Studying in Germany
Studying at the University of Bonn

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WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT TODAY?

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
Research skills

- Critical selection, analysis & presentation of information
- Assessment of trustworthiness & relevance of sources (Internet sources in particular)
- Importance of transdisciplinarity
‘STUDY CULTURE’

Time management

• Daily / weekly workload not controlled by anyone

• Time management = one key factor for studying successfully
Attendance & active participation

• No *universal* compulsory attendance

• Attendance regulations announced in online course catalogue “BASIS” → basis.uni-bonn.de
Attendance & active participation

• ‘Qualification goal’ of a class often believed to be hardly achievable without regular attendance & active participation!

• Aim: Development of key skills
  → essential skills for future job
  → development of key skills requires a high level of (inter)activity
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

- Presentation of a particular topic
- Larger audience
- Little to no interaction between students and instructor
- Autonomous revision of lectures expected
“Seminar” | Seminar

• Discussion on a specific topic led by instructor

• Limited number of participants

• Discussions & active participation expected
“Übung”/ “Tutorium” | Tutorial

• Training skills in preparation for an exam

• Intensive discussion & teamwork

• Practicing subject matters taught in lecture / seminar
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”

→ Example:
10 s.t. = 10 a.m.
10 c.t. = 10:15 a.m.

→ Check course announcements in BASIS (online course catalogue)!
German grading scale

- 1,0 - 1,5 = “very good”
- 1,6 - 2,5 = “good”
- 2,6 - 3,5 = “satisfactory”
- 3,6 - 4,0 = “sufficient”
- 4,1 - 5,0 = “fail”
Getting to know your degree program (structure, possible focus areas, …)

• “Studien(verlaufs)pläne“ (study schedules)
• “Modulhandbücher“ (module guides)
• “Prüfungsordnungen/ Studienordnungen” (examination/ study regulations)

→ Website of your degree program on uni-bonn.de/degree-programs
Get to know your subject-specific study advisors (Fachstudienberatung) & departmental student councils (Fachschaften)!

Subject-specific information
• Registration procedure at your examination authority and registration procedure for courses
• Class schedule via online course catalogue BASIS

uni-bonn.de/starting-your-studies → Orientation Weeks

→ Master students may check with their subject-specific study advisors
ORGANIZING YOUR STUDIES – UNI-ID

= Your personal Uni Bonn account
Generated automatically after enrollment and payment of semester fee

Included in letter with your student ID
→ 1st page, top right corner (next to your postal address)
→ + automatically generated password

Activation and personal password via identity management GOsa² → gosa.gosa.uni-bonn.de

Access to all central digital services
→ personal uni email account, BASIS, eCampus, Sciebo cloud, ...

→ hrz.uni-bonn.de/en/all-services → Uni-ID

Presentation “Digital Services at the University of Bonn“:
available/coming soon on uni-bonn.de/welcome-days 😊

YouTube channel:
“HRZ Universität Bonn“
Your Uni-ID = your personal Uni Bonn email address!

→ Uni-ID@uni-bonn.de

→ To be used as soon as your Uni-ID has been activated: mail.uni-bonn.de

Tipp: Email aliases
→ via gosa.gosa.uni-bonn.de → Mail
→ enter aliases (“Mail-Alias 1/2”) → OK

→ hrz.uni-bonn.de/en/all-services → e-mail

The HRZ IT help desk is happy to help you!

+49 (0)228 73 2751 info-hrz@uni-bonn.de
1. **Course registration within registration period**
   → With Uni-ID: via BASIS
   → Without Uni-ID: Contact instructor/ “Fachstudienberatung” (subject-specific study advisor) 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’ 😊

You may register for more courses and then drop some to finalize your schedule! 😊
People who may help you (register):

- Your “Fachstudienberatung” (subject-specific study advisor)
  uni-bonn.de/fachstudienberatung
- Your teacher/instructor
- Other contact persons

- BASIS support & FAQ
  basis-support.uni-bonn.de
Indigenous Religions in North America - Single View

Nr.: 656002001  Seminar  SoSe 2022  2.0 Hours per week in term
Language:  English
Präsenz/digital:  Presence Event
Curricula:  kein Abschluss  Pool I. 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

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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)
ORGANIZING YOUR STUDIES
ECAMPUS – ECAMPUS.UNI-BONN.DE

- Electronic teaching and learning management system
- Additional to online course catalogue BASIS
- Upload of course material
- Communication tool between teachers and students

eCampus | Learning management system of the University of Bonn

UNIVERSITÄT BONN

REPOSITORY  ↓  ECAMPUS-WEBSEITE  ↓
COUNSELING & SERVICE

Reach out!
CONSULTATION & SERVICE

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 service advisory bodies and the services of StudienServiceBonn in the areas of funding, housing and social affairs.

International Office

The University of Bonn's International Office is the contact point for all issues revolving around international and international 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.

Advice and support from fellow students

Student councils

The student councils provide information and support from the students' 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 grants, 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 is counseling and service. Their expertise covers a wide range of topics: federal financial aid (BAföG), advice for students with children, social and legal consultations, advice for international students and advice for queer students. In the place to go for help and advice on just about any issue.

Go to AStA
COUNSELING & SERVICE

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


• We are happy …
  ... to answer all your questions around studying
  ... to refer you to the right contact for your inquiry

• Workshops & Coachings (in German)

→ uni-bonn.de/study-advisory-service
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

Dipl.-Psych. Claudia Kerp, (PP)
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Quantiusstraße 1
53115 Bonn, Germany

Laura Neufeldt, M.Sc. (PfA)
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Dipl.-Psych. Anne Zilligen (PP)
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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.
Fachstudienberatung
(subject-specific study advisors)

Subject-specific advice & information

→ your course of studies, choice of focus areas, ...

→ your individual class schedule

→ coordinating more than one subject/ degree program

uni-bonn.de/fachstudienberatung
Fachschaften
(Departmental student councils)

• Representing student interests of a certain degree program

• Connecting co-students, providing orientation

• Contact & advice for new students

uni-bonn.de/fachschaften
Allgemeiner Studierendenausschuss “AStA” (General Students’ Committee)

- Social services / counseling
- i.a. international student affairs
- AStA shop
- ... and much more

asta-bonn.de
International support group “NO WORRIES!”

- Organized by the AStA and the International Office
- Opportunity to meet (online) peer-to-peer in a relaxed and informal setting
- Opportunity to talk about issues and problems regarding student life and get (and give) advice

international@asta.uni-bonn.de
COUNSELING & SERVICE

Career Service

• Focusing on transition from student life to professional life

• Seminars on career orientation and career entry planning (job application, job interviews, etc.)

• Consultation hours usually once a week (advice on job orientation and job entry)

• In German - B2 level recommended

uni-bonn.de/careerservice
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](http://www.uni-bonn.de/istart)

E-Mail: start@uni-bonn.de

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Gleichstellungsbeauftragte & team
(University gender equality commissioner & team)

• Support students and employees in matters of equality

• Counseling in case of discrimination and harassment

gleichstellung.uni-bonn.de/en
Writing term papers & other academic texts

• Schreibberatung (Writing Consultation)

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

• Ask your Fachstudienberatung (subject-specific study advisor) about contact persons (e.g. tutors) at the department offering guidance and help
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)

- Very broad body of literature
  → focus: social sciences and humanities, law and economics, theology, psychology
- Free of charge
- ‘Offline use’ and ‘online use’

Abteilungsbibliothek MNL
(MNL branch library)

- Focus: medicine, natural sciences, agriculture
- Free of charge
- ‘Offline use’ and ‘online use’
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
WEB PORTAL “STARTING YOUR STUDIES”
UNI-BONN.DE/STARTING-YOUR-STUDIES

Organizing your studies
Navigating the formalities, settling into university life, planning the start to your studies – you will find tips on ideal organization of your studies and additional information and advice here.

Counseling & service
You still have questions but don’t know who to ask? This overview will help you navigate key topics and contacts.

University life
Your studies have started, and now it’s time to discover your lovely new university city on the Rhine. Comprehensive information about university life can be found in this section.

International Study Programs in Bonn
You are an international undergraduate, postgraduate or doctoral student interested in studying at the University of Bonn? International Study Programs in Bonn can provide support and advice. Our pages contain information on the various programs and formalities involved with studying for an undergraduate, postgraduate or doctoral degree at the University of Bonn.

Study and Internship Abroad
There are many ways to make a stay abroad part of your studies: through spending a semester abroad in Helsinki, doing an internship in Chile or carrying out research for a thesis in Africa. International Outbound Mobility advises and supports you in your individual plans, while of course bearing in mind the current restrictions.

Go to Portal for International Students
Study and Internships abroad
GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS + “STUDIENKOMPASS 2022-23” (IN GERMAN)

Downloads:
→ uni-bonn.de/en/international/campus-international/welcome-days/incoming-guide_en.pdf
→ uni-bonn.de/starting-your-studies → "Studienkompass"

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→ Poppelsdorfer Allee 49
ANY QUESTIONS?
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!
HAVE A GREAT TIME IN BONN!

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