Willkommen! Welcome! Benvenuto! Bienvenue! Serdecznie witamy! Hoşgeldiniz!

Dear Erasmus student!

We are delighted to see that you have chosen to spend your studies abroad as part of the Erasmus+ programme at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn.

Bonn is an excellent choice. You have decided to study at one of Germany’s largest and leading universities. Looking back at 200 years of history, the university enjoys an excellent reputation both nationally and internationally. Approximately 38,000 students are currently registered here, including more than 5,000 foreign students from approximately 140 countries, adding to its international atmosphere.

This guide will help you to quickly find your way around in Bonn and at the university after your arrival. We hope that it will prove to be an invaluable companion, especially during your first days and weeks in Bonn.

Please read this guide thoroughly and refer to it if you are looking for answers to your questions, in particular the following chapters:

B Formalities upon your arrival

C Studying at the University of Bonn

and refer to this website for further information www.erasmus.uni-bonn.de

We welcome you to the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität and the city of Bonn! We wish you a pleasant and successful time at our university.

Your Erasmus Team at the International Office

Erasmus+
Content

Introduction

A General Information about Bonn and the University
   4 Bonn – Federal City on the Rhine
   5 Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn

B Formalities upon your Arrival
   7 Housing
   9 Enrollment
  12 Registering with the Authorities
  15 Other important Formalities: Opening a Bank Account, Working

C Studying at the University of Bonn
   16 Erasmus Departmental Coordinators
   17 Organising Your Studies
   18 Learning German
   20 Certificate of International Competence
D Facilities at the University of Bonn
21 Libraries
23 Computers and the Internet
24 Student Canteen (Mensa)
25 Getting Advice

E Student Life at the University of Bonn
26 Sports
26 International and Intercultural Activities
27 Student Representative Bodies
28 Cultural Activities
29 Religious Communities

F Life in and around Bonn
30 Getting around on a Budget
31 Culture and Leisure
33 Regional Attractions
34 Further Useful Information: Shopping, Recycling System, Mobile Phones
36 Health: Doctors, Hospitals, Emergency Numbers
Behind the city of Bonn’s many faces are 2,000 years of lively history: Germany’s United Nations City, capital city for more than four decades, Beethoven’s city, university city.

The Romans founded “Castra Bonnensis” between 13 and 9 B.C. The fortified camp quickly evolved into a settlement, the “Villa Basilica”, centred around the city’s cathedral (“Münster”), became a fortified city and was chosen as the town of residence for the prince electors and archbishops of Cologne. The composer Ludwig van Beethoven, the city’s most famous son, was born here in 1770 and his birthplace can still be visited. Due to the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität and its beautiful surroundings, Bonn rose to be a romantic university city, an intellectual venue and one of the richest cities of Prussia in the 19th century.

In Germany, Bonn is associated with successful democratic renewal, thriving federalism, and European integration. The Federal Republic of Germany was founded in Bonn in 1949, with Bonn as its federal capital. In 1991, the German Parliament voted to relocate several governmental departments and agencies as well as Parliament itself from Bonn to Berlin. Since this relocation, Bonn has undergone a remarkable development. As a result of its 40 years of experience as the federal capital, Bonn is Germany’s second political centre and also an important location for international collaboration.

With these experiences, Bonn has developed a new, independent profile: as headquarters for global companies in such promising areas as telecommunication, logistics, and renewable energies, as the center of a renowned scientific community and last but not least as Germany’s UN City. The city is home to nineteen UN organizations as well as approximately 150 international and non-governmental organizations and is host town to many international conventions (such as several World Climate Summits, the UN conference “Rebuild Afghanistan – Peace and Stability” in 2001 and the UN Convention on Biological Diversity).

The UN Campus in Bonn represents a visible symbol of this development. In July 2006, Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel handed the new branch of the United Nations over to the former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan.

With about 325,000 citizens, Bonn now has more inhabitants than in 1991, a modern economic structure, one of the lowest unemployment rates in North Rhine-Westphalia, and what is more, it still maintains its above-average rate of purchasing power. The birth rate is high, and most inhabitants of Bonn are well-qualified and multilingual. With people from 177 different countries living here, more than 14% of the inhabitants have a foreign passport.
As a ‘compact city’, Bonn combines the conveniences of a medium-sized centre with those of a metropolis. A rich cultural life and the city’s beautiful surroundings provide ideal conditions for an exciting and enriching student life.
The university also plays a large role in defining Bonn's cityscape: its institutes and clinics can be found in various parts of the town at five major locations:

► **Campus City**: The Main Building, which houses the two faculties of Theology, the Faculty of Arts and the part of the university's administration, is situated in the city centre, along with the Juridicum and the University Library.

► **Campus Endenich and Campus Poppelsdorf**: Most departments belonging to the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences and the Faculty of Agriculture have their premises in the municipal districts Endenich and Poppelsdorf.

► **Bonn-Venusberg**: The clinics belonging to the Faculty of Medicine are situated in a hospital complex on the “Venusberg”.

► **Campus Klein-Altendorf**: The Faculty of Agriculture’s teaching and research facilities are located here.

The university’s **botanic garden** is one of the world’s oldest, containing a huge variety of species. Among the wonders to be found in its eleven greenhouses – the “living museums” – are waterlilies whose leaves can weigh up to 80 kg.

Further information: www.uni-bonn.de/die-universitaet; www.uni-bonn.de/studium

---

The university’s **international orientation in research and teaching** is drawn from a longstanding tradition. The University of Bonn has always attracted eminent scholars and promising students from all over the world. Today, international degree programmes, the university’s exchange programmes and cooperation with its worldwide academic partner institutions ensure that Bonn will continue to attract international students and researchers.

German and international students can choose from numerous international Bachelor, Master and PhD programmes which are either partially or entirely taught in English. Approximately 13% or 4,500 of our students come from 140 nations all over the world – among these about 300 Erasmus exchange students and 200 students who participate in one of the overseas exchange programmes a year.

Together with approx. 700 German students who study abroad in one of the university’s exchange programmes or an international scholarship programme, they benefit from the university’s cooperation agreements with approx. 300 Erasmus partner universities from 31 European countries as well as with more than 40 partner universities in North and Latin America, Australia, Japan, South Korea, China, Taiwan and Singapore. Thus, you are very likely to meet fellow students from all over the world during your studies with us. Take the opportunity to experience the various opportunities for intercultural exchange for example in the International Club of the International Office, through participating in the Certificate of International Competence (see also C), in the student canteen (Mensa), the student dormitories, during a lecture, while doing sports (Hochschulsport) or in a student organization such as the Erasmus Student Network (ESN).
**Tenancy Contract and Moving In**

You will have to enter into a tenancy contract both for privately rented rooms and rooms in student dormitories. Within the contract, all important tenancy conditions are regulated, above all the cost of rent, utilities and the deposit, as well as the length of contract and period of notice required.

- Pay special attention that the tenancy contract reflects the **correct lease term** before you sign the contract.

Please read through your rental contract very carefully, especially if you are renting privately, and ask if there's anything you do not understand.

**Moving into a student dormitory**

You can only move into a student dormitory after signing the tenancy contract. The tenancy contract either has already been sent to you by mail before your arrival or you will have to sign it upon your arrival in the Accommodation Office of the Studierendenwerk.

The student dormitories’ caretakers will facilitate your moving in. They are only available from Monday to Friday before 4 p.m.

- **Important:** If you notice apparent defects in your room upon moving in (e.g. damaged furniture, defective lamps, dirt) inform the caretaker at once so that these defects will not be attributed to you on moving out and can be remedied as soon as possible.

**Term of lease**

- **Period of notice**

Upon signing, be especially aware of the tenancy contract reflecting the correct month in which you want to move out or correct it accordingly in order to avoid paying rent for longer than expected, as the regular period of notice is three months before the end of term.

**Studierendenwerk Bonn**

To sign the tenancy contract upon arrival, please go to Studierendenwerk Bonn, Wohnheimverwaltung, Nassestraße 11, 53113 Bonn
Office hours: Mon, Tue and Thu: 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and Thu: 2 p.m.–4 p.m.

For further questions, international students living in dormitories of Studierendenwerk can also turn to the Service Point for International Students. Appointments can be made by email.
Email: internationales@studierendenwerk-bonn.de
Phone: (0228) 73 4702

**Residence assistants for international students (Ausländertutoren)**

In the student dormitories of the Studierendenwerk you can turn to residence assistants for international students (so called Ausländertutoren) with questions or problems you might have concerning your dormitory. These are students helping international students on a voluntary basis. They are also contact persons upon your arrival.

**Rent and Deposit**

Upon signing the contract, you are also required to pay a deposit, and if you move in directly, the 1st month’s rent as well.
Rent and Deposit

It is customary in Germany to pay rent for a full month even if you move in during the month. If you have a room in a student dormitory, from the second month on at the latest, rent will be collected per direct debit from your bank account. Therefore, you have to grant the Studierendenwerk a direct debit authorisation (Einzugsermächtigung).

Moving out

You have to leave your room or flat on the last day of the lease term stated in your tenancy contract at the latest. Should the term of lease not be correct in the contract, please remember to give notice within the period of notice stated in the contract (usually 3 months in advance).

Rooms and flats have to be turned over in a clean and orderly state (clean-swept); private landlords may call for renovation. If everything is in order, your deposit will be returned to you. Should there be apparent defects, costs, e.g. for cleaning or renovation, may be deducted from your deposit.

Make sure to settle the terms for returning your deposit with your private landlord before departure.

Appointment with the caretaker

Before moving out of a dormitory of the Studierendenwerk: Make an appointment with your caretaker, who will check your room and collect your keys to your room. At latest, this has to take place on the last weekday (Mon–Fri) before moving out. Please remember to make this appointment early enough.

Return of deposit

Your deposit will be transferred to your bank account within about eight weeks of handing over your room to the caretaker (for foreign bank accounts a fee for foreign bank transfers will be deducted). You can also have it paid out in cash during the opening hours of the accommodation office of the Studierendenwerk (see above).

Short-term Accommodation

If you come to Bonn before you can move into your dormitory room (e.g. before the first of the month, or if you arrive after hours/late), you might need a place to sleep.

These addresses might prove useful:

**Jugendgästehaus Venusberg (Youth Hostel)**
Haager Weg 42, 53127 Bonn
Phone: (0228) 289970
Fax: (0228) 2899714
email: bonn@jugendherberge.de
www.jugendherberge.de/jh/bonn

**Max Hostel**
Maxstraße 7, 53111 Bonn
Phone: (0228) 823 45 78 0
email: info@max-hostel.de
www.max-hostel.de

**Base Camp**
In der Raste 1, 53129 Bonn
Phone: (0228) 9349 4955
www.basecamp-bonn.de/

**Hostel 45**
Kölnstraße 45, 53111 Bonn
Phone: (0228) 8425 1116
www.hostel45.de
### Enrollment

In order to study at the University of Bonn, you will have to enroll at the beginning of the semester.

#### During Welcome Week

Enrollment takes place during Welcome Week, one week before the semester starts (October/April). It is **not** possible to enroll individually before Welcome Week.

#### Late Arrivals

If you do not participate in Welcome Week and arrive later, enrollment will take place at the Registrar’s Office (Studierendensekretariat).

#### Registrar’s Office (Studierendensekretariat)

**Studierendensekretariat**  
Poppelsdorfer Allee 49, 53115 Bonn  
Office hours:  
- Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–12 p.m.  
- Thu 1:30 p.m.–3 p.m.

#### Documents for Enrollment

**For enrollment, you will need:**
- completed enrollment form (will be handed out during Welcome Week or at the Registrar’s Office (Studierendensekretariat)
- identity card / passport
- Health Insurance Certificate or in case of private insurance, exemption certificate (Befreiungsbescheinigung)

#### Health Insurance Certificate

To receive the health insurance certificate hand in your European health insurance card or AT 11 form (for Turkey) at a health insurance company.

For **private health insurance**, the public health insurance company will issue an **exemption certificate** (Befreiungsbescheinigung) if your insurance meets the requirements.

If your (private) health insurance does not have sufficient coverage in Germany, you have to obtain health insurance with a health insurance company of your choice right after your arrival in Bonn. (approx. € 75 per month).

#### Issuance during Welcome Week

A representative of a public health insurance company will be present during Welcome Week and will issue a health insurance certificate or an exemption certificate to you.

#### Issuance for independent arrivals

Should you arrive independently, you will have to go to one of the following public health insurance companies in order to be issued the health insurance certificate or the exemption certificate.

**Only then** you can enroll at the Registrar’s Office (Studierendensekretariat) (see above).
Social Fee

Upon enrollment, you will receive a bank transfer form for the social fee (Semesterbeitrag) which all students of the University of Bonn have to pay. This is not an enrollment or tuition fee.

The social fee is about €290 and is comprised of:

- the Semesterticket: valid for public transport in Bonn and the surrounding area (VRS) as well as regional trains and short-range public transport within North Rhine-Westphalia (for the duration of one semester)
- a membership fee for the student representative bodies (general students’ committee, departmental student association)
- a fee towards student social institutions and the Studierendenwerk which operates the student canteens (Mensa) and cafeterias as well as the dormitories
- a fee towards university sports (Hochschulsport), which students use free of charge (with some exceptions)
- insurance coverage for accidents that occur within university grounds

You should pay the social fee as soon as possible. Only then, after about 1–2 weeks, will you receive your official student ID, which acts as your Semesterticket, too.

Remember to include your student ID number as a reference in your bank transfer.

Student ID

Upon enrollment, you will first be issued a provisional student ID which also includes a provisional Semesterticket. It is valid for four weeks.

Your final student ID and semester ticket will be sent directly from the Registrar’s Office (Studierendensekretariat) to your address in Bonn within approx. two weeks of receiving your social fee.

In case you have not received your Student ID within this period, please inquire at the information desk of the Registrar’s Office (Service-Punkt des Studierendensekretariats).
“Service-Punkt” at the Registrar’s Office

Service-Punkt im Studierendensekretariat
Poppelsdorfer Allee 49, First Floor
53115 Bonn
Office hours: Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

You should always carry your student ID with you. For example, you need your student ID to obtain a university library card and to register for university sports classes. You pay a reduced rate in the student canteen and you can also receive fee reductions at many theatres, museums, cinemas, etc.

Semesterticket

At the same time your student ID is a ticket for the public transport system within the VRS region or North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW). You can find out more about the ticket in “Getting around on a Budget”.

Validity

Please note that that your student ID (and Semesterticket) is only valid in combination with an ID with a picture on it, hence you should always carry a valid ID or passport with you, too.

Your student ID (and Semesterticket) is valid from:
1st October – 31st March (winter semester)
1st April – 30th September (summer semester)

If you are staying for 2 Semesters: Re-registration

If you are staying at the university for a second semester, you will have to re-register. This re-registration (Rückmeldung) is accomplished by paying the social fee (see above) via bank transfer.

Remember to include your student ID number as reference in your bank transfer.
If you are staying for 2 Semesters: Re-registration

Once you have paid the entire sum, your new student ID is sent to the address you provided upon enrollment. You can change this address via the BASIS-portal.

| Re-registration for the summer semester: | by the end of February |
| Dispatch of the new student ID: | at the end of January |

Registering with the Authorities

After moving into your dormitory or your apartment and signing your tenancy contract, you need to register with the City of Bonn within two weeks upon your arrival.

You will be given the opportunity to do this during Welcome Week.

Should you arrive independently, make an appointment for registration at the Stadthaus Bonn (City Hall) directly after moving in. There are different ways for doing this:

► The easiest way is to find an appropriate time slot in their online portal.
► It is also possible to make an appointment in the Stadthaus in person.

You should do either of these early in the morning! New time slots are published online daily at 7:45 a.m.. From 8 a.m. onwards you can make an appointment via telephone. Be prepared for long waiting times when appearing in person or when making the appointment via the phone! It is best to try to find a time slot online at 7:45 a.m., you can also check again in the early afternoon!

Alternatively, you can register in the Bürgerämter Bad Godesberg, Bonn Beuel or Bonn Hardtberg. In these cases, you can only make the appointment online.

If you find accommodation outside of Bonn, ask your landlord at which registration office you will have to register.

To register, you will need:

► completed application form
► completed landlord’s confirmation of residency (Wohnungsgeberbestätigung)
► valid ID (identity card, passport)

Please keep copies of the registration certificate. You will need them, e.g. for getting a library card and for opening a bank account.
**Deregistration with the City of Bonn**

Before you leave Bonn for good you must deregister with the City of Bonn (or with your local authorities, if you do not live in Bonn) in the registration office.

Again, make an appointment for this **early enough**, using the [online portal](www.bonn.de) (see above). Deregistration is possible **within two weeks** of departure. If you do not need a proof of deregistration, you can also send the deregistration form by post or throw it in the postbox at Stadthaus.

**To deregister, you will need:**
- completed deregistration form (Abmeldeformular)
- valid ID (identity card, passport), deregistration by post: copy of your ID

**Registration Office (Meldebehörde) in the Stadthaus (Bürgeramt)**

Berliner Platz 2, 53111 Bonn (Subway and tram station: Stadthaus)
Phone: (0228) 776677
Office hours: Mon and Thu 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Tue, Wed and Fri 8 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Fees for Radio and Television (Rundfunkbeitrag)**

For every flat or dormitory room, a **license fee** of €17.50/month has to be paid to the Beitragsservice. In Germany, all public service broadcasting programmes (as opposed to privately owned commercial broadcasting stations) are financed with this fee. After having registered at the city’s registry office, it can be checked whether the fee is being paid for your room/flat. If this is not the case a fine will follow. If you are sharing a flat, the fee only needs to be paid once and not by each person living there.

Please register and deregister at: [www.rundfunkbeitrag.de](http://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de)
[www.erasmus.uni-bonn.de](http://www.erasmus.uni-bonn.de) ▶ Frequently asked questions, section “Life in Bonn”

**Registering with the Immigration Office**

Students with non-EU nationality

Erasmus-students from countries which are **not** part of the EU/EEA have to apply for a **German residence permit (eAT)** at the Immigration Office, if they wish to stay in Bonn for more than three months. No registration with the Immigration Office is necessary for those who already have a visa for the entire duration of their stay.
Registering with the Authorities

You have to make an appointment with the Immigration Office online in order to apply for an eAT within three months of your residence: www.bonn.de/online_formulare/termin_auslaenderamt
www.erasmus.uni-bonn.de

Alternatively, you can make an appointment by phone, see contact details below. If you do not reside in Bonn, apply to your local authorities.

For your application, you will need the following documents:

- application form (available at the Immigration Office)
- Identity card / passport and a visa, if necessary
- a passport picture according to biometric specifications
- health insurance certificate or exemption certificate (see Enrollment)
- proof of enrollment at the University of Bonn (e.g. provisional student ID)
- a copy of the city of Bonn’s registration certificate
- proof of your Erasmus grant (issued by your home university)
- documents to prove financial security while studying in Bonn. This could entail, for example, your Erasmus grant and a confirmation letter of support from your parents (see example below)

As a rule, €735 per month is required as proof of financial soundness.

Please note: The International Office at the University of Bonn cannot issue any proof of your financial situation. For Erasmus students, the eAT is issued free of charge. Students from Switzerland will have to pay a fee since Switzerland does not participate in the Erasmus programme (<24 years old about €23; >24 years old about €29).

**Bestätigung über Unterhaltsleistung**

City, Date

Meine Tochter/Mein Sohn [your name], geboren am [date of birth TT.MM.YYYY] in [place of birth], erhält von mir eine monatliche Unterhaltsleistung in Höhe von [monthly amount given to you by your parent/guardian] Euro.

Signature
Date, address

During the first weeks of the semester the International Office of the University of Bonn offers an information event on how to apply for an eAT. You will receive information about this via e-mail.

Immigration Office (Ausländeramt der Stadt Bonn)
Oxfordstraße 19 (Subway and tram station: Stadthaus)
53111 Bonn
Phone: (0228) 77 60 00; Mon – Thur: 8 a.m.– 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.; Fri: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Other Important Formalities

Opening a Bank Account

We recommend opening a personal bank account with a local bank soon after your arrival. Your social fee (see Enrollment) or your rent can only be paid via bank transfer. You will also need an account to make transactions that need to be made on a regular basis, for example for your telephone line, utility bills or health insurance (e.g. by standing order or direct debit authorization).

Students can generally open a bank account free of charge. However, please inquire about the exact conditions at the bank of your choice.

To open a bank account, you must present the following:

► identity card / passport
► a copy of the city of Bonn’s registration certificate (see Registering with the Authorities)
► your (preliminary) student ID (see Enrollment)
► some money to deposit

Working/ Internships

Students who are EU- and EFTA nationals have unrestricted access to the German job market and are treated like German students. This also applies to internships. These students (as well as students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey and Tunisia) need to take out a German public health insurance (monthly fee approx. 75,-) once they take up a paid (part-time) employment (also so-called mini-jobs).

Non-EU/EFTA nationals

Students without EU/EFTA-nationality only have a restricted work permit during their stay in Germany.

► Without a work permit, you may work:
  – 120 full days or 240 half days per year
  – or as a student assistant for the university up to 19 hrs per week

This will be entered into your work permit by the Immigration Office.

► In all other cases, permission by the Immigration Office has to be sought before taking a job. You will have to have a description of the kind of work you wish to do (i.e. your employer has to explain why he wants to hire you). With this document, you can apply for a work permit or for a change in your current work permit of your visa in your passport. The Immigration Office usually has to seek approval of the Employment Office (Agentur für Arbeit). This work permit is only valid for this one job and is subject to your residence permit.

Inquire about the necessary documents with the Immigration Office before applying.

► The regulations mentioned above also apply to optional internships that would exceed a duration of three months within a time period of 12 months (120-day rule, see above).
Regardless of nationality, you will need a tax identification number if you wish to work. This will be issued to you automatically if you fill in the field “Lohnsteuerklasse” (usually it is 1 for singles) when registering with the city. If you have not received a tax identification number, please inquire with the registration office of the City of Bonn (or with your local authorities, if you do not live in Bonn). (see Registration with the Authorities)

You will have to pay social security contributions and taxes for an income from professional activity exceeding 19 hours a week or if the income exceeds €450 a month. This is usually taken care of by your employer.

Erasmus Departmental Coordinators

The Erasmus departmental coordinator of your study programme and their staff members are your most important contact persons. You apply to them for all questions concerning your studies at the University of Bonn, e.g. choice of classes, admission to classes, ECTS points, examinations, changes of the Learning Agreement, general questions concerning the department.

They will also provide you with:
► the signature for your Learning Agreement
► your Transcript of Records
► a signature for your Confirmation of Arrival (this can also be signed by the International Office during Welcome Week) and your Confirmation of Stay.

You have probably already had contact with your Erasmus departmental coordinator before arrival and met him or her during Welcome Week.

You can find the list of the Erasmus departmental coordinators at: www.erasmus.uni-bonn.de
## Organising Your Studies

### Modules
The Bachelor and Master degree courses consist of **modules**. The modules cover thematic courses (e.g. lectures plus tutorial plus seminar). Erasmus students may be allowed to take only one part of a module. Please discuss further details with your Erasmus departmental coordinator and the module coordinator.

### Online Course Catalogue “BASIS”
You find detailed information on classes at the University of Bonn at the online **course catalogue**, called BASIS.

You can sort classes based on criteria such as language. This is also where you can see whether a class was dropped or in which room or lecture hall a class takes place.

### Instructions for finding classes in English
At the beginning of each semester, you may also get a printed version at (various) book stores.

### Module guide
Individual departments provide a **module guide** or an **annotated course catalogue** which lists more information about the modules and credits; these are often available online as well at the department’s website. If that is not the case, ask your Erasmus departmental coordinator.

### Course Registration
Since you need a university account (which you will only receive after **enrollment**) to register for courses, Erasmus students cannot register for classes using BASIS on their own before their arrivals. Usually, their **Erasmus departmental coordinator** can help with registrations.

Please enquire with the Erasmus departmental coordinator of your degree course and their staff members concerning regulations on registration and registration criteria for modules, courses, lectures and practical laboratory courses.

### Learning Agreement
Based on a **Learning Agreement**, you should decide which classes you are going to take before your arrival in Bonn. After your arrival, however, discussing your individual timetable with your Erasmus departmental coordinator is also highly recommended!

### Examinations
Information on the respective examinations is available in the online course catalogue (BASIS). You can also ask your lecturer.

Erasmus students may be allowed to take only one part of a module in an examination ("Teilmodulprüfung"). Sometimes there are special examinations or requirements for Erasmus students.

Please discuss further details with your Erasmus departmental coordinator or lecturer.
When you have passed a module through an examination at the end of the course you will automatically receive credit points which can be certified in your Transcript of Records. Usually, Erasmus students will obtain a separate transcript from their Erasmus departmental coordinator.

eCampus, an electronic teaching and learning platform, is an important addition to the online course catalogue (BASIS). Many instructors make use of eCampus in order to provide additional study-related material and communicate relevant information to their students.

In order to register to eCampus, you will need a university account (see Computers and the Internet), which you will usually receive within 14 days of paying your social fee (see Enrollment).

Classes either start at the stated time (s.t. = sine tempore) or 15 minutes later (c.t. = cum tempore, also known as the “akademisches Viertel”, or academic quarter of an hour). Be aware of the chosen variant which is listed in the announcement.

You can find an overview of frequently used terms at the university here: www.uni-bonn.de/studium/im-studium/studienstart/uni-abc

Additional useful information about studying at the University of Bonn may be found in the study guide (“Studienkompass”): www.uni-bonn.de/studium ► Im Studium ► Zum Portal ► Studienstart

On behalf of the International Office, “ProIntegration e.V.” offers German classes during the semester from level A2 to B2 (4 lessons per week). Placement in these classes will be subject to the results of your online placement test, which you are required to hand in with your application.

No A1 level starter courses are offered!

Fee ► about € 80 (classes are subsidized with Erasmus funds). You will have to pay this fee during Welcome Week or during the first week of the semester.
► The classes begin in the fourth week of the semester
Learning German

Registration

You can only register for these classes before arrival. Since only a limited number of places in these classes is available, it is “first come, first served”.

We will let you know before the beginning of your stay whether you have been assigned a German class. At the same time, you will receive information on level, place and time of the class.

Conditions of participation

1. With your application to the class, you agree to participate regularly.
   - You cannot get a certificate of attendance if you miss more than four sessions.
2. It is not possible to switch to another class before classes begin! Only the respective lecturer can decide this after classes commence!
3. The fee can only be refunded during the first two weeks of the semester if you cannot participate in the German language class because of an overlap with important classes in your department. This needs to be confirmed by your Erasmus departmental coordinator (an e-mail is sufficient).

ECTS-credits

Since our language courses are a supplementary offer to your academic studies in Bonn by “ProIntegration e.V.”, you cannot officially receive ECTS credits. However, we will state on your language course certificate that completion of the course would equal 3 ECTS credits. Your Erasmus departmental coordinator is free to include these credits on your transcript.

Courses Starting at C1-level at the SLZ

Students with C1/C2 level can register for one of the free language classes “German as a foreign language” (Deutsch als Fremdsprache) of the Sprachlernzentrum (SLZ). (B2+, C1, C2). These classes comprise 5 hours a week and end with an examination. You can officially receive 6 ECTS credits for these classes.

Registration and placement

The SLZ offers a placement test to newly arrived Erasmus students during the first two weeks of semester to determine their German language level.

After completing the language test successfully, please do not forget to register for a class on your level. Places will be awarded due to availability. You are not automatically entitled to a place in one of these classes even if you meet the requirements.

Students studying in Bonn for a second term can register for these classes via BASIS using their university ID and can take the language test online via eCampus.

Information

www.ikm.uni-bonn.de/sprachlernzentrum ➤ Sprachmodule ➤ Programm Semester

Sprachlernzentrum
Lennéstraße 6
53113 Bonn
Language Tandem

Students who wish to improve their German language skills by meeting native German speakers can apply for a Language Tandem. Thus a nice afternoon at a café can add to your vocabulary and enrich a mutual cultural understanding.

Information

Language tandem programmes are offered by:

- Sprachlernzentrum: www.ikm.uni-bonn.de/sprachlernzentrum/selbstgesteuertes-lernen/tandem
  email: sprachtandem@slz.uni-bonn.de.
- Language tandem of the ASTA: www.asta-bonn.de/sprachtandem.html

Certificate of International Competence

The University of Bonn awards students engaged in extra-curricular activities and intercultural exchange the Certificate of International Competence. This is awarded to students who attend extra-curricular language courses, lectures or seminars related to an international topic, and who promote intercultural exchange between German and international students for instance by participating in international societies like the Erasmus Student Network Bonn (ESN).

Both German and international students at the University of Bonn can take as many semesters as necessary to complete their Certificate of International Competence during their studies in Bonn.

Components

In order to get the certificate, three of four of the following components have to be completed:

- Studying or Research at the University of Bonn
- Language courses and lecture series with an international focus
- Active participation in international projects or student associations
- Intercultural trainings and international lectures

Further information

Concerning registration and contents as well as advice about the certificate:
www.zertifikat.uni-bonn.de
The University of Bonn has a two-layered library system. This is to say that there is no single central main university library providing all literature, but that the literary collections are spread around the city both physically and organizationally, divided into the main library (ULB) and the departmental libraries. Terms of use may vary among these organizational units.

**University and State Library (ULB)**

- **Main Library**
  - Adenauer Allee 39–41
  - 53113 Bonn

  This library features literature on almost every academic subject, but its main focus is on the literature of the two theological faculties, the Faculty of Arts as well as the Faculty of Law and Economics. Apart from a few exceptions, most books can be borrowed for a certain period of time, as well as checked out for copying.

- **Library for Medicine, Sciences and Agriculture (Abteilungsbibliothek MNL)**
  - Nußallee 15a
  - 53115 Bonn

  In the Library for Medicine, Sciences and Agriculture (MNL) you can find literature on medicine, natural sciences, computer science and agriculture.

**Obtaining a library card**

In order to use the services of the ULB/MNL, you need a library card. To obtain a library card, you have to register at the library’s front desk (Mon–Fr. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.). Please bring:

- your student ID
- identity card/passport and a copy of the city of Bonn’s registration certificate

**Guided tours**

At the beginning of each semester, the university library offers guided tours to help you find your way around the library. Please make sure to participate in one of these tours and learn how to use all the library’s services, including the different catalogues.

Guided tours will be announced on the notice boards at the library entrance, in the individual departments and on the library webpage at [www.ulb.uni-bonn.de/english/use-service/guided-library-tours](http://www.ulb.uni-bonn.de/english/use-service/guided-library-tours).

**Further information**

**University and State Library (ULB)**

- Adenauerallee 39–41, 53113 Bonn
- Tel: (0228) 73 7525; information@ulb.uni-bonn.de
- [www.ulb.uni-bonn.de/english/bul/main-library](http://www.ulb.uni-bonn.de/english/bul/main-library)

- Opening hours: Mon–Sun 8 a.m.–midnight
- Info, Registration: Mon–Fri 8 a.m.–7 p.m.
**Departmental Libraries**
Each department maintains its own library, which can be used free of charge. Since departmental libraries are only used for reference, they usually do not allow students to take books off the premises. However, some libraries may allow you to keep books over the weekend or overnight.

www.ulb.uni-bonn.de/die-ulb/bibliothekstruktur/bibliotheken-nach-fakultaeten

**Bonnus Search**
You can quickly search through all the library collections of the University of Bonn using Bonnus search. It contains books, magazines, papers, e-books and other documents both in printed and electronic form.

https://bonnus.ulb.uni-bonn.de
www.ulb.uni-bonn.de/english/research

**Public Library**
The Public Library (Stadtbibliothek) is open to the general public. Therefore, their collections are very diverse and do not focus on academic interests or requirements. Here you can find fiction, CDs, DVDs and computer games.

**Library card**
To obtain your lending card for the Public Library, bring your ID/passport and your copy of the city of Bonn’s registration.

You can borrow books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, computer games etc. at the main office in Bonn, as well as at the library branches in Beuel, Bad Godesberg, etc. You can pay a year’s subscription for unlimited borrowing, or pay each time you borrow an item.

**Stadtbibliothek im Haus der Bildung**
Mülheimer Platz 1, 53111 Bonn
Tel.: (0228) 77-2277
Opening hours: Tue, Thu, Fri 10 a.m – 7 p.m.
Wed 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sat 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Information**
www.bonn.de ► Familie & Gesellschaft Bildung & Soziales ► Stadtbibliothek
The University IT (Hochschulrechenzentrum der Universität Bonn, HRZ) is the central service centre for IT issues.

**Uni-ID**

In order to use the services of the HRZ you need a valid university user name. You will receive this along with your email address upon receiving your student ID after enrollment. You find this on the top right corner on the first page of your student documentation. Using this Uni-ID and your personal password you can gain access to the university's central IT services.

**Information**

www.hrz.uni-bonn.de ➤ Services ➤ Identity Management ➤ Uni-ID

You can receive emails sent to your university email address in various ways, but also here: https://mail.uni-bonn.de.

Please note that all messages pertaining to your studies will be sent to your university email address. Make sure to check your emails regularly.

**Wi-Fi (WLAN)**

It is possible to access the internet via Wi-Fi using bonnet or eduroam in many public locations in the university (but not yet everywhere). Access again is facilitated through your Uni-ID.

www.hrz.uni-bonn.de ➤ Wi-Fi

**Accessing the Internet via VPN**

Besides Wi-Fi, the university offers the opportunity to access the internet from the universities’ network using the VPN service. You need this program if you want to connect your laptop to the Wi-Fi at university, it can also be used to access several databases from home.

www.hrz.uni-bonn.de ➤ services ➤ VPN

**PC-Workstations**

All students of the University of Bonn have free internet access at the University Library as well as at several departments featuring computer labs (CIP-Pools). There are also public workstations on the first floor of the HRZ. The usage of computers is free of charge.

**Computer labs (CIP-Pools)**

As a rule, you can use your departmental computer lab (CIP-Pool) with your Uni-ID. For some computer labs, you will also have to obtain a magnetic code card first in order to gain access to the respective room. **Please note that some computer labs may only be used by students belonging to the respective department.** For more information, please contact your Erasmus departmental coordinator or simply ask a fellow student.
The Studierendenwerk Bonn provides inexpensive meals and drinks in several student canteens (Mensen) and cafeterias. Prices for a meal range from about €0.60 to €5.10. The weekly menu can be found on the canteen notice boards or online: www.studentenwerk-bonn.de ► Gastronomie ► Mensen und Bistros

Student Canteen (Mensa)

The HRZ offers a wide variety of high quality computer classes free of charge (e.g. PowerPoint, Excel, SPSS, LINUX).

For answers to your question and advice, please contact:

InfoPunkt des HRZ
Wegelerstraße 6, First Floor (Room 0.008a)
53115 Bonn
Office hours: Mon–Fri 7:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m.,
PC-advice and sales of handbooks: 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Phone: (0228) 73-2751, email: info-hrz@uni-bonn.de

The weekly menu can be found on the canteen notice boards or online:

Computer Classes
Advice, helpdesk
www.hrz.uni-bonn.de

Prices
Prices for a meal range from about €0.60 to €5.10.

Further information
www.studentenwerk-bonn.de ► Gastronomie ► Mensen und Bistros

Mensa Nassestraße
Nassestraße 11
Mon–Thu 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
Fri 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
Sat 12 a.m.–1:45 p.m.

CAMPO Campusmensa
Endenicher Allee 19
Mon–Thu 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Fri 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Venusberg Bistro
Sigmund-Freud-Straße 25
Mon–Thu 11:30 a.m.–2:45 p.m.
Fri 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Sat 12 p.m.–2 p.m.
The University of Bonn offers several advisory centres, which you can turn to during your stay in Bonn.

The Career Center helps students of the University of Bonn to make the transition from student life to professional life. It also offers workshops centered on the subjects job application, career planning and career-building events.

Career Center
Poppelsdorfer Allee 47
53115 Bonn

Schreiblabor can be addressed with all kinds of questions concerning academic writing.

Office Hours in „Informationszentrum“/ULB without appointment
Tue 11:00 a.m.–01:00 p.m.
Thu 04:00 p.m.–06:00 p.m.
schreiblabor@uni-bonn.de

Marion Becker
Appointments by arrangement
Phone: (0228) 73-7306
studierenmithandicap@uni-bonn.de

Office of Family Services (Familienbüro)
An der Schloßkirche 4
53113 Bonn
Phone: (0228) 73-7273
familienbuero@uni-bonn.de

See Health

And last but not least:
The Alumni Network at the University of Bonn

If you want to stay in touch with the University of Bonn after finishing your studies, please become a member of our Alumni Network!

www.uni-bonn.de/einrichtungen/alumni
At the University of Bonn, you can choose from a wide range of sports activities. The University Sports Programme (Hochschulsport) offers 100 different types of sports and more than 450 classes. Most of these classes are free of charge but you have to acquire a ticket for the semester. However, for certain activities such as Badminton, Karate-Do, Taekwondo and climbing, a separate sports-card needs to be bought. You can get both kinds of cards on their website.

Since some classes fill up quickly, find out about classes and dates of registration as early as possible!

**Hochschulsport**

Römerstraße 164, 53117 Bonn  
Phone: (0228) 73-4185  
Opening hours during the semester: Mon and Thu 9 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Wed 3 p.m.–7 p.m.

In addition, the University of Bonn has started the “Healthy Campus” project with further sport activities.

---

**International and Intercultural Dialogue**

Run by the International Office, the International Club is a meeting place for German and International students. The Club team does not only provide drinks and some snacks at reasonable prices but are also always happy to lend a sympathetic ear. In addition, newspapers, books, games, a piano and PCs with internet access are also available here.

During the semester, the International Club offers a comprehensive programme for international and German students at the University of Bonn, including day trips, movie nights, concerts and much more. The majority of events offered are free of charge (day trips require a minimum contribution to cover costs).

You can pick up the current program at the International Club or find it online in the link down below:  
www.internationalerclub.uni-bonn.de

---

**Internationaler Club**

Poppelsdorfer Allee 53 / Entrance at Argelanderstraße  
Opening hours: Mon–Thu 6 p.m.–11 p.m.
Student Representatives

**Study Buddy Programme**
In order to assist newcomers in taking their first steps in Bonn and at the university, the International Office offers a study buddy programme. A foreign student will be introduced to a German student who will support him or her in both word and deed, especially during the first days and weeks in Bonn.

![Further information](www.study-buddy.uni-bonn.de)

**Erasmus Student Network Bonn e.V.**
ESN endeavours to assist Erasmus students arriving in Bonn and to connect them with German and other Erasmus students in the city. Most ESN members were abroad themselves on the Erasmus programme and they now promote international exchange in Bonn. ESN Bonn offers the opportunity for intercultural exchange between German and international students and organizes activities such as excursions, workshops and parties. Having a look at the current programme will be worthwhile – of course, getting involved even more so! All Erasmus students, who want to actively participate in organizing the programme, are always welcome at ESN.


![Further information](www.esn-germany.de)

ℹ️ All activities listed here (and many more) count for the **Certificate for International Competence** (see [Studying at the University of Bonn](#)).

---

**Student Representative Bodies**

**ASlA – General Students’ Committee**
The ASlA represents all students enrolled at the University of Bonn. Elections are held annually. The ASlA offers various services and has subdivisions dealing with specific subject areas, such as international student affairs or counselling on legal matters. It also issues a booklet on studying in Bonn each semester. Moreover, the ASlA Shops sell a wide range of stationery and other useful supplies at reasonable prices.

**ASlA stationary shop**

**ASlA-Cafeteria Foyer**
Nassestraße 11, 1st floor
53113 Bonn
Phone: (0228) 73 9088
Opening hours:
Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

**ASlA-CAMPO-Cafeteria**
Endenicher Alle 19 (Entrance on the right of the building)
53115 Bonn
Phone: (0228) 73-7016
Opening hours:
Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

**Departmental Student Associations**
In addition, most departments have their own departmental student associations (Fachschaften) which take care of student interests and offer introductory courses at the beginning of each semester as well as guidance during the lecture periods. They offer consultation hours for students and provide advice and assistance.

![Further information](www.uni-bonn.de ► Studium ► Studentisches Leben ► Studentische Selbstverwaltung)
Cultural Activities

**Cultural Forum (Kulturforum)**

The Cultural Forum (Kulturforum) is a platform for the university's cultural activities. It is divided into the “Forum Musik und Tanz”, “litterarium” and “atelier” (Bildende Kunst). Have a look at their event catalogue at: www.uni-bonn.de/einrichtungen/kulturforum

**Dancing**

The University of Bonn's ballet studio (Ballettstudio der Universität Bonn) offers classes in Classical Ballet and Modern Jazz Dance. The University of Bonn is the only university in Germany to have its own ballet studio. Classes are offered in conjunction with the university sports programme (Hochschulsport).

**Theatre Groups**

Numerous theatre groups founded by students are established at the university and add to its range of cultural activities and events. Students of all subject areas are invited to participate.

- Bonn University Shakespeare Company e.V. (BUSC)  
  https://www.facebook.com/BUSC.de/
- LaClínica – Teatro hispano  
  https://de-de.facebook.com/pages/LaCl%C3%ADnicA-Teatro-hispano-Universidad-de-Bonn/262962672688
- Theatre group “Gerüchteküche”  
  http://gerüchteküche-bonn.de/

**International Choir**

The International Choir of the university invites all international and German students who are interested in singing and enjoy an international atmosphere.

**International support group „No Worries“**

This group gives international students the possibility to discuss all issues of student life in Bonn in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. The meetings don’t take place on a regular basis, just check the contact details below.

Contact/Registration (for the International Choir and/or the support group):

- sandra.papel@uni-bonn.de
- www.betreuung.uni-bonn.de

**Institut français**

French cultural activities and events such as film screenings and lectures, as well as language classes are offered by the Institut français at the University of Bonn.

https://www.fif.uni-bonn.de/
Cultural Activities and Religious Communities

Religious Communities

Students who would like to meet fellow students of the same religion can contact the student parishes or other religious communities for assistance. They celebrate mass, offer opportunities to make music and to play theatre together, organise discussions, lectures and film screenings, and are happy about any kind of involvement.

Protestant Students' Parish
(Evangelische Studierenden-gemeinde (ESG))
Venusbergweg 4
53115 Bonn
Phone: (0228) 9119915
stevens@esg-bonn.de
www.esg-bonn.de

Catholic Students' Parish
(Katholische Hochschul-gemeinde (KHG))
Brüdergasse 8
53111 Bonn
Phone: (0228) 914450
doris.fritsch@khgbonn.de; www.khgbonn.de

Old-Catholic Parish
(Alt-Katholische Gemeinde (ASG))
Baumschulallee 9–13
Tel.: (0228) 73-7496
infoak@uni-bonn.de

Greek Orthodox Parish
Hagia Trias
Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Straße 2
53227 Bonn
Phone: (0228) 97378411
bonn@orthodoxie.net
www.agiatriasbonn.de

Jewish Community
Hillel Hub
Tempelstraße 2–4
53113 Bonn
Phone: (0228) 213560
synagogebonn@aol.com
www.juden.de/gemeinden/juedische_gemeinde_bonn.html
Jüdische Hochschulgruppe JHG & Hillel Bonn: www.facebook.com/jhg.hillel.bonn/

Muslim Students’ Association
https://de-de.facebook.com/bonn.ihv
ihvbonn.info@gmail.com

There are often church services offered in other languages for International students.
Travel with your Semester Ticket in the Bonn Area and NRW

With your student ID (= semester ticket) and a valid ID or passport, you may use all means of public transportation within the region covered by the transport association Rhein-Sieg (VRS) and in the whole of North Rhine-Westphalia for free.

This applies to buses, trams and underground trains, as well as regional trains (RE, RB, S-Bahn) operated by Deutsche Bahn. In addition, you may also take certain other Deutsche Bahn trains if you pay a surcharge.

Please be aware that from the winter term 2017/18 onwards, you will only be able to bring your bike with you after 7pm., on weekends or official holidays the whole day.

Further information

www.erasmus.uni-bonn.de ► FAQ – Häufig gestellte Fragen ► Leben in Bonn
www.uni-bonn.de ► Studium ► Wohnen und Leben in Bonn ► Mobilität (Bus & Bahn, NRW-Ticket)
www.asta-bonn.de/Studieticket
www.vrsinfo.de
www.swb-busundbahn.de

Bikes

Students living close to the city centre will soon find out that bicycles are the fastest and most convenient way of getting around. Bikes are also useful for weekend trips around Bonn, especially because they can be taken on to the riverboats for a fee of approximately €2.

As expensive bikes are often stolen in Bonn – like anywhere else – you might want to consider buying a second-hand bike that you can resell before returning home.

Second hand bicycle fairs and shops

Bicycle fairs in Cologne (www.fahrradmarkt-koeln.de), Saturday;
Caritas Bike-House (http://www.bike-house-bonn.de/);

Web portals

www.kleinanzeigen.ebay.de
www.kalaydo.de

Rent a bike

Radstation at Bonn Hauptbahnhof (main station)
Fahrradladen Südstadt, Bonner Talweg 121, www.flids.de. Phone: (0228) 2423233

Getting Around in Germany

For travelling within Germany, there are three preferable means of transportation: trains, cars and coaches. For all three means of transportation there are inexpensive options listed below.

Coaches

Since 2013 there has been a coach route system in Germany. The number of operators, routes and connections is constantly increasing. Coaches are a cheap alternative to trains, although travel usually takes a little longer.

www.busliniensuche.de

Car Pooling

Car-pooling is a good option if you want to go from one big city to another by car. It is usually less suitable for travelling to remote locations or if you have to be at your destination at a precise time. You pay the driver by contributing a part of the costs. The driver should inform you about the price in advance.

Further information

► www.blablacar.de
► www.fahrgemeinschaft.de
### Culture and Leisure

#### Trains
- **Savings fares ("Sparpreise")**
  - Always ask for information on special offers and discounts. There are various offers even when you travel abroad (for instance city trips to Amsterdam, Paris or Brussels at a discount). The earlier you book, the higher your chances are to get a so-called “savings fare” (up to 50 % discount). When you choose the savings fare, you are limited to a specific connection.

- **Bahncard**
  - If you plan to use the German railway system on a regular basis, you should consider getting the discount pass “Bahncard 25 or 50” (ca. €40–€70, 2nd class). The Bahncard entitles you to 25/50 % discount on the regular price for all journeys within Germany for a period of 12 months. **Don’t forget to cancel your Bahncard-subscription before leaving Germany! Remember that the cancellation needs to be done 6 weeks before the expiration date of your card.**

- **Weekend ticket**
  - With the “Schönes-Wochenende-Ticket” you are entitled to unlimited travel on regional trains (RB, RE, Stadtexpress, S-Bahn, etc) throughout Germany for one day (Saturday or Sunday) from 12 a.m. to 3 a.m. on the following day. Up to five people can travel using the ticket (€40 – €60, depending on the number of people).

- **InterRail ticket**
  - For rail travel outside Germany it is always a good idea to ask about special offers. For instance, the Inter-Rail-Ticket (26+ as well) offers an inexpensive way to travel in designated regions of Europe for a limited amount of time.

#### Further information
- www.bahn.de

---

## Culture and Leisure

Bonn offers visitors and residents a wide range of cultural and recreational activities:

- art and culture: festivals, museums, opera, theatre, cinema...
- relaxing in parks and gardens (e.g. the recreational park Rheinaue, the botanic garden of the University of Bonn)
- trips around Bonn ensure an extensive leisure-time program.
- shopping

#### Information
- www.bonn.de ▶ Tourism & Culture / Sports & Leisure ▶ Events calendar
- www.bonn.de ▶ Tourism & Culture ▶ Parks and gardens

---

## Museums

- **Museums of the University of Bonn**
  - The University of Bonn has several museums such as the Egyptian Museum, the Academic Art Museum, the Arithmeum and the University Museum Bonn.

#### Further information
- www.uni-bonn.de ▶ Institutions ▶ Museums and Academic Collections
Numerous other museums are located in Bonn as well. A list can be found on the city’s website: [www.bonn.de ▶ Tourism & Culture / Sports & Leisure ▶ Culture ▶ Museums](https://www.bonn.de/Tourism-Culture-Sports-Leisure/Culture/Museums)

There is an annual festival at Bonn’s museum district (“Museumsmeile”). For four days (starting on Corpus Christi), the museums located in the area offer a diverse program. [www.bundeskunsthalle.de](https://www.bundeskunsthalle.de)

The “Kammerspiele”, the “Halle Beuel” and the Opera are the main theatres of the City of Bonn. Here, you can find operas, classical and modern plays, as well as dance performances (e. g. by the Choreographic Theater), which will be put on stage for its visitors. [www.theater-bonn.de](https://www.theater-bonn.de)

There are also other theatres in Bonn, such as: Contra Kreis Theater, Theater im Ballsaal, Euro Theater Central, Kleines Theater, Brotfabrik, Haus der Springmaus, Pantheon ...

... takes place once a year with many participating theatres. [www.bonnertheaternacht.de/](https://www.bonnertheaternacht.de/)

Bonn offers a large variety of cinemas. In addition to the two major ones, which primarily show recent, internationally popular movies—Kinopolis and Sternkino—there are also several arthouse-cinemas showing independent films (and original versions too): Bonner Kinemathek/Kino in der Brotfabrik, Neue Filmbühne and Rex. Last but not least, the Woki screens popular movies that are outdated in other cinemas at a cheaper price. 

You can find an overview over all cinemas and screen times here: [www.kino.de/kinoprogramm/stadt/bonn/](https://www.kino.de/kinoprogramm/stadt/bonn/)

Street and pub carnivals in towns and villages in the Rhineland area, usually in February (official beginning of the season: November 11).

This big flea market takes place on the third Saturday of every month from April to October. [www.flohmarkt-rheinaue.de/termine.html](https://www.flohmarkt-rheinaue.de/termine.html)

A fun fair with fireworks displayed at the end of the night, it takes place on the first Saturday in May at Rheinaue Park. Admission is free of charge.

In July and August, silent films are shown in the Arkadenhof (university’s main building). Admission is free of charge.
| Pützchens Markt | The largest fun fair in and near Bonn, it takes place during the first half of September in Beuel-Pützchen. |
| Christmas market | From the end of November until December, located in the pedestrian zone of Bonn's city centre. |

🔗 **Calendar of events**

A detailed calendar of events with tips about concerts, festivals, parties, etc in and around Bonn can be found in the city magazine “Schnüss” [www.schnuess.de](http://www.schnuess.de) and at the following websites:

- [www.general-anzeiger-bonn.de](http://www.general-anzeiger-bonn.de)
- [www.meinestadt.de/bonn](http://www.meinestadt.de/bonn)

### Cafés, Pubs, Restaurants

| Advice and information | The magazine “Schnüss” ([www.schnuess.de](http://www.schnuess.de)) offers tips and information about pubs, discotheques, etc. Of course you can always ask other students as well! |
| Tips | You are not required to leave a tip. However, it is customary to leave one in restaurants, pubs and cafés when the bill is being served at your table. The amount of the tip is up to you (approximately between 5 and 10%) and is linked to the friendliness of the staff and the quality of the food and service. |

### Regional Attractions

#### City trips

North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) is Germany’s most densely populated federal state, and visiting cities such as Münster, Düsseldorf or Aachen will be worthwhile. With your semester ticket, traveling comes at no cost. In addition, Koblenz, Trier or Maastricht (in the Netherlands) are also within reach and tickets are reasonably priced.

When purchasing a railway ticket, you should always mention that you have a semester ticket and can therefore use regional trains in NRW for free.

#### Castles of Brühl

Right next to Brühl train station, the beautiful Brühl Castle, the castle gardens and the hunting lodge Falkenlust can be visited.

#### Siebengebirge

The hills rising up from the right bank of the Rhine (“Siebengebirge”) are a popular destination for day trips. You can hike up to the Drachenburg, the ruin Drachenfels, the Löwenburg or the Ölberg. A good starting point for hiking is Königswinter, which you can reach easily by taking the subway line 66.

🔗 **Information**

[www.naturpark-siebengebirge.de](http://www.naturpark-siebengebirge.de)
Regional Attractions

Boat trips in the Rhine valley: With the boats of the KD (Köln-Düsseldorfer), the “Weiße Flotte” (Bonner Personen Schifffahrt) and the “Personen Schifffahrt Siebengebirge” you can go on a cruise on the Rhine to Linz, Remagen or Bad Breisig. The journey up the river towards Koblenz is particularly beautiful. You will see old castles, vineyards, the famous Loreley rock and many picturesque old towns. Information about schedules and events at: www.k-d.com; www.siebengebirgslinie-bonn.de; www.b-p-s.de

Archeological park of Xanten: On the Lower Rhine, some kilometres from Duisburg, lies the medieval town of Xanten, which invites you to explore Roman history. The Archeological Park of Xanten has reconstructed parts of a Roman settlement which offer insights into past living conditions and everyday life. www.apx.lvr.de

Open air museum Kommern: More than 60 historical buildings from various regions of the Rhineland area were reconstructed here and give an impression of the conditions of life and work in peasant settlements. www.kommern.lvr.de

Further Useful Information

**Shopping in Bonn**

**Opening times**

Big supermarkets are usually open from 7/8 a.m. until 8 p.m. or even 10 p.m.; department stores are open from 9/10 a.m. to 8 p.m., other shops and post offices are usually open from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.!

In Germany, all shops, banks, post offices are closed on Sundays and federal holidays!

**Department stores and supermarkets**

At GALERIA KAUFHOF and KARSTADT you can buy everything you need: clothes, household items, bathroom utensils, as well as food and electronics. Branches of the large German supermarket chains such as ALDI, LIDL, NETTO, Penny, Edeka, Rewe etc. are located in every neighbourhood in Bonn. There are organic supermarkets in the city as well, for instance Alnatura (Quantiusstraße) and BASIC (Gangolfstraße) near the main station.

**Farmer’s market**

The big farmer’s market at the market square in front of the old town hall offers fresh fruits and vegetables every Monday to Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Saturdays 4 p.m.).

There are smaller markets in other areas of Bonn (Beuel, Bad Godesberg, Brüser Berg), too.

**Flea market**

The flea market in the Rheinaue park is one of the biggest and nicest flea markets in the country. It takes place every third Saturday of the month from April to October.
### Further Information

**Stationery**
Affordable stationery can be bought at the AStA-shops (see Student Representatives).

**Recycling System**
Germany is known for separating waste and for its complex recycling system. This is how it works:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Trash Can</th>
<th>Separation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Blue Trash Can</strong></td>
<td>paper and cardboard</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Yellow Trash Can</strong></td>
<td>plastic wrappings (such as yoghurt cups, foil, milk and juice packages) and wrappings with the so-called “Grüner Punkt”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Green Trash Can</strong></td>
<td>food and other organic waste (if you use a plastic trash bag for organic waste, please remove it before putting the trash into the green container).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Black Trash Can</strong></td>
<td>residual waste</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Bottles and Cans**
Bottles and cans are divided into two groups: bottles without and bottles with a refundable deposit.

- **Bottles without a deposit** *(for instance wine bottles)* can be disposed of in designated glass containers – separated according to the colour of the glass. You can find these glass containers situated all over the city – perhaps even in front of your dormitory. Cans without a deposit can be put in the yellow trash can.

- **Bottles and cans with a deposit**, for which you have paid 5-25 cents extra, are recycled in a different way. You can return the empty bottle or can to the store, where you will get your deposit back. This is supposed to ensure that the cans and bottles are collected and recycled.

**Symbol for “Einwegpfandflasche”**
Single-use bottles with a deposit (“Einwegpfandflaschen”) can be identified with the help of a small symbol on the bottle. There is no uniform symbol for reusable bottles *(Mehrweg(Pfand)flaschen)*, but the term can be found on the bottle.

**Used Batteries**
Please do not throw your used batteries into the residual waste bins. You can find special recycling bins for non-rechargeable batteries in almost all supermarkets, as well as in many student dormitories.

**Bulky Waste**
Four times a year the city of Bonn collects large household waste. This includes fittings and furniture which are too bulky for the waste container.

**Tip:** Sometimes you can find things which are still usable among this “waste”.

**Further Information**
www.bonnorange.de/

**Mobile Phones**
There are three main network providers in Germany: Telekom, Vodafone and O2. These networks are used by several mobile phone providers, so there is a rate for everyone. With a bit of research on the internet you can find the best deal. You do not necessarily need to sign a contract. You can buy pre-paid cards in many supermarkets, drugstores and online-shops.
## Health

### Doctors
You will find **doctors of every common specialization** in Bonn. Depending on your symptoms, you go to a **general practitioner** first or directly visit a **specialist**.

### Choice of doctors
You can find contact information for doctors at: **www.gelbeseiten.de**

You can also search for a doctor based on specialization or part of the city.

### Making an appointment
Usually you call the doctor’s office of your choice first and make an appointment. Tell them immediately if it is urgent so you don’t have to wait too long for your appointment. If the offered appointment is too late, call a different doctor or go to an open consultation hour, which most doctors offer. For this option, be prepared for long waiting times once you are there.

**Please note:** Medical practices are generally closed on Wednesday afternoons.

### European Health Insurance Card
You must always bring your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) when you visit a doctor (Turkish citizens bring the AT11 form instead).

 Clarify before your consultation whether you need to **pay in advance** or whether your account can be settled directly with your health insurance.

### In case of emergency in the evening and on the weekend...
... you can reach the **doctors’ emergency service** by dialling the free phone number **116117** to find out which doctor in your area is on duty.

... you can directly go to the **emergency room** of a hospital (see **hospitals**)

### Pharmacies
You can find information on pharmacies in your area or the **pharmacy emergency service** here: **www.aponet.de**

### Psychotherapeutic Counselling
You can always contact the International Office with any problems you may have. But if you realize that you cannot cope with a problem or a situation or if you experience a crisis, do not hesitate to contact one of the following counselling services. **Counselling is free of any charge!**

**Psychological counseling at the Zentrale Studienberatung.** For making an appointment:

- Phone: (02 28) 73-70 80 or **pb-zsb@uni-bonn.de**
- [www.uni-bonn.de/studium/vor-dem-studium/orientierung-beratung/zentrale-studienberatung/psychologische-beratung](http://www.uni-bonn.de/studium/vor-dem-studium/orientierung-beratung/zentrale-studienberatung/psychologische-beratung)

**Student Counselling Service at the University of Bonn**

- [www.studentenwerk-bonn.de](http://www.studentenwerk-bonn.de)

**Studierendenwerk Bonn**

All students all students of the University of Bonn may turn to the psychotherapeutic counselling service (Psychotherapeutische Beratungsstelle) of the Studierendenwerk. If the circumstances require, you will be referred to another doctor or psychotherapist.
Studierendenwerk Bonn
Psychotherapeutische Beratungsstelle (PBS)
Lennéstraße 24, 53113 Bonn, Phone: (0228) 73 7106, pbs@studierendenwerk-bonn.de
Consultation Hours: per appointment.
Registration: Mo.+Wed. 13 p.m. – 15 p.m. and Thursday 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Also the general students’ committee (AStA) offers counselling and help with study-related and personal difficulties. You may make an appointment by email, phone or during their consultation hours.

AStA – General Students’ Committee of the University of Bonn, Referat Soziales
Nassestraße 11, 53113 Bonn, 1st floor, room 15
Phone: (0228) 73 7034, psb@asta.uni-bonn.de
Consultation Hours: Wednesday 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and Thursday 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Emergency Numbers

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Service</th>
<th>Phone</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Fire Department</td>
<td>112</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Police</td>
<td>110</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ambulance</td>
<td>112</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Doctors' Emergency Service</td>
<td>116 117</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pharmacy emergency service</td>
<td><a href="http://www.aponet.de">www.aponet.de</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dental emergency service</td>
<td>01805 986700</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Drug and AIDS counselling service</td>
<td>(0228) 211011</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AIDS counselling</td>
<td>01803319411</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Toxic substances/poison information center, University Clinic Bonn</td>
<td>(0228) 19240</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Psychological telephone counselling (pastoral care) or</td>
<td>0800 1110 111</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Telephone counselling for psycho-social emergencies</td>
<td>0800 111 0222</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Emergency number and counselling in case of sexual abuse/rape (0228) 635524
Card blocking hotline for bank accounts, SIM-cards, etc 116 116
Taxi service (0228) 555555

Hospitals
Johanniter Krankenhaus (0228) 543 0
Johanniterstraße 3–5
Krankenhaus St. Elisabeth (0228) 508 0
Prinz-Albert-Straße 40
Krankenhaus St. Petrus (0228) 506 0
Bonner Talweg 4–6
Krankenhaus St. Johannes (0228) 7013390
Kölinstr. 54
Universitätsklinik Bonn (0228) 287 0
Sigmund-Freud-Straße 25 (Venusberg)
A
Alumni Network .................................. 25
Annotated course catalogue .................. 17
Application form .............................. 12, 13
ASTA ........................................... 27, 30, 37
ASTA stationary shop ......................... 27, 34
AT11 ............................................ 9, 36

B
Bahncard ......................................... 31
Bank account .................................... 15, 37
BASIS .......................................... 12, 17, 19
Bike ............................................. 30
Bike shops/markets ............................. 30
Bike rentals ...................................... 30
Bonuss search web portal ..................... 22
Botanic garden .................................. 6, 31
Branch Library for Medicine, Sciences and Agriculture ...... 21

C
Campus Endenich ............................... 6
Campus Poppelsdorf ............................ 6
Campus city ..................................... 6
Career center ................................... 25
Caretaker ........................................ 7, 8
Carnival ........................................... 32
Car pooling ...................................... 30
Certificate of International Competence ......... 20
Cinemas .......................................... 32
CIP pools ........................................ 23
Coaches .......................................... 30
Computer classes ............................... 24
Confirmation of Arrival ........................ 16
Confirmation of Residency ..................... 12, 13
Confirmation of Stay ............................ 16
Contact persons .............................. 7, 16
Course registration ......................... 17, 19
Cultural forum .................................. 28

D
Departmental libraries ......................... 21, 22
Departmental student associations ........... 10, 27
Deposit .......................................... 10, 27
Deregistration with the city (of Bonn) .......... 13
Direct debit authorization ..................... 8, 15
Doctors .......................................... 36

E
eAT ............................................... 13, 14
eCampus ........................................ 18, 19
ECTS (credit points) ........................... 18, 19
Emergencies ................................... 36
Emergency numbers ........................... 37
Enrollment ...................................... 9, 10, 11, 12
Registrar’s Office .............................. 9, 10
Erasmus departmental coordinators ......... 16, 17, 18, 19
Erasmus Student Network e.V. (ESN) .......... 6, 20, 27
European Health Insurance Card ............. 9, 36
Exemption certificate ......................... 9, 14

F
Fees for radio and television (GEZ) ......... 13
Flea market ....................................... 32, 34
General practitioner ........................... 36
German language courses ................... 18, 19
German residence permit (eAT) ............. 13, 14

H
Health ............................................. 36, 37
Health guide ................................... 36
Health insurance .............................. 9, 15, 36
Health insurance certificate ................. 9, 14
Healthy Campus ................................ 26
Hospitals ........................................ 37
Housing .......................................... 7, 8

I
Immigration Office .............................. 13, 14
Institut français ................................. 28
Insurance coverage ........................... 10
International choir ............................ 28
International club .............................. 26
Internships ..................................... 15

L
Language tandem .............................. 20
Learning Agreement .......................... 16, 17
Libraries ......................................... 21
Library card .................................... 21, 22

M
Mobile phone .................................. 35
Modules .......................................... 17
Module guide ................................... 17
Moving in ........................................ 7
Moving out ...................................... 7, 8
Museums ......................................... 31, 32
O
Online course catalogue ........................................ 17, 18

P
Period of notice ......................................................... 7
Pharmacies ............................................................... 36, 37
Proof of your Erasmus grant ........................................ 14
Provisional student ticket/ID ........................................ 10, 14
Psychotherapeutic counselling ....................................... 36
Public library .............................................................. 22

R
Recycling system ........................................................ 35
Regional trains ......................................................... 10, 30, 31, 33
Registration certificate ............................................... 12, 14, 15, 21
Registration office ...................................................... 12, 13, 16
Registration with the city (of Bonn) ................................ 12
Religious communities ............................................... 29
Re-registration ............................................................ 11, 12
Residence assistants .................................................. 7

S
Social fee ................................................................. 10, 11, 15, 18
Semester ticket ......................................................... 10, 30, 33
Service-Punkt at the Registrar’s Office .......................... 11
Shopping in Bonn ....................................................... 34
Short term accommodation .......................................... 8
Silent film festival ....................................................... 32
Social security contributions ....................................... 16
Sprachlernzentrum .................................................... 19, 20
Stadthaus ................................................................. 13
Student canteen ........................................................ 10, 11, 24
Student dormitory ........................................................ 7, 8
Student ID ................................................................. 10, 11, 12, 15, 21, 23, 30

T
Tax identification number ......................................... 16
Teilmodulprüfung ....................................................... 17
Template ................................................................. 14
Tenancy conditions .................................................... 7
Tenancy contract ....................................................... 7, 8, 12
Term of lease ........................................................... 7, 8
Theatre ................................................................. 11, 29, 32
Theatre groups ........................................................ 28
Timetable ............................................................... 17
Tips ................................................................. 33
Trains ................................................................. 31
Transcript of Records ................................................. 16, 18, 19
Trips ................................................................. 30, 33, 34

U
Uni-ABC ................................................................. 18
Uni-ID ................................................................. 19, 23
University and State Library (ULB) ............................ 21
University IT (HRZ) ................................................ 23, 24
University email address .......................................... 23
University sports ...................................................... 10, 11, 26, 28
Utility costs .............................................................. 7

V
Venusberg ............................................................ 6, 8, 24
Weekend ticket ......................................................... 31
Welcome Week ...................................................... 9, 12, 16, 18
WiFi (WLAN) ........................................................... 23
Wohnheimverwaltung ................................................. 7
Working ............................................................... 15, 16
Work permit ............................................................ 15