



University of Bonn Department of Economics Exchange Information 2018/19

The University



The University of Bonn is a modern research university with a strong international orientation and a wide range of subjects.

Many of which enjoy worldwide recognition.

Among the subjects with an outstanding position are Mathematics, Economics,

Medicine and the Natural Sciences.

Internationally recognized top-notch research and historical ambience characterize the

University of Bonn, which was founded in 1818 by King Friedrich Wilhelm III of Prussia. With about 37,000 students, 550 professors and 5,500 employees, it is today a modern research university with international appeal. Creating the best possible conditions for excellent research is a declared objective of the University of Bonn, and it bears fruit: Bonn is currently the only German university, which has produced two Nobel Prize winners in the past 25 years: Wolfgang Paul (Physics, 1989) and Reinhard Selten, (Economics 1994).



The Department of Economics



The Department of Economics is one of the leading research institutions in Europe. It has an outstanding reputation in the national and international scientific community and is in the forefront of modern economic science. The renowned Tilburg Economics Schools Research Ranking lists the Department on rank 22 of the best research institutions worldwide. Main research areas include game theory, monetary and international macroeconomics, contract theory, labor economics and finance. Faculty members continue to receive not only prestigious awards but also major

grants through the European Research Council.





Study Programs

The Bachelor program *Volkswirtschaftslehre* is a threeyear program, which enables students to identify and analyze economic issues and problems, to assess them critically, and to develop solutions. It also provides students with the methodological tools to perform advanced academic studies. The language of instruction is German but several courses are offered in English.

The Master of Science in Economics is a two-year program, which has a focus on quantitative methods and offers extensive knowledge in economic theory as well as in statistical and econometric methods. The program



acquaints graduate students with the methodological framework underlying current research and enables them to apply their knowledge to a broad range of problems. The language of instruction is English.

Additional classes from other study programs:

ERASMUS students also have the option to take classes from other study programs, such as **Political Science, History, Media Sciences and Geography.**

Classes that might be of interest include

"Germany – an Introduction into Geography, History and Politics", "Europe and Est Asia", "U.S. Foreign Policy: Central Concepts and Strategic Challenges", "Strategy in an Unraveling World Order: US-American and German Foreign Policy", "Perpetual State of Disarray – How the Eurozone and Migrant Crises Have Reshaped European Politics", "Language, Mind and Media," "Media Theories"

Bachelor program	www.econ.uni-bonn.de/studying/bachelor
Bachelor classes	www.econ.uni-bonn.de/studium-lehre-1/bachelor/modulbeschreibungen- 1/modulbeschreibungen-ab-dem-wintersemester-2011-12
Master program	www.econ.uni-bonn.de/studying/master www.vwlpamt.uni-bonn.de/auslandskoordination/master-in-economics
Master classes	www.econ.uni-bonn.de/studium-lehre-1/master/modulbeschreibungen- 1/modulbeschreibungen-ab-dem-wintersemester-2011-12-1





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Dates and Deadlines		
Winter Term 2018/19		
Nomination deadline:	15 May	
Lectures:	01 October 2018 – 25 January 2019	
Exams:	tba. (end January – mid February)	
Summer Term 2019		
Nomination deadline:	01 November	
Lectures:	01 April – 12 July 2019	
Exams:	tba. (mid-end July)	

Nomination procedure

The university of Bonn accepts nominations through the **online application tool** only.

Online application form at: www.erasmus.uni-bonn.de

Additional information: https://www.uni-bonn.de/studying/international-

students/erasmus/copy of how-to-apply?set language=en





Useful Links		
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International Office	https://www.uni-bonn.de/institutions/international-office	
Dept. of Economics	www.econ.uni-bonn.de	
Internat. Coordination Economics	https://www.vwlpamt.uni- bonn.de/International%20Coordination?set_language=en	
Examination Office	www.vwlpamt.uni-bonn.de/pruefungsamt	

Language Re	quirements
Bachelor: German B2, English B2	Master: English B2

Learning German		
German language courses	Language courses during the semester: 4 hours per week levels A2 – B2.2 (3 ECTS) Fee: 80€ (reduced fee for Erasmus students, regular fee: 180 €) Application deadlines: 01 August for winter semester - 01 February for summer semester	
	More information on learning German: https://www.uni-bonn.de/studying/international-students/erasmus/learning-german?set_language=en	





Housing

As in many other university towns in Germany, finding housing is difficult. The International Office supports ERASMUS students with finding housing but students are responsible for arranging their accommodation. One option is applying for a room in one of the student dormitories of the *Studentenwerk*. However, due to high demand, a room in a student dormitory cannot be guaranteed. Therefore, students will also have to consider alternative housing options. More information here: https://www.uni-bonn.de/studying/international-students/erasmus/housing-in-bonn

Cost of Living

The average monthly costs of living, including accommodation, food, books, and medical insurance amounts to about **700-800 Euro**. However, costs may vary widely according to the accommodation students are choosing. In 2016, students spent on average:

(Source: 21. Sozialerhebung des Deutschen Studentenwerks)

Accommodation:	323 €	Leisure time/sports/culture:	61 €
Food:	168€	Clothing:	42 €
Car/Public transport:	94 €	Communication (mobile/internet):	31 €
Health insurance/Medicine:	80€	Study materials:	20 €

Orientation and Activities		
Orientation	A Welcome Week for Erasmus students is offered by the University of Bonn's International Office at the beginning of each semester (early October/April). https://www.uni-bonn.de/studying/international-students/erasmus/welcome-services-student-life/welcome-days?set_language=en	
ERASMUS Student Network (ESN) Bonn	ESN Bonn promotes International and Erasmus exchange in Bonn by offering social, informational and cultural events, excursions, seminars & workshops. More information here: http://bonn.esn-germany.de/	
The International Club	The International club offers a varied program including country theme nights, movie nights, and cooking events for both international and German students. It is also home to the international choir, which meets every Monday at 8p.m. https://www.uni-bonn.de/studying/experiencing-german-culture/international-club?set_language=en	