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 around 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-en.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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Packed with over 2,000 years of lively history Bonn is not only university city but also Germany’s United Nations City, capital city for more than four decades, Beethoven’s 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 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 University of Bonn 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 science region 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 it was opened by then-UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and Chancellor Angela Merkel as the new seat for the United Nations.

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.

Further Information
www.bonn.de
http://stadtplan.bonn.de

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, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, and Faculty of Agriculture.
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 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/the-university; www.uni-bonn.de/studying

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 5000 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 offers 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 organisation 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

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.
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, they 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 the 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 can 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
In order to study at the University of Bonn, you will have to enroll at the beginning of the semester. Enrollment takes place during Welcome Week, one week before the semester starts (October/April). It is **not** possible to enroll individually **before** Welcome Week.

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

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

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### Documents for Enrollment

**For enrollment, you will need:**
- completed enrollment form (will be handed out during Welcome Week)
- 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. € 100 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 €300 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 almost 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 name and 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 discounts at many theatres, museums, cinemas, etc.

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**Semesterticket**

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

- Remember 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. Also it is forbidden to laminate the ID.

**Validity**

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

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**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 name and student ID number as reference in your bank transfer.
Registering with the Authorities

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: Mid-January until 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.

During Welcome Week
You will be given tip and instructions to help you with the procedure during Welcome Week.

For Independent Arrivals
Should you arrive independently, make an appointment for registration at the Stadthaus Bonn (City Hall) at the latest directly after (ideally already prior to) 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 registration 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 one week 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
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

Appointments
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/service-bieten/stadtverwaltung-a-bis-z/termine-reservieren.php ► Terminvereinbarung mit dem Ausländeramt (keine Einburgerung!)
www.erasmus.uni-bonn.de ► After your Arrival ► Immigration Office
Alternatively, you can make an appointment by phone, see contact details below.
If you do not reside in Bonn, apply to your local authorities.

Instructions
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)

Necessary Documents
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).

Template: (Unterhaltsbescheinigung)
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

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

Support by the International Office
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, Tue, Thu, Fr: 8 a.m.– 12 p.m.; Mi closed; Thu: 2 p.m. - 5.30 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, and remark that you will not have to pay a tax on wages.

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

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

Necessary Documents

Working/ Internships

Students who are EU- or 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 turn 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

Contact Persons for All Questions Concerning Your Studies

List of Erasmus Departmental Coordinators
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.

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.

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

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 of the Erasmus departmental coordinator of your degree course and their staff members about 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 class schedule 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.
ECTS
Transcript of Records

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
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 social fee (see Enrollment).

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 ► Studienstart

Learning German

Language Courses during the Semester
(A1–B2)

The International Office offers German classes during the semester from level A2 to B2 CEFR (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.

Fee

► about € 90 (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
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.

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). Afterwards a refund is not possible anymore.

Since our language courses are a supplementary offer to your academic studies in Bonn by the International Office, 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.

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.

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](http://www.ikm.uni-bonn.de/sprachlernzentrum) ► Sprachmodule ► Aktuelles Sprachkursangebot ► BASIS

Sprachlernzentrum
Lennéstraße 6
53113 Bonn
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Students who wish to improve their German language skills by meeting native German speakers can apply for a Language Tandem. This way 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/selbstlernangebote/begleitete-autonome-fremdsprachenlernen/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.

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

- Language courses and lecture series with an international focus
- Active participation in international projects or student associations
- Studying or Research at the University of Bonn
- 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 organisationally, divided into the main library (ULB) and the departmental libraries. Terms of use may vary among these organisational units.

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.

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

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

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.

University and State Library (ULB)
Adenauer Allee 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. 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 Portal

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’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 or month’s subscription for unlimited borrowing.

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/stadtbibliothek
Computers and the Internet

**University IT (HRZ)**

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

**University Email Address**

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.
Student Canteen (Mensa)

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

Prices

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

Further Information

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

www.studierendenwerk-bonn.de ★ Essen & Trinken

Amongst others, three student canteens are available at the University of Bonn:

Mensa Nassestraße

Nassestraße 11
Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Sat 12 a.m.–1:45 p.m.

CAMPO Campusmensa Poppelsdorf

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.

**Schreiblabor**  
www.schreiblabor.uni-bonn.de

Office Hours in „Informationszentrum“/ULB without appointment

**Office Hours**

- Tue 11:00 a.m.–01:00 p.m.
- Thu 04:00 p.m.–06:00 p.m.

marion.becker@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

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 has 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. – 4 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 is 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.
**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

Additional information and the application form are available here [www.study-buddy.uni-bonn.de](http://www.study-buddy.uni-bonn.de)

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**Erasmus Student Network Bonn e.V. (ESN)**

ESN seeks 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 and they now promote international exchange in Bonn. ESN Bonn offers the opportunity for intercultural exchange between German and international students and organises 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 organising the programme, are always welcome at ESN.

Further Information

[www.bonn.esn-germany.de](http://www.bonn.esn-germany.de) and on [www.facebook.com/erasmus.bonn](http://www.facebook.com/erasmus.bonn)

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*i* All activities listed here (and many more) count for the **Certificate for International Competence** (see [Studying at the University of Bonn](http://www.uni-bonn.de/)).

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**Student Representative Bodies**

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 affairs or counselling on legal matters. It also issues a booklet on studying in Bonn each semester.

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

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**AStA – General Students’ Committee**

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

**AStA Stationary Shop**

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.

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Further Information

[www.uni-bonn.de ► Studium ► Studentisches Leben ► Studentische Selbstverwaltung](http://www.uni-bonn.de)
### Cultural Activities

**Center for Arts (Kulturforum)**

The Center for Arts (Kulturforum) is a platform for the university's cultural activities. It is divided into the "Forum Musik und Tanz", "litterarium und atelier" (Bildende Kunst)

Have a look at their event catalogue at: [www.uni-bonn.de/einrichtungen/kulturforum](http://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 collaboration 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)**
  - [www.facebook.com/BUSC.de/](http://www.facebook.com/BUSC.de/)
- **LaClínica – Teatro hispano**
  - [www.facebook.com/LaClinicaBonn](http://www.facebook.com/LaClinicaBonn)
- **Theatre group “Gerüchteküche”** [http://gerüchteküche-bonn.de/](http://gerüchteküche-bonn.de/)

**Foreign Language Theatre Groups**

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

**International Choir**

The International Choir of the university invites all international and German students who are interested in singing and enjoying 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](http://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/](http://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 Studierenden-gemeinde (ESG)) | Venusbergweg 4  
                      53115 Bonn  
                      Phone: (0228) 9119915  
                      stevens@esg-bonn.de  
                      www.esg-bonn.de |
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| 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 Agia 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  
                      jhg-hillel@uni-bonn.de  
                      www.facebook.com/jhg.hillel.bonn |
| Muslim Students’ Association | facebook.com/bonn.ihv  
                      ihvbonn.info@gmail.com |
Travel 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.

The ticket is not valid in first class coaches and all fast trains (ICE, IC, EC), neither for surcharge. **Please be aware that you will only be able to bring your bike with you in the VRS region 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.ast-a-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.

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

ASTA bicycle fair (www.asta-bonn.de/fahrradmarkt), usually at the beginning of the semester)
Bicycle fairs in Cologne (www.fahrradmarkt-koeln.de), Saturday;
Caritas Bike-House (www.bike-house-bonn.de);

Web Portals

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

Rent a Bike

Nextbike (www.nextbike.de/en/): For students the first 30 minutes a day are free!
Radstation at Bonn Hauptbahnhof (main station) (www.radstationbonn.de)
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 there are inexpensive options listed below.

Coaches

www.busliniensuche.de

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.

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

From A to B
The cheapest connection for your journey you can find on www.fromatob.de. The website shows you different offers and combinations of bus, train, car pooling and planes. You can compare price, duration, date and time, etc.

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 recreation leisure park Rheinaue, the botanic garden of the University of Bonn)
► trips around Bonn ensure an extensive leisure-time program.
► shopping

Further Information
www.bonn.de ➤ Highlights

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 ➤ The University ➤ University Life ➤ Museums and 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 ► Highlights ► Culture in Bonn ► 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.museumsmeilebonn.de

Theatre
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

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 ...

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

Cinemas
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.

Screen Times
You can find an overview over all cinemas and screen times here:
www.kino.de/kinoprogramm/stadt/bonn/

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

Rheinaue Flea Market
This big flea market takes place on the third Saturday of every month from April to October.
www.flohmarkt-rheinaue.de

Rhine in Flames ("Rhein in Flammen")
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.

Silent Film Festival
In July and August, silent films are shown in the Arkadenhof (university’s main building). Admission is free of charge.
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| **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 if it gets late, you can get home safely by night bus. |
| **Advice and Information** | The magazine “Schnüss” ([www.schnuess.de](http://www.schnuess.de)) also 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. |
| **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: UNESCO-World Heritage
With the boats of the KD (Kölner-Düsseldorfer), the “Weiße Flotte” (Bonner Personen Schiffahrt) 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.bonnschiff.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 6:30 p.m. (Saturdays 4 p.m.).
There are smaller markets in other areas of Bonn (e.g. Beuel, Bad Godesberg, Brüser Berg), too.
More information on all things market can be found on www.bonn.market

Flea Market
The flea market in the Rheinau 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: |
| Separation According to Trash Cans | You may have already noticed the variety of waste bins and containers in different colours in Germany. Their purpose is to separate waste and to facilitate recycling. |
| **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 (if you use a plastic trash bag for organic waste, please remove it before putting the trash into the green container). |
| **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 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 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”. |
| 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. |

Further Information: [www.bonnonline.de/](http://www.bonnonline.de/)
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!

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

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

**Studierendenwerk Bonn**
Psychologische 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.

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**Emergency Numbers**

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<td>(0228) 19240</td>
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**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 Johanniterstraße 3–5
(0228) 543 0

Krankenhaus St. Elisabeth Prinz-Albert-Straße 40
(0228) 508 0

Krankenhaus St. Petrus Bonner Talweg 4–6
(0228) 506 0

Krankenhaus St. Johannes Kölnstr. 54
(0228) 7013390

Universitätsklinik Bonn Sigmund-Freud-Straße 25 (Venusberg)
(0228) 287 0
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