Studying in Germany
Studying at the University of Bonn

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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

- 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
  → requires a high level of (inter)activity
Research skills

• Critical selection, analysis & presentation of information

• Assessment of trustworthiness & relevance of sources (Internet sources in particular)

• Importance of transdisciplinarity
‘STUDY CULTURE’

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
ORGANIZING YOUR STUDIES – COURSE TYPES

“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”

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

• 1,0 – 1,5 = “sehr gut”

• 1,6 – 2,5 = “gut”

• 2,6 – 3,5 = “befriedigend”

• 3,6 – 4,0 = “ausreichend”

• 5,0 = “nicht ausreichend” → failed
Getting 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 advisors (Fachstudienberatung) & departmental student councils (Fachschaften)!

Subject-specific information

• Registration procedure at your examination authority and application and registration procedure for courses
• Class schedule via online course catalogue BASIS
• Information on how the respective courses are conducted (online/digitally or on-campus)

uni-bonn.de/starting-your-studies ➔ Orientation Weeks
UNI-ID = your personal Uni Bonn account

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

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

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

Presentation “Digital Services at the University of Bonn”: available on
unibonn.de/welcome-days
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

hrz.uni-bonn.de/en/all-services

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’
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

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**application period:**
07.04.2022 bis 14.07.2022

**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 Indigenous 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)
• Electronic teaching and learning management system

• Communication tool between teachers and students

• Upload of course material
ORGANIZING YOUR STUDIES – SCIEBO (CAMPUS CLOUD)

→ hrz.uni-bonn.de/en/for-students
COUNSELING & SERVICE

Reach out!
LISSI – project
(Lead-In Studies – Support and Integration)

Knowledge & Skills - Offers For International Undergraduate Students

• Lectures and workshops for pro-active organization and successful completion of your studies
• Challenges and opportunities - Information on your study environment and a long stay in Germany
• Specialized language courses
• Guidance - searching for scholarships and job opportunities* to finance your studies
  (*employment regulations for Non EU-citizens)
• Assistance with all your questions or needs

www.uni-bonn.de/lissi
COUNSELING & 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 your 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, study 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.

International Office

The University of Bonn's International Office is the contact point for all issues relating to international and intercultural programs and activities. Here, we help with questions like: "What are my options? What are my duties and rights? What are the benefits?" Comprehensive counseling services are 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 courses, help with language exchanges and learning partnerships, and organize subject-specific excursions.

General Students' Committee (AGS)

Aside from representing students' political interests, the General Students' Committee (AGS) is a counseling and service provider. Their expertise covers a wide range of topics including financial aid, advising 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.
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
WORKSHOPS “RESSOURCENSTARK DURCH'S STUDIUM”
(WITH STRONG RESOURCES THROUGH YOUR STUDIES)
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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Laura Neufeldt, M.Sc. (PIA)
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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 counseling with “Fachstudienberater*innen, “Studiengangsmanager*innen“, ...

• Advice regarding your course of studies, choice of focus areas, ...

• Help you with your individual class schedule

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

• International Students Department

• Social services / counseling

• AStA shop

• ... and much more

→ asta-bonn.de
Career Service

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

Career Day ("Karrieretag")
December 6, 2023
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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Schreibberatung (Writing Consultation)
studierendenwerk-bonn.de/en/counselling-social-affairs/writing-consultation/
Literature divided into

→ main library

→ departmental libraries
Departmental libraries

- *Specific* literature
- Free of charge
- ‘Offline use’ and ‘online use’
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- Universität 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

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

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.
Study and internships abroad
GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS + “STUDIENKOMPASS 2023-24” (IN GERMAN)

Get your personal printed copies at the “Infobox for studies“!
→ Poppelsdorfer Allee 49

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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ANY QUESTIONS?
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