WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF BONN

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WHO IS HERE TODAY?

Please stand up if you are coming from

• Africa
• Asia
• Australia and Oceania
• Europe
• North America
• South America
Please stand up if you are

• an Erasmus student
• a Global Exchange Program student
• an Institutional Exchange student
• a Fulbright scholarship holder or a participant in the PPP
• a degree seeking student in a Bachelor’s or State exam program
• a degree seeking student in a Master’s program
• a doctoral candidate
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📍 Wolfang-Paul lecture hall and foyer, Kreuzbergweg 28, 53115 Bonn

10/05/2022
Check out the program on our website: [www.uni-bonn.de/welcomedays](http://www.uni-bonn.de/welcomedays)

Download the app!

Google Play Store

enter “Uni Bonn” and join our Welcome Days community with the event code “WD22”

Apple App Store
WHAT WILL WE TALK ABOUT TODAY?

1. Checklist of formalities
2. Student ID and semester ticket
3. Health and information about Covid19
4. Intercultural experience
5. Other offers
1. CHECKLIST OF FORMALITIES

- Insurance
- Enrollment → Student ID → Semester Ticket
- Dorm lease (and Wohnungsgeberbestätigung = landlord confirmation)
- City registration
- Visa & residence permit (only non-EU citizens)
- Opening a bank account (mandatory for scholarship holders)
1. FORMALITIES – NEXT STEPS

More on formalities in the Welcome Days App or on our [website](https://example.com)
2. STUDENT ID & SEMESTER TICKET (OCT-MAR)

– Payment of the social fee ⇒ Student ID an 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 (intstud@verwaltung.uni-bonn.de) or go and pick it up at the Service Point (Poppelsdorfer Allee 49).

– Please do not laminate! Plastic cases to keep your paper ticket safe available at Infopunkt.
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:
2. WHERE EXACTLY CAN I USE THE TICKET?

- Student ID includes a ticket for public transport in Bonn and surroundings and the whole federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia (VRS- and NRW-Ticket)

- More information about the validity of the semester ticket:
  - [www.asta-bonn.de/Studiticket](http://www.asta-bonn.de/Studiticket)
  - [www.asta-bonn.de/Services#Studiticket](http://www.asta-bonn.de/Services#Studiticket)
  (scroll down to semester ticket)
3. HEALTH AND INFORMATION ABOUT COVID19

- 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 have 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!

Upcoming event: Tuesday, October 25, 2022
05:00 – 06:00 pm: Info event “Doctors’ Appointments and Health Insurance”
3. INFORMATION ABOUT COVID19

- Find official information in different languages by the German government here:
  www.mkjfgfi.nrw/informationen-ueber-aktuelle-massnahmen-verschiedenen-sprachen-information-regarding-current

- Stay up to date about Bonn:
  - in German: www.bonn.de/themen-entdecken/gesundheit-verbraucherschutz/coronavirus.php

- Get news from the University:
  www.uni-bonn.de/en/university/coronavirus-information/information-for-students
3. INFORMATION ABOUT COVID19

Open vaccination offers in Bonn:

Test centers in Bonn:
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
4. TIPS FOR ADJUSTING TO A NEW CULTURE

- Take care of yourself physically → University sports 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 2022/23”
  → Information on events in our bi-weekly BONNews newsletter

- 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 Psychological Counseling or the Studierendenwerk’s Psychological Counselling Centre.

⇒ Both are free of charge!
**International Office:** registration via pro-integration website
- German everyday language courses (A1-B2): October 11 (from 09:15 am) – October 13
- German special topic courses: October 12 (from 10 am) – October 13

**Language Learning Center (SLZ):** registration via Basis
- language classes from A1, German from B2
- online placement test until October 5 (with Uni-ID) on eCampus
- in-person placement test (if you don’t have the student ID yet): October 6 at 11 am in room 3.002 at Lennéstraße 6, 53113 Bonn, meeting point secretariat (room 3.019) 
  → register beforehand via kontaktformular-slz@ticket.uni-bonn.de
SPECIALIZED GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSES

International Office: LISSI for undergraduate degree-seeking students

– specialized German language courses: natural sciences, law and economics, social and human sciences

– registration until October 10 via eCampus
Short introductions on how to use the University Library (Main Library and MNL Branch Library) on-site and virtually:

- **in English**
- **in German**

City Tour with the Actionbound app
add your voice to this year’s global survey of international students

What do you think about your experience at the University of Bonn?

- How was your arrival and orientation experience?
- How are you finding the accommodation?
- What do you think about the quality of lectures?

from November 14 to December 19, 2022

win prizes (University of Bonn T-Shirts, vouchers)

link will be sent out via email
Do you have any questions that concern everybody?

Come to our office Poppelsdorfer Allee 53

or contact us via students@uni-bonn.de
WHAT’S NEXT?

- **Erasmus students:** meet your Erasmus Departmental Coordinator → 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 + attend the PhD Welcome on Friday, October 7 at 11:00 am
- More Info Booths outside in the foyer until 01:00 pm →
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