

University of Bonn

Key Data 2021/2022

The University of Bonn

The Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn (University of Bonn) was founded in 1818. With a student body of about 35.000, the University is one of Germany's largest academic institutions and with more than 5000 foreign students from all over the world also one of the most internationally oriented. 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 is a center for the Rhineland's way of life, art and culture. The city celebrated in 1989 the 2000th Anniversary of its founding as a Roman settlement. Bonn is Germany's UN city with its 21 UN Agencies and hosts 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.


Having almost 35 years of experience in the Erasmus programme, Erasmus students may expect to be supported by the full range of student services including language courses, orientation programme and academic guidance at the University of Bonn. During the semester, the International Office offers an extensive cultural program as well as various other programs to ensure cultural immersion and intercultural experience.



Institutional Details and Contact Information

Name of University	Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn <i>University of Bonn</i>
Erasmus Code	D BONN01
Website	www.uni-bonn.de
Head of Institution	Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Michael Hoch, Rector
Office in charge of the exchange Postal address	International Office Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, D-53115 Bonn (Germany)
Erasmus Institutional Coordinator (KA 131)	New name and email! Susanne Gittel-Avehounkpan, erasmus-admin@uni-bonn.de Phone: +49 228 73-5949, Fax: +49 228 73-6793
Erasmus Departmental Coordinators	Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ overall coordination and management of Erasmus KA 131▪ screening and placing of requests with faculties and professors, facilitating contacts and matchmaking▪ fundamental aspects of inter-institutional agreements▪ general information about the University and study programs Various members of staff are involved in the handling of the Erasmus program at the University of Bonn on departmental level: Their responsibilities are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Inter-Institutional Agreements▪ selection of outgoing students; approval of nominations for incoming students▪ academic advice for outgoing and incoming students (courses, Learning Agreements, transcripts)▪ main contact for teaching staff mobility (STA) List of Erasmus departmental contacts

Erasmus Incoming Student Advisor at the International Office

Name	Carina Rong
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Responsibilities	Information on application, administrative steps, German language courses, housing and orientation.  Please note: For all questions concerning study programs and learning agreements, students are to contact the relevant departmental coordinator .

Erasmus Staff Mobility Advisor at the International Office

Name	Bärbel Konermann-Krüger
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Responsibilities	Central administration of teaching/administrative staff mobility (STA, STT)

Academic Calendar

**1st semester =
winter semester
2021/2022**

October 11, 2021–January 28, 2022 (lecture period)
Examinations may take place during the first weeks following the lecture period. For details, please ask the Erasmus departmental coordinator.

**Preparatory German Language Course: September 08 - September 30, 2021,
Welcome Days: October 04 – October 08, 2021** (we highly recommend students to take part to facilitate orientation)

**2nd semester =
summer semester 2022**

April 04, 2022–July 15, 2022 (lecture period)
Examinations may take place during the first weeks following the lecture period. For details, please ask the Erasmus departmental coordinator.

Preparatory German Language Course: March 9-31, 2022, (see page 4)
level A1-B2, 56 class hours, fee: 200 € (= reduced fee for Erasmus students);

Welcome Days: www.uni-bonn.de/welcomedays (we highly recommend students to take part to facilitate orientation)

Nomination and Application Procedure

Deadlines

May 15 for 1st semester (winter semester) or the full academic year
November 1 for 2nd semester (summer semester)

Student nomination and application are carried out together in Mobility Online at the same time.

i Please have your students follow the following [3 registration steps which include your nomination](#).
Please **do not** send nomination lists to Erasmus departmental coordinators or the International Office by email.

1. Students follow the instructions at our [website](#) (→ Application), fill in the

Notification about admission

- online form and create a Mobility Online account.
2. After completing their registration, students can print a nomination form which needs to be signed **by the Erasmus coordinator at their home university.**
3. **i** Students upload their signed nomination form to their **Mobility Online account by the application deadline (Please do not send nomination forms by e-mail)**
4. **The nomination and application procedure is completed.**

i **Incomplete and late nominations (please refer to the deadlines) will not be processed!**

The relevant department and/or the International Office will send notifications together with further information within about 6 weeks after the above mentioned application deadline. Where additional requirements or documents apply, the department will inform the partner institution.

The International Office will send information to students about accommodation, orientation, language courses etc. mid June/mid December.

Language Requirements and German Language Courses

Language requirements

German

German is the main language of instruction at the University of Bonn, particularly in most undergraduate programs. Therefore, a **minimum level of B1** is required.

Details about German language requirements are to be found in the annex of the inter-institutional agreement or on our [webpage](#). If in doubt, please contact the [Erasmus departmental coordinator](#).

English

Classes taught in English are mainly part of natural sciences, economics and social sciences and graduate programs. Usually, a minimum level of **English B2 is required**. For more information on courses taught in English, please contact the [Erasmus departmental coordinator](#).

German language courses before the semester

Preparatory German Language Course: March 9-31, 2022

level A1-B2, 56 class hours, fee for Erasmus students: 200,- € (*regular: 250 €*)

Erasmus students state their interest as part of the application process in Mobility-Online and will receive further information about placement and payment by email from the German course department

German language courses during the semester

1. General German language courses

4 hours per week (equal 4 ECTS-credits), levels A1–B2, *no fee*

2. Topic-specific/focus courses (e.g. Regional Studies on Germany; Pronunciation Training; Presentation Skills)

2 hours per week (equal 2 ECTS-credits), from level A2 (depending on the topic); **no fee**

ECTS-credits for all of these extra-curricular German courses **can** be included in the Transcript of Records upon agreement with the Erasmus departmental coordinator. Students should discuss with their Erasmus coordinator beforehand whether they accept the German course ECTS-credits for the Learning Agreements.

More information on language courses on our [webpage](#).

German Department

The International Office will inform students about the application procedure for semester German courses in its "information kit" sent after the application deadline in June/December.

The German Department (*Germanistisches Seminar*) does **not** offer any German language courses but teaches German philology and literature. Students who **do not** study "Germanistik" (**German Studies and Comparative Literature**) as their main subject are usually not admitted to study "Germanistik" at our university **unless** this has been agreed upon with the responsible Erasmus departmental coordinators.

General Course Information Digital Learning Agreement

Digital Learning Agreement – Different Responsible persons at each department

In compliance with EU-regulations, the University of Bonn is connected with the EWP-network.

Students should make sure to insert the correct contact details of the responsible person at the responsible department into the digital learning agreement. These can be found [here](#). They should **NOT insert the contact details of the Erasmus Institutional Coordinator (Ms. Gittel-Avehounkpan) or the Incoming Student Advisor at the International Office (Ms. Rong).**

If your University is not yet connected with the EWP-network, the responsible persons at the departments here in Bonn will still sign PDF-versions of Learning Agreements for incoming students in the academic year 21/22.

Courses

Online course catalogue "BASIS" at: <https://basis.uni-bonn.de>

Please note: Students cannot register for courses through "BASIS" before their arrival. Students will usually be registered by their Erasmus departmental coordinators.

Courses in English

Undergraduate: mainly German-taught, limited number of courses in English, e.g. in the natural sciences;

Graduate: courses in German and English

For details, please refine the search in the online course catalogue by language of instruction.

For all questions concerning courses and study programs, students please contact the corresponding [Erasmus departmental coordinator](#).

Special course offer for exchange students : « Germany in a Global Context »

English-taught undergraduate program for exchange students focusing on German and European politics, economy, history and culture:

www.uni-bonn.de/ggc

Grading system

The grading usually comprises five levels (with numerical equivalents; intermediate grades may be given, e.g. "1-"):

"Sehr gut" (1)	Excellent
"Gut" (2)	Good
"Befriedigend" (3)	Satisfactory
"Ausreichend" (4)	Sufficient
"Nicht ausreichend" (5)	Non-Sufficient/Fail.

The minimum grade for passing is "Ausreichend" (4).

Accommodation

As in many university towns, the housing situation in Bonn is quite challenging. **We strongly advise students to apply for a room in a student dormitory very early and to start searching for private accommodation at the same time.**

The International Office of the University of Bonn does not arrange accommodation, but supports students with information and advice.

More information on housing will be sent to students with the admission and can be found on our [website](#).

Student dormitories at the "Studierendenwerk"

To get a room in a student dormitory, students should apply **very early online** at <https://tl1host.eu/SWBN/#home>

More Information:

<http://www.studierendenwerk-bonn.de/en/accommodation/>

E-mail: wohnen@studierendenwerk-bonn.de

Monthly rent: between €200- €600 (*depending on dormitory and room/apartment*)

i Please note: The "Studierendenwerk" is **not** part of the University of Bonn and the International Office cannot influence any decisions.

Private accommodation

As a room in a dormitory of the "Studierendenwerk" **cannot be guaranteed**, students should search for private accommodation in parallel.

Formalities

Passport/ID

All students need a passport or identity card **valid for the whole period of their stay.**

EU citizens

EU citizens do not need a visa or mobility permission to study in Bonn.

Visa regulations

Students from countries that do not belong to the EU or the EEA might require a visa to enter into Germany. They can find further information [on our website](#):

<https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/studying/international-students/planning/planning>

UK citizens

As of January 1st, 2021, the UK is no longer part of the Schengen area. For UK citizens, entry to Germany is possible without a visa but students will have to contact the local Foreigners' Office/Immigration Office to apply for a residence permit within the first 90 days of their stay.

Insurances

Health insurance

All students need sufficient health insurance: **a)** either the **European Health Insurance Card** or **b)** other **private health insurance valid for Germany** during the whole study abroad period covering all necessary costs.

Liability insurance

We also recommend that students take out a third-party liability insurance to cover any accidental damages caused to other individuals or property during their stay. **The Erasmus+ program and the University of Bonn do not provide any of these**

insurances.

The social contribution fee of approx. €315, which all students have to pay when enrolling, includes insurance for accidents that might occur en route from the university to the place of residence or on university grounds.

Finances

Cost of living

On average: min. €850 per month (depending on price for accommodation)

Average cost of accommodation

Dormitory: €200–€600 (*depending on dormitory and room/apartment*)

Private accommodation: €350–€650 per month.

Semester ticket

After arrival and when enrolling at the University of Bonn, **all students need to pay a fee of about €315 per semester**. It includes a semester ticket for all public transportation in and around Bonn.

Note: This is NOT a tuition fee. All students have to pay this fee.

Orientation and Activities

Orientation/Welcome Days

[Welcome Days for international students](#) take place before or at the beginning of each semester (September/beginning of October and March/April). **Attendance is highly recommended as individual support for late arrivals is very restricted.**

Erasmus Student Network

The [Erasmus Student Network](#) at the University of Bonn organizes a lot of events during the semester and helps Erasmus students to settle in Bonn. Students can join their **Facebook group “Erasmus Bonn by ESN Bonn”**.

Further Information

Information for Incoming Students

[Incoming Guide](#)

Information kit

Students will receive an information kit from the International Office via e-mail **about 6 weeks AFTER the above mentioned application deadlines.**

i **Students who have not received any information by early July or end of December should contact their responsible Erasmus departmental coordinators to check the status of their nomination.**

Erasmus website

Students can find all important information about their Erasmus study period (e.g. on housing, language courses, formalities) on the [Erasmus website](#).

i Students should carefully read the information on our website and in e-mails by the International Office and the Erasmus departmental coordinator following their nomination.

Facebook

We invite students to like our Facebook page to stay updated:
www.facebook.com/ErasmusIncomingsUniBonn.

Students with disabilities/chronic diseases

Further information

www.studierenmithandicap.uni-bonn.de (available in English soon)

First contacts

- Carina Rong, erasmus-incoming@uni-bonn.de
- Marion Becker, Advisor for Students with Disabilities and Chronic Diseases, studierenmithandicap@uni-bonn.de

Accommodation

The Studierendenwerk Bonn offers some rooms and apartments for students with special needs. As there is a limited number of such rooms, students are highly advised to get in touch with the International Office (erasmus-incoming@uni-bonn.de) well in advance so that they can support the application accordingly.

Accessibility

The University of Bonn is not based in one single campus, but spread throughout the city of Bonn. However, similar study areas are usually concentrated [in one area](#). As many institutes are located in older buildings, not all of them are barrier-free. Therefore, students are recommended to get in touch with us before their arrival for further information.

Studying and learning support

- Special conditions and support in the different libraries
- Specially equipped room for taking exams, including reading devices for visually handicapped students
- mentoring (on demand)

Special conditions for exams (e.g. different form of exam, more time, permission of supporting tools etc.) can be arranged depending on degree of disability and needs. Students should discuss this well in advance either with their [Erasmus departmental coordinator](#) or the [advisor for students with disabilities, Marion Becker](#)

Transcripts of records for outgoing Erasmus students from the University of Bonn to your university

You may send Transcripts of records of our students to

- the student directly
- or
- the [Erasmus departmental coordinator](#)

STUDYING WITH ERASMUS IN GERMANY? **COME TO BONN!**

