

Erasmus+ Fact Sheet for Partner Universities

The University of Bonn

The Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn (University of Bonn) was founded in 1818. With a student body of about 33,500, the University is one of Germany's largest academic institutions and with about 4,500 international students from all over the world also one of the most globally oriented ones. A wide range of course offerings, an outstanding reputation in teaching and research and a unique location make the University an especially attractive place to study.

Bonn, the former Federal Capital of Germany, is located on the Rhine and a center for the Rhineland's way of life, art and culture. In 1989, the city celebrated the 2000th anniversary of its founding as a Roman settlement. With its 21 UN agencies, Bonn is Germany's UN city and has approx. 150 international organizations.

Furthermore, the city is also the birthplace of Beethoven, has a beautiful historic town center with a daily open market, numerous museums and many other buildings and events of significance and cultural interest.



Institutional Details and Contact Information

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Erasmus Departmental Coordinator:

- selection of outgoing students; approval of nominations for incoming students
- academic advisory for outgoing and incoming students
- main contact for teaching staff mobility (STA)

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Program Dates

Academic calendar

Winter semester 2023/24: October 09 – February 02
Orientation weeks: September

Summer semester 2024: April 08 – July 19
Orientation weeks: March

Examinations may take place during the week after the lecture period.

Nomination and Application

Nomination

Winter semester: **March 01 – April 14**

Summer semester: **September 01 – October 14**

Please send a list of students you wish to nominate to m.meraner@uni-bonn.de by the above-mentioned deadlines.

The list should include:

- full name, sex, email address of student
- degree program in which the student is enrolled at your university
- subject area which the student would like to study in Bonn
- academic advisor of the student at your university
- duration of stay

Please note: Students also need to be enrolled at your university during their Erasmus period in Bonn.

As we are bound by the Erasmus contract to document the selection of participants of the project, please also provide together with your nominations:

- information about your selection criteria and procedures
- information about students who applied but have not been selected for nomination

Application

Winter semester: **April 01 – May 31**

Summer semester: **October 01 – November 30**

Students submit their online application ([Mobility-Online Platform](#)), including the optional dorm reservation.

The students will be informed within 4 to 6 weeks after the above-mentioned application deadlines about acceptance and will receive further information.

Application for Teaching Staff Mobility

Teaching Staff Mobility (STA) is organised via the departmental program coordinators in Bonn. Please contact them well in advance (at least 2 months) before the planned teaching staff mobility.

Orientation Weeks

Information

Orientation Weeks are an optional 3-week program that includes:

- [Pre-Semester intensive German Language Course](#) (A1-B2; Mon-Thu mornings; 4 hrs. per week equal 4 ECTS)
- [Welcome Days](#) with information sessions on enrollment, city registration, opening a bank account etc.
- various excursions and social activities

Arrival date

Orientation begins alternately in **March** or **September**

Cost

Free of charge

General Course Information

Curriculum structure

B.A./ B.Sc./ M.A./ M.Sc.

Subject instruction

Depending on their language and academic background, students may choose lectures, seminars, and tutorials from the regular university course catalogue (see www.basis.uni-bonn.de). Specific academic requirements may apply to certain university classes.

Primary language of instruction

Undergraduate: mainly German, very limited number of courses in English
Graduate: German and English

Language Requirements

English B2/C1: For English taught courses: min. B2 (preferably C1) according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, no official proof necessary.

German B2: If students wish to follow German taught courses, they should have reached at least level B2. Please note that at undergraduate level, there is only a limited number of courses taught in English. Thus, advanced proficiency in German is highly recommended for undergraduate students.

Standard full-time load

Students are recommended to take between 12 and 18 contact hours/semester; approx. 30 ECTS/semester.

Grading system

The grading scheme usually comprises five levels (with numerical equivalents; intermediate grades may be given):

<i>Sehr Gut</i> (1)	Excellent
<i>Gut</i> (2)	Good
<i>Befriedigend</i> (3)	Satisfactory
<i>Ausreichend</i> (4)	Sufficient
<i>Nicht ausreichend</i> (5)	Non-Sufficient/ Fail

The minimum passing grade is *Ausreichend* (4).

German Course Information

German language course

Students staying for a whole semester may take part in a [German language course](#):

- everyday language courses from A1.1 to B2.2, 4 hrs. per week equal 4 ECTS
- special topic courses from A2 to C1, 2 hrs. per week equal 2 ECTS
- credits can be included in the transcript of records upon agreement with the Erasmus departmental coordinator

Cost Free of charge

Accommodation

University dorms	Students can apply for a room in the university dorm through the online application page. The Studierendenwerk Bonn is the owner of the dorms. The lease contract will be sent via email to the students and has to be signed approx. 6 weeks before arrival. For (PhD-) students who want to stay less than one semester: Please get in touch with our International Office.
Monthly rent	€250 – €560
Cancellation policy	The Studierendenwerk Bonn's cancellation policy applies. According to the lease contract, a cancellation fee of up to three months' rent can be charged.
Latest move-out date	Winter semester: February 28 Summer semester: July 31 Move in/ Move out is only possible Monday through Friday!
Is university housing available during the vacation period?	Yes
Dorm basic set	In all dorms, a starter kit with basic necessities is available for purchase. It is equipped with bedlinen, a pillow and duvet, towels, LAN-cable and basic kitchenware, costs: €60.
More information	More information on living in Bonn and private housing is available here .

Visa

What is the procedure for obtaining a visa?	All participants are requested to check the page of the German Foreign Office to see whether they need a visa.
Passport	Students need a passport valid for the entire period of their stay and 6 months beyond.

Insurance

Health insurance	<p>Students need to provide proof of a sufficient health insurance which covers the whole study abroad period for their enrolment at the University of Bonn.</p> <p>a) Private insurance: students can take out an insurance abroad that covers the European area. Please contact one of the statutory German health insurance companies with the sender number H0001178 to check if your insurance cover is sufficient to be exempted from the statutory German health insurance.</p> <p>b) Statutory insurance: if no private insurance has been taken out or if there is insufficient cover, students can take out statutory German health insurance, which cost approx. €120 per month. Please contact one of the statutory German health insurance companies with the sender number H0001178 to get insured and request an insurance number.</p> <p>Please be aware that students who are older than 30 years have to take out a private health insurance.</p>
Liability insurance	We also recommend that students take out a third-party liability insurance to cover any accidental damages caused to other persons or property during their stay.
Accident insurance	The social contribution fee of approx. €320, which students have to pay when

enrolling, includes an insurance for accidents that might occur on the way from the university to your place of residence or on university grounds.

i The Erasmus program does not include any insurance.

Financial Matters

Monthly cost of living during semester	Housing (on-campus) €250 - €560 Food €200 Laundry, clothing, sanitary products €80 Health insurance €120 Books, etc. €40 Telephone, hobbies, sports, etc. €90 Approx. costs per month €800 – €1,000
University social fee	Social contribution fee incl. public transport, approx. €320 per semester
Visa application fee	Approximately €100
Erasmus Grant	Mobility allowance: €850 per month Travel allowance: calculated using the distance calculator provided by the European Commission. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• first payment upon arrival: travel allowance plus first monthly allowance (cash)• further payments on German bank account, which students need to open after arrival
Additional grant for students with special needs	Students with a handicap or accompanied by children can apply for a supplementary grant. Please inform us about these cases when nominating your students.

Welcome and Social Activities

Welcome days	Welcome days for Erasmus students will be offered before the beginning of each semester (September/ beginning of October and April). Attendance is highly recommended as individual support for late arrivals is very restricted by the International Office. The exact dates are communicated online.
Study Buddy Program	The Study Buddy Program matches newly arrived international students (mentees) with a “buddy”, i.e. a student from Bonn who helps with matters around the taking up of studies and life in Bonn. Student volunteers from Bonn give international students advice and assistance and help them get off to a good start at university and in Bonn.
Erasmus Student Network	The Erasmus Student Network at the University of Bonn organises a lot of events during the term and helps Erasmus students settle down in Bonn. Students can join their Facebook group “ Erasmus Student Network Bonn ”.
International Club	The International Club of the University of Bonn is a meeting place for German and international students as well as PhD students. During the lecture period, the club offers exciting and diverse events where students can make new contacts as well as get to know other cultures.
bonNews	The bi-weekly Newsletter for international students includes current info on event tips, excursion destinations, jobs in the International Office etc. (subscribe).