

FAQs on *FdIS*

1. What are the aims and contents of *FdIS*?

The *FdIS* („Förderung der Integration in das Studium“) program is meant to offer suitable refugees, in a largely non-bureaucratic way and free of charge, the opportunity of taking up a “pre-study” course at the University of Bonn, which prepares them for possible enrolment to studies and integrates them into the academic environment. This will in part be accomplished by opening admission to courses in participating areas of study without previous explicit clarification of the admission to studies (note: a participation is not possible for applicants in Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutics!).

Furthermore, it will be possible to take part in examinations, the results of which could be credited after formal enrolment into the respective course of studies, later on. A further item of the program is an intensive German language course on an advanced learning level (starting from completed level B1) that prepares for the mandatory German university admission language exam, DSH. Apart from this there will be a course in German Culture and Civilization as well as mandatory intercultural training. Participation in the *FdIS* program is, however, **no guarantee for later enrolment to studies!**

The program is laid out for about 40 participants per semester of which 30 can be German learners.

2. What is the structure of *FdIS* and is there an obligation to attend all of the *FdIS* components or modules?

FdIS amounts to **24 hours** of attendance **per week** during 14 semester weeks (minimum) in courses and ancillary measures of the program. The program begins with the start of the respective semester. With registration for the program a declaration of commitment will have to be signed that ensures regular and complete participation in the program modules. (See question No. 10)

FdIS comprises the following components/modules:

- **8 hrs. participation in university courses in the chosen study subjects**, alternatively a 2 hrs. tutorial or seminar on study strategies can be chosen
- **12 hrs. German tuition from a starting level of completed B1**
- **4 hrs. German Culture and Civilization**
- **Additional intercultural training** as a block course
- **Academic counseling**
- **For clarifying formal admissibility to studies, if necessary:** participation in TestAS
- Attendance in events of the current program for international students which a character **helping the integration** into the study environment.

3. Who can attend the *FdIS* program and what are the criteria of acceptance?

FdIS focusses on refugees who are registered in Bonn and surrounding communities and who have a residence permit there for an extended period (minimum of 6 months). The applicants must prove a German language proficiency of at least level B1, should preferably have a higher education entrance qualification and be interested in a study subject that is offered by the University of Bonn:

- **Proof of refugee status or of the status of having a right of asylum** (prospective residence period of at least 6 months)
- **Certificate proving a German language proficiency of at least level B1** (preferably certificates from language teaching institutions or schools)
- **Online placement test** administered by the International Office
- **Residence / registration in Bonn** or surroundings (Niederkassel, Troisdorf, Siegburg, Hennef, Sankt Augustin, Bornheim, Alfter, Swisttal, Euskirchen, Rheinbach, Meckenheim, Wachtberg, Königswinter, Bad Honnef, Unkel, Remagen, Grafschaft, Linz, Sinzig, Bad Breisig und Altenahr)
- **Higher education entrance qualification**, if not available this qualification will have to be proved during the participation in *FdIS*.
- The requested **study subject must be offered by the University of Bonn** (not possible for applications in Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutics!).

4. How and when is an application for *FdIS* possible?

FdIS starts with the beginning of the respective semester, for the summer semester in the middle of April and for the winter semester in the middle of October.

The application deadline for the summer semester ends on 28. February!

The application deadline for the winter semester ends on 31. August!

If you are interested in *FdIS* and if you fulfill the acceptance criteria (see question 3), please submit your complete application documents, including the contact form, to the address stated below.

Universität Bonn
Hicham Boutouil
Dezernat Internationales – Abt. 6.3
Poppelsdorfer Allee 53
53115 Bonn
or via email: studium.fluechtlinge@uni-bonn.de

Afterwards we will contact you due to the selection decision and/or an invitation for an exploratory talk.

Your documents will be screened for plausibility in cooperation with the enrolment office. Thereafter a decision will be made on whether you are eligible for participation in the **FdIS** program.

Please submit, in addition to the [contact form](#), the following application documents:

- Copy of your passport or other identifying document giving official proof of your refugee status
- Copy of a language certificate on level B1
- Copy of your residence permit showing the city/place of residence
- Copy of your admission to study or of further documents like school leaving certificate etc.

• **5. Which German language proficiency level is necessary?**

For participation in the **FdIS** program you must be able to prove a German language proficiency level of completed B1 by

- a. Certificate B1 of the Goethe-Institut or telc
- b. or at least a B1 certificate of a language school
- c. Online placement test administered by the International Office

6. Which courses of study can be chosen in the context of *FdIS* and which tests and examinations can be taken?

The opportunity of participation in study courses depends on your choice of academic field and the offerings by the participating fields of study. In close coordination with the program coordinator and the lecturers your participation in the possible courses will be discussed. This happens by individual arrangement and is also true for tests and examinations.

This also means that, after a later, official enrolment for studies, you could get credit for your academic work during **FdIS**. You decide explicitly which results of your work during **FdIS** you want to be credited and which ones not. The registration of sub-optimal results can be avoided.

7. Will you be enrolled during participation in *FdIS* at the University of Bonn and will you receive a student ID?

There will be no enrolment as a student during the *FdIS* period. However, you will be provided a special identity card as a registered participant of *FdIS*. You get admission to the university libraries and to the student cafeteria. Moreover you can open a computer account with the university computer center (HRZ). This provides you with PC access at the HRZ and with a university of Bonn e-mail-address. For setting up your account you will have to contact the info point of the HRZ in person (exact instructions will be given at the beginning of the program).

8. Will there be insurance coverage during *FdIS* participation?

FdIS does not come with insurance coverage.

9. What is charged for *FdIS* participation?

Participation in *FdIS* is free of charge. However, costs can be incurred for local public transportation.

10. Will a certificate of participation be issued at the end of the program?

On registration for *FdIS* you will have to sign a declaration of commitment, declaring your regular attendance in the German classes and the further modules. After regular attendance you can receive a certificate of participation.

If, during the *FdIS* program you take TestAS or pass the DSH you will also receive the respective certificate.

11. Is there any guarantee for enrolment for participants of *FdIS* and is admission to *FdIS* equal to a substitute for an application to studies?

FdIS aims at helping the integration into the local academic environment and at achieving language proficiency and academic capability levels which make a successful application for a chosen study program possible. **The successful participation does, however, not entitle to enrolment in the University of Bonn or replace the formal application for studies.**