and check their websites for languages spoken)
- Injured, but you can move and feel okay to go seek medical attention?
 → Hospital: Accident and emergency department "Unfallambulanz"/ "Notaufnahme"
- Injury/accident/medical emergency and you cannot move → call an ambulance
- Emergency numbers of Germany: police: 110; fire department and ambulance: 112
- Always carry with you: Your health insurance card + Personal ID/passport
- Please note: You may have to pay directly at the doctor's/hospital (claim a refund later);
 clarify with your health insurance!

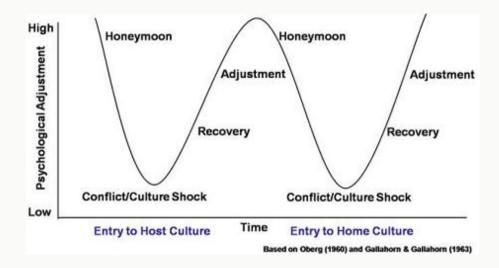
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4. INTERCULTURAL EXPERIENCE

- Being abroad is challenging and can be tough at times
- Be prepared for your Culture Shock
 moment it's part of the experience
- New country new experiences –
 new friends be open-minded



Upcoming event: **Saturday, October 28, 2023** 09:30 am – 01:30 pm: Workshop **Culture Shock**

Register via students@uni-bonn.de



4. TIPS FOR ADJUSTING TO A NEW CULTURE

- Take care of yourself physically → <u>University sports</u> can help with getting motivated
- Connect with other international students and Germans
 - → International Club, International Choir, Study Buddy Program/Pro-Buddy
 Program, Facebook group International Students Uni Bonn Winter Semester
 2023/24, incoming/outgoing exchange fair SUPA
 - →Information on events in our bi-weekly BONNews newsletter



- → "Fachschaft" = student representatives
- Explore your host country
 - → free public transport since October 1 is included in your student-ID make use of it!



4. TIPS FOR ADJUSTING TO A NEW CULTURE

- Give yourself permission to feel sad, frustrated or angry at times. Negative feelings are normal! You should process these emotions, rather than just pushing them away and ignoring the issue
 - → If you experience mental health issues, contact the University's <u>Psychological</u> Counseling or the Studierendenwerk's <u>Psychological Counselling Centre</u>.
 - → Both are free of charge!



5. OTHER OFFERS (GERMAN) LANGUAGE CLASSES

<u>International Office:</u> registration via <u>pro-integration website</u>

- German everyday language courses (A1-B2): October 10 (from 09:15 am) –
 October 11
- German special topic courses: October 12 (from 09:15 am) October 13

Language Learning Center (SLZ): registration via Basis

- language classes from A1, German from B2
- online placement test with Uni-ID on eCampus



5. OTHER OFFERS – LISSI: LEAD-IN STUDIES – SUPPORT AND INTEGRATION

For all undergraduate degree-seeking students in their 1st through 6th semester

- specialized German language courses
- workshops and talks on different topics to support you and your studies
- integration



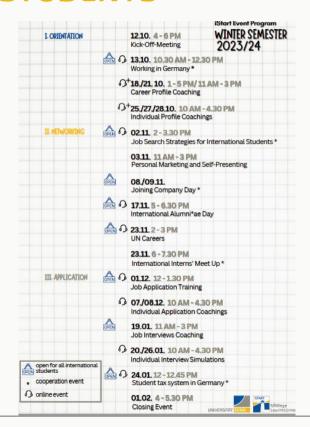




5. OTHER OFFERS – ISTART CAREER PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Support with:
 - Orientation
 - Networking
 - Applications

Find out more here: www.uni-bonn.de/istart





5. OTHER OFFERS – UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Short introductions on how to use the University Library (Main Library and MNL Branch

Library) on-site and virtually:

- in English
- in German

NEW:
Get to know the ULB
with Actionbound
(atm only in German)



Short introduction: How to use the Main Library (onsite)/bonnus

- Main Library
- 🗒 01:30 PM 02:15 PM



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- Main Library
- 01:30 PM 02:15 PM



Short introduction: How to use the MNL Branch Library (on-site)

- MNL Branch Library
- 11:00 AM 11:45 AM

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



5. OTHER OFFERS – ACTIONBOUND APP

City Tour with the Actionbound app









5. OTHER OFFERS - NEWSLETTER

Get news about events, Germany, Bonn and the university in the bi-weekly **newsletter**.

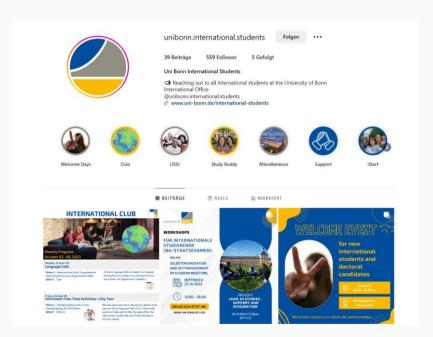
Subscribe here: listen.uni-bonn.de/wws/subscribe/bonnews.int





5. OTHER OFFERS - INSTAGRAM

Stay up to date with our Instagram channel @unibonn.international.students







5. OTHER OFFERS – STUDY BUDDY PROGRAM

Our team:

Cheng

Ellen

study-buddy@uni-bonn.de





Sign up here!

Our motivation:

- Unique intercultural exchange
- Facilitate adaptation and acclimatization for incoming students
- Widen perspectives
- Enjoy the time we have together
 - ➤ Did we spark your interest? www.uni-bonn.de/studybuddy



5. OTHER OFFERS – INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Upcoming Events in October:

- Info event "Free-Time Activities" + city tour (Oct. 6, 1:30 pm)
- Language Café (every Monday, 7 pm)
- Visit to Waldau (Oct. 10, 3 pm)
- Game Night with the Ukrainian Student Association (Oct. 12, 7 pm)
- Flunkyball Tournament (Oct. 13, 6 pm)
- Pub Crawl (Oct. 20, 8 pm)
- Intercultural Speed Friending (Oct. 23, 6 pm)
- Cooking Event (Oct. 26, 7 pm)

Visit our website for more dates and events:

www.uni-bonn.de/int-club



6. QUESTIONS

Do you have any questions that concern everybody?

Come to our office Poppelsdorfer Allee 53



International Service Point

in the entrance area

Monday – Thursday 8 am – 4 pm

Friday 8 am – 2 pm

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6. WHAT'S NEXT?

- Erasmus students: meet your <u>Erasmus Departmental Coordinator</u>
 → Your coordinator has invited you to a meeting or informed you how you can get in touch to discuss individual questions. If not, please contact them!
- GEP students: meet your GEP coordinator → Manuela Meraner
- Institute exchange students: meet your institutional coordinator
- Master's students: meet your study program manager
- PhD students: meet your supervisor / research group

→ Everyone: Info Booths part 2 starting now...