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 36,000 students are currently registered here, including more than 4,500 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 need 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
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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 176 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.

**Further information**
- www.bonn.de
- http://stadtplan.bonn.de

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**The Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn**

**Founded in 1818**
- The University of Bonn is one of Germany’s leading universities. When it was founded in 1818, the university was among the first Prussian universities to embrace *Humboldt’s vision of the unity of research and teaching.*

**Seven faculties**
- Today, it is a modern, research-oriented university with seven faculties: Faculty of Catholic and Faculty of Protestant Theology, Faculty of Law and Economics, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, and Faculty of Agriculture.
### Five locations

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 Humanities and the part of the university’s administration, is situated in the city centre, along with the Law Faculty 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.

### Botanic Garden

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](http://www.uni-bonn.de/die-universitaet); [www.uni-bonn.de/studium](http://www.uni-bonn.de/studium)

### The University’s International Character

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 study 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.

### Establishing international contacts

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.

You can only move into a student dormitory after signing the tenancy contract. The tenancy contract will either have 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.

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.

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 Coordinator for international students in dormitories:
Mrs. Yi Dost, Lennéstraße 24, 53131 Bonn, email: dost@studierendenwerk-bonn.de
Office hours: Mon and Thu: 11 a.m. – p.m.; Phone: (0228) 823 45 78 0

Rent and Deposit

Upon signing the contract, you are also required to pay the first month’s rent and a deposit. It is customary in Germany to pay rent for a full month even if you move in during the month.
Rent and Deposit
If you have a room in a student dormitory, from the second month on, 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 a 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:

**Jugendgästeaus 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

**Sofafrei**
www.asta-bonn.de/Sofafrei
In order to study at the University of Bonn, you will have to enrol at the beginning of the semester.

During Welcome Week

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

Late Arrivals

If you do not participate in Welcome Week and arrive later, enrolment will take place at the Enrolment Office (Studentensekretariat).

Enrolment Office
(Studentensekretariat)

Studentensekretariat
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 Enrolment

For enrolment, you will need:
► completed enrolment form (will be handed out during Welcome Week or at the Enrolment Office (Studentensekretariat)
► 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.

Exemption certificate

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. € 80 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 can you enrol at the enrolment office (Studentensekretariat) (see above).
**Enrolment**

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

**The semester 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 governing bodies (students’ union, departmental student representative committees).
- a contribution fee towards student social institutions and the Studierendenwerk which operates the student canteens (Mensa) as well as the dormitories.
- a contribution 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 semester 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 **matriculation number** as a reference in your bank transfer.

**Student ID**
Upon enrolment, 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 Enrolment Office (Studien- tensekretariat) to your address in Bonn within approx. two weeks of receiving your semester fee.

- In case you have not received your Student ID within this period, please inquire at the information desk of the enrolment office (Service-Punkt des Studentensekretariats).
Service-Punkt im Studentensekretariat
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 a picture ID, 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 semester fee (see above) via bank transfer.

Remember to include your matriculation 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 enrolment. You can change this address via the BASIS-portal (eVV).

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 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.

Necessary documents

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.
Registering with the Authorities

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 (see above). Deregistration is possible within two weeks of departure.

To deregister, you will need:
- completed deregistration form (Abmeldeformular)
- completed landlord's confirmation of residency (Wohnungsgeberbestätigung)
- valid ID (identity card, passport)

Forms for deregistration

www.bonn.de ► Rat & Verwaltung, Bürgerservice online ► Bürgerservice ► Formulardepot ► Umzug ► Abmelden

Registration Office (Meldebehörde) in the Stadthaus (Bürgeramt)

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

www.erasmus.uni-bonn.de ► After your Arrival ► Registration with the city of 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.
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
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 Enrolment)
► proof of enrolment 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, €720 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).

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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 semester fee (see Enrolment) 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.

**Necessary documents**

**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 Enrolment)
- some money to deposit

**Working/ Internships**

**EU- and EFTA nationals** 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.

**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 single) 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, exams, 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 will usually have 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 ▶ Contact and Advice ▶ List of Erasmus departmental coordinators
## 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 (eVV), called BASIS.

www.basis.uni-bonn.de

Sort functions in BASIS allow searching for certain criteria, e.g. classes held in English. This is also where you can see whether a class was dropped or in which room or lecture hall a class takes place.

www.erasmus.uni-bonn.de

### Instructions for finding classes in English

At the beginning of each semester, you may also get a printed version at (various) book stores.

### Course Registration

Individual departments provide a module handbook 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.

### 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 exam (“Teilmodulprüfung”). Sometimes there are special exams or requirements for Erasmus students.

### 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!

### Course Registration

Since you need a university account (which you will only receive after enrolment) 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.
Organising Your Studies

ECTS Transcript of Records
When you have passed a module through an exam 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
www.ecampus.uni-bonn.de

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 semester fee (see Enrolment).

s.t. / c.t

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.

Uni-ABC

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

Study Guide (Studienkompass)

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

Learning German

Language Courses during the Semester (A2–B2)
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 exam. 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
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.

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

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**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.

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

- **International Experience**
  - Language courses and lecture series with an international focus
- **Academic Component**
  - Studying or Research at the University of Bonn
- **Ambassador Component**
  - Active participation in international projects or student associations
- **Global Awareness**
  - Intercultural trainings and international lectures

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.

### Universitäts- und Landesbibliothek (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 and Humanities 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.

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

In the Branch 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.

### Further information

Universitäts- und Landesbibliothek (ULB)
Adenauerallee 39–41, 53113 Bonn
Tel: (0228) 73 7525; information@ulb.uni-bonn.de
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.
Libraries

Departmental Libraries
Each department maintains its own library, which can be used free of charge. As reference libraries (“Präsenzbibliothek”), the departmental libraries 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
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
Computers and the Internet

University Computer Center (HRZ)

The University Computer Center (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 enrolment. 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 ➤ “Your Uni-ID”

University email address

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

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 ➤ “Internet and network access” ➤ WLAN

Accessing the Internet via Modem/ISDN/DSL

Besides Wi-Fi, the university offers various opportunities for accessing the internet: DSL users need to use the service VPN@BONNET; for a dial-up internet connection you can use the service DFN@HOME.

www.hrz.uni-bonn.de ➤ Internet-Anbindung

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.
Student Canteen (Mensa)

The Studierendenwerk Bonn provides inexpensive meals and drinks in several student canteens (Mensen) and cafeterias.

Prices

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

Computer Classes

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

Advice, helpdesk

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

Further information

www.hrz.uni-bonn.de

Student Canteen (Mensa)

Three student canteens are available at the University of Bonn:

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.

**Career Center**
Walter-Flex-Straße 3
53113 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.

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

**Family Office (Familienbüro)**
An der Schloßkirche 4
53113 Bonn
Phone: (0228) 73-65 65
familienbuero@uni-bonn.de

See Health

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**And last but not least: Bonn University’s Alumni Network**

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 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:
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.

Additional information and the application form are available here 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.

http://bonn.esn-germany.de// and on facebook

All activities listed here (and many more) count towards the Certificate for International Competence (see Studying at the University of Bonn).

Student Representations

The AStA represents all students enrolled at the University of Bonn. Elections are held annually. The AStA offers various services and has subdivisions dealing with specific subject areas, such as international student affair or counselling on legal matters. It also issues a booklet on studying in Bonn each semester.

Moreover, the AStA Shops sells a wide range of stationery and other useful supplies at reasonable prices.

AStA
Nassestraße 11, 2nd floor
53113 Bonn
Office hours:
Mon–Thu 12 p.m.–2 p.m.
Fri 12 p.m.–1:45 p.m.
Phone: (0228) 73 7030

In addition, most departments have their own departmental student representative committee (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

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

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).

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/

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

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

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/
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 Studierendengemeinde (ESG))
Venusbergweg 4
53115 Bonn
Phone: (0228) 911990
pues@esg-bonn.de
www.esg-bonn.de

Catholic Students' Parish (Katholische Hochschulgemeinde (KHG))
Brüdergasse 8
53111 Bonn
Phone: (0228) 9144515
info@khgbonn.de; www.khgbonn.de

- The Sunday Mass at 6:30 p.m. at St. Remigius is simultaneously translated into English and French.

Old-Catholic Students Parish (Alt-Katholische Studierendengemeinde (ASG))
Baumschulallee 9–13
53115 Bonn
Phone: (0228) 73-74 96
info@asg-bonn.de
www.alt-katholisch.de

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

Jewish Community Hillel Hub
Tempelstraße 2–4
53113 Bonn
Phone: (0228) 213560
synagogebonn@aol.com
www.juden.de/gemeinden/juedische_gemeinde_bonn.html

Muslim Students Association
https://de-de.facebook.com/bonn.ihv
## Getting around on a Budget

### 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.

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### 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 fair in front of the university's main building (on the side of the park): Saturday, several times a semester, [www.asta-bonn.de/Fahrradmarkt](http://www.asta-bonn.de/Fahrradmarkt);
- Bicycle fairs in Cologne ([www.fahrradmarkt-koeln.de](http://www.fahrradmarkt-koeln.de)), Saturday;

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#### Rent a bike

- Radstation at Bonn Hauptbahnhof (main station)
- Fahrradladen Südstadt, Bonner Talweg 121, [www.flids.de](http://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.

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#### 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.

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### Culture and Leisure

#### Trains
Unfortunately, train fares are usually quite high, but there are various discount options.

**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!

**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](http://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 botanical garden of the University of Bonn)
- trips around Bonn ensure an extensive leisure-time program.
- shopping

Further information: [www.bonn.de](http://www.bonn.de) ➤ Tourism & Culture / Sports & Leisure ➤ Events calendar  
[www.bonn.de](http://www.bonn.de) ➤ Tourism & Culture ➤ Parks and gardens

#### Museums
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](http://www.uni-bonn.de) ➤ Institutions ➤ Museums and Academic Collections
Culture and Leisure

**Museums in Bonn**
Numerous other museums are located in Bonn as well. A list can be found on the city's website: [www.bonn.de](http://www.bonn.de) ➤ Tourism & Culture / Sports & Leisure ➤ Culture ➤ Museums

**Festival at the Museum District (Museumsmeilenfest)**
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](http://www.bundeskunsthalle.de)

**Theatre**
The "Kammerspiele", the "Halle Beuel" and the Opera are the main theatres of the City of Bonn. Operas, classical and modern plays and dance performances (e.g. by the Choreographic Theater) are put on stage here.
[www.theater-bonn.de](http://www.theater-bonn.de)

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

**Long Theatre Night Bonn ("Bonner Theaternacht")**
... takes place once a year with many participating theatres.
[www.bonnertheaternacht.de/](http://www.bonnertheaternacht.de/)

**Cinemas**
Bonn offers a large variety of cinemas. In addition to the two major cinemas which primarily show recent, internationally popular movies—Kinopolis and Sternkino—there are several arthouse cinemas showing unusual or lesser known 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 not shown in other cinemas anymore at a cheaper price.

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

**Interesting Events**

**Carnival**
Street and pub festival in towns and villages in the Rhineland area, usually in February (official beginning: November 11).

**Rheinaue flea market**
This big flea market takes place on the third Saturday of every month from April to October.

**Rhine in Flames ("Rhein in Flammen")**
Fun fair with famous fireworks displayed at the end, takes place on the first Saturday in May at Rheinaue Park. Admission is free of charge.

**Silent film festival**
In July and August, silent films are shown in the Arkadenhof (university’s main building). Admission is free of charge.
Regional Attractions

| Pützchens Markt | The largest fun fair in and around Bonn takes place during the first half of September in Beuel-Pützchen. |
| Christmas market | From the end of November, 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 and at the following websites: www.general-anzeiger-bonn.de www.meinestadt.de/bonn |
| Cafés, Pubs, Restaurants | There is a wide range of cafés, pubs, restaurants and nightclubs in both the city centre and its surrounding areas. Ambience, great coffee, large breakfasts, good food, clubs for night owls, and of course beer gardens for summer evenings – there is something for everybody waiting to be discovered. And when it gets late, you can get home safely by night bus. |
| Advice and information | The magazine “Schnüss” (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 subway line 66. |
| Information | www.naturpark-siebengebirge.de |
Regional Attractions

Boat trips in the Rhine valley: UNESCO-World heritage

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. It 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 of Bonn. There are organic supermarkets in Bonn as well, for instance Alnatura (Quantiusstraße) and BASIC (Gangolfstraße) near the main station.

Farmer’s market

The big farmer’s market that turns the market square in front of the old town hall into a competitive show 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.

Stationery

Affordable stationery can be bought at the ASTA-shops (see Student Representatives).
Further Information

**Recycling System**

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

- **Separation according to trash cans**
  - **Blue Trash Can**
    - paper and cardboard
  - **Yellow Trash Can**
    - plastic wrappings (such as yoghurt cups, foil, milk and juice packages) and wrappings with the so-called “Grüner Punkt”
  - **Green Trash Can**
    - food and other organic waste
  - **Black Trash Can**
    - residual waste

- **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 fashion. 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 and many student halls.

- **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”.

  [www.bonnorange.de/](http://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.
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 will find contact information for doctors, those who speak multiple languages as well, at:
- www.gelbeseiten.de
- www.bonn.de ➤ Umwelt & Gesundheit ➤ Gesundheit ➤ Ärzte
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!

Student Counselling Service at the University of Bonn
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

Studierendwerks Bonn
All students all students of the University of Bonn may turn to the psychotherapeutic counselling service (Psychotherapeutische Beratungsstelle) of the Studierendwerks. If the circumstances require, you will be referred to another doctor or psychotherapist.
**Health**

**Studierendenwerk Bonn**  
Psychotherapeutische Beratungsstelle (PBS)  
Lennéstraße 24, 53113 Bonn, Phone: (0228) 73 7106, pbs@studierendenwerk-bonn.de  
Consultation Hours: Tuesday 8 a.m.–11 a.m. and Wednesday 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Also the students’ union (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 – Allgemeiner Studierendausschuss der Universität 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.

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<td>(0228) 94909 0</td>
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<td>(0228) 19240</td>
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<td>0800 1110 111 0800 111 0222 0228 7668787</td>
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