



Erasmus+ at the University of Bonn

Erasmus+ Fact Sheet for KA 131 Partner Universities



The University of Bonn

The University of Bonn was founded in 1818. Home to about 31,500 students, the University is one of Germany's largest academic institutions and, with more than 4,800 international students from all over the world, also one of the most internationally oriented. A wide range of courses, an outstanding reputation in teaching and research and a unique location make the University an especially attractive place to study.

Bonn, the former federal capital of Germany, is located on the River Rhine and is a center for the Rhineland way of life, art and culture. In 1989, the city celebrated the 2,000th anniversary of its founding as a Roman settlement. With its 21 UN agencies, Bonn is Germany's "UN city" and hosts around 150 international organizations.

The city is also the birthplace of Ludwig van Beethoven, has a beautiful historical center with a daily market, numerous museums and many other buildings and events of significance and cultural interest.

The University of Bonn has 35 years of experience with the Erasmus Programme, so Erasmus students who choose it can expect to be supported by its full range of student services including language courses, an orientation program and academic guidance. During the semester, the International Office offers an extensive cultural program as well as various other initiatives to ensure cultural immersion and intercultural experience.

[360-degree tour](#)

Details of the Institution

Name of university	University of Bonn
Erasmus Code	D BONN01
OID	E10209417
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Erasmus+ Departmental Coordinators	Various members of staff handle the Erasmus Programme at the University of Bonn at a departmental level. <u>List of Erasmus+ Departmental Coordinators</u> • Negotiating Inter-Institutional Agreements • Selecting outgoing students and approving nominations for incoming students • Providing academic advice to outgoing and incoming students (courses, Learning Agreements, transcripts) • Main contact for Staff Mobility for teaching (STA) Please note! Students are required to contact the relevant Erasmus+ Departmental Coordinator for all questions concerning study programs and Learning Agreements. Students can find out all they need to know about their Erasmus study period (e.g. housing, language courses and formalities) on the Erasmus study in Bonn web page.

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Academic Calendar

Summer semester 2026

April 13 to July 24, 2026 (lecture period)

- Preparatory German Language Course: three weeks in **March 2026**
- [Welcome Days](#)

Winter semester 2026/27

October 12, 2026 to February 05, 2027 (lecture period)

- Preparatory German Language Course: three weeks in **September 2026**
- [Welcome Days](#)

Examinations

Examinations may take place during the first few weeks after the end of the lecture period. Please ask the [Erasmus+ Departmental Coordinator](#) for details.

Nomination and Application

Deadlines

May 01 for the 1st semester (winter semester) or the full academic year
November 01 for the 2nd semester (summer semester)

The student nomination and application processes are carried out together at the same time.

Nomination and registration

Please ask your students to follow these three steps, which include your nomination:

1. Students follow the instructions on our [Erasmus study in Bonn](#) web page (Application procedure), fill in the online form and create a Mobility-Online account.
2. After completing their registration, students download and print out a nomination form, which needs to be signed by the Erasmus Coordinator at their home university.
3. Students upload their signed nomination form to their Mobility-Online account by the application deadline.

The relevant department and/ or the International Office will send notifications together with further information within about 6 weeks of the above-mentioned application deadline. The Erasmus Departmental Coordinators will inform the partner institution if additional requirements need to be met or documents submitted.

The International Office sends information to students about accommodation, orientation, language courses, etc. in **mid-June** or **mid-December**, as appropriate.

Language Requirements and German Language Courses

Bachelor's level

German is the main language of instruction for most undergraduate/ bachelor's degree programs. Bachelor's students in most courses will therefore require a minimum level of B1 in German. **Details about German language requirements are found on our [Erasmus+ Departmental Coordinator](#) web page and in the Erasmus Inter-Institutional Agreement.** Please contact the [Erasmus+ Departmental Coordinator](#) for the relevant degree program if there is any doubt.

Master's level

English is often the language of instruction in postgraduate/ master's programs, which usually require at least B1/B2 level. For more information on courses taught in English, please contact the [Erasmus+ Departmental Coordinator](#) for the degree program in question.

Intensive German course before the start of the semester

Intensive German Course Before Starting the Semester:

Winter semester: September 04 to 29, 2025

Level A1–B2, 56 class hours, 4 ECTS credits

Fee for Erasmus students: €200 (standard: €250)

Erasmus students will need to indicate their interest when they apply in Mobility-Online and will receive further information by email about placement and payment.

German language courses during the semester

In-Semester German Language Courses (free of charge):

a) Everyday language courses

A1.1 to B2.2, 4 hours per week, 4 ECTS credits

b) Courses on specific topics

A2.1 to C1.2, 2 hours per week, 2 ECTS credits, free of charge

ECTS credits for all extra-curricular German courses can be included in the Transcript of Records by agreement with the Erasmus Departmental Coordinator. Students should discuss with their Erasmus Coordinator beforehand whether they will recognize the ECTS credits from the German course for the Learning Agreements.

More information on language courses can be found on our [Learning German](#) web page. **The International Office will tell students who have been accepted about the application procedure for all German courses.**

German Department

The German Department (Germanistisches Seminar) teaches German philology and literature; it **does not** offer any German language courses. Students who **do not** study Germanistik (**German Studies and Comparative Literature**) as their main subject are not usually admitted to study Germanistik at our University **unless** this has been agreed with the Erasmus Departmental Coordinators responsible.

Online Learning Agreement Course Information

Online Learning Agreement	Each department has its own person responsible! The University of Bonn uses the Online Learning Agreement (OLA). Students should be sure to enter the correct contact details of the person responsible (please check the Erasmus+ Departmental Coordinators web page) on the Online Learning Agreement. Please note: nobody in the International Office will be the person responsible or point of contact for the Online Learning Agreement.										
Course catalogue	The online course catalogue “BASIS” is available at basis.uni-bonn.de. Please note: students cannot register for courses through “BASIS” before they have enrolled at the University. Students will usually be registered for courses by their Erasmus Departmental Coordinators. Students should contact their Erasmus+ Departmental Coordinators for all questions about courses and degree programs.										
Special English course for exchange students	The International Classroom Bonn seminar series offers undergraduate courses for exchange students that are taught in English. We provide an interdisciplinary range of courses that aim to broaden our incoming students’ academic horizons and that enable them to connect with students outside their field.										
Grading system	The grading system usually comprises five levels (expressed as a number; intermediate grades may be given, e.g. “1-”). The minimum passing grade is <i>sufficient (4)</i>. <table><tbody><tr><td><i>Sehr Gut (1)</i></td><td>Excellent</td></tr><tr><td><i>Gut (2)</i></td><td>Good</td></tr><tr><td><i>Befriedigend (3)</i></td><td>Satisfactory</td></tr><tr><td><i>Ausreichend (4)</i></td><td>Sufficient</td></tr><tr><td><i>Nicht ausreichend (5)</i></td><td>Insufficient/ Fail</td></tr></tbody></table>	<i>Sehr Gut (1)</i>	Excellent	<i>Gut (2)</i>	Good	<i>Befriedigend (3)</i>	Satisfactory	<i>Ausreichend (4)</i>	Sufficient	<i>Nicht ausreichend (5)</i>	Insufficient/ Fail
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Orientation Weeks

Information	Orientation Weeks are an optional three-week program that includes: • Intensive German Course Before Starting the Semester (A1–B2; Monday to Thursday mornings; 4 hours per week, equivalent to 4 ECTS credits) • Welcome Days with information sessions on enrolling, registering with the city authorities, opening a bank account, etc. • Various excursions and social activities
Start date	Orientation Weeks start alternately in March or September
Cost	Fee for Erasmus students: €200 (standard: €250)

Accommodation

Student dormitories	Students can apply to the Studierendenwerk Bonn for a room during their application process in Mobility-Online. Monthly rent: between €300 and €560 (depending on the dormitory and room/ apartment). In all dorms, a starter kit called the “Dorm Basic Set” with basic necessities is available to buy for €60. Please note: the Studierendenwerk Bonn is not part of the University of Bonn, and the International Office cannot influence any decisions it might make.
Private accommodation	As a room in a Studierendenwerk Bonn dormitory cannot be guaranteed, students should search for private accommodation at the same time.
More information	More information on living in Bonn and private housing is available on the Living in Bonn web page.

Formalities

Passport/ID	Students will need a passport or identity card valid for the whole period of their stay.
Visa regulations	EU citizens do not need a visa or mobility permission to study in Bonn. Non-EU citizens are required to check the page of the German Foreign Office to see whether they need a visa. Further information is provided on our planning web page.
Health insurance	In order to enroll, students will need proof of sufficient health insurance that covers their whole time spent studying abroad at our University. a) The European Health Insurance Card (GHIC for UK students or A/T11 for Turkish students) is equivalent to statutory German health insurance. Please contact one of the statutory German health insurance companies, quoting sender number H0001178, to request recognition of your existing insurance policy and get an insurance number. b) Private insurance: students can take out an insurance policy abroad that covers the European area. Please contact one of the statutory German health insurance companies, quoting sender number H0001178, to check if your insurance cover is enough to exempt you from the requirement to take out statutory German health insurance. c) Statutory insurance: if they have not arranged any private insurance or their cover is not sufficient, students can take out statutory German health insurance, which costs around €135–€150 per month. Please contact one of the statutory German health insurance companies, quoting sender number H0001178, to get insured and request an insurance number. Please be aware that students over 30 have to take out private health insurance.

Liability insurance	We recommend that students take out third-party liability insurance to cover any accidental injury or damage caused to other people or property during their stay.
Accident insurance	The <u>semester fee</u> , which students have to pay when enrolling, includes insurance cover for accidents that might occur on their way from the University to their place of residence or on University premises.

Finances

Cost of living	It costs at least €1,000 per month on average to live in Bonn (depending on the cost of accommodation)
Cost of accommodation	Dormitory: €300–€560 per month (depending on the individual dormitory and room/ apartment) Private accommodation: €350–€650 per month
Semester fee	When enrolling at the University of Bonn, all students need to pay a semester fee once per semester. It includes the <u>Deutschlandsemesterticket</u> (ticket for local public transportation in Germany). Note: this is NOT a tuition fee. All students have to pay this fee.

Welcome and Social Activities

Study Buddy Program	The <u>Study Buddy Program</u> matches newly arrived international students (mentees) with a “buddy,” i.e. a student from Bonn who can help them get started with their studies and get used to life in Bonn. Student volunteers from Bonn give international students advice and assistance and help them get off to a good start at university and in Bonn.
Erasmus Student Network	The <u>Erasmus Student Network</u> at the University of Bonn organises a lot of events during the term and helps Erasmus students to settle in Bonn. Students can join their Facebook group “ <u>Erasmus Student Network Bonn</u> ”.
International Club	The <u>International Club</u> of the University of Bonn is a meeting place for German and international students as well as doctoral candidates at the University of Bonn. During the lecture period, the club puts on a wide range of exciting events where students can meet new people and get to know other cultures.
BONNEWS Newsletter	Published every two weeks, this newsletter for international students includes updates on the latest event tips, excursion destinations, job offers and career-related information (<u>subscribe</u>).

INCLUSIVE Studying

Information	<u>Studying with disabilities or chronic illnesses</u> web page
Contact	Marion Becker, Representative for Students with Disabilities and Chronic Illnesses, studium-inklusive@uni-bonn.de
Accommodation	The Studierendenwerk Bonn has a few rooms and apartments for students with special needs. As there is a limited number of such rooms, students are advised to get in touch with the International Office (housing@uni-bonn.de) and the Studierendenwerk Bonn (wohnen@studierendenwerk-bonn.de) well in advance so that they can support their application accordingly.
Accessibility	The University of Bonn is not based on one single campus but spread throughout the city of Bonn. However, similar subjects are usually concentrated <u>in the same area</u> . As many institutes and departments are located in older buildings, not all of them are barrier-free. Students are therefore advised to get in touch with us before their arrival for further information.
Studying and learning support	• Special conditions and support in the various libraries • Specially equipped room for taking exams, including reading devices for visually handicapped students • Mentoring (on request) Special conditions for exams (e.g. a different form of exam, more time, permission to use aids, etc.) can be arranged depending on an individual's disability level and needs. Students should discuss this well in advance with either their <u>Erasmus+ Departmental Coordinator</u> or the University's representative for students with disabilities.