

Global Exchange Program 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 35.000, the University is one of Germany's largest academic institutions and with about 3.500 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.



Program Dates

Academic Calendar

Summer Term 2022: April 4th - July 15th
Orientation weeks: March

Winter Term 2022/23: October 4th - January 27th
Orientation weeks: September

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

Nomination and Application

Nomination

Winter Term: **March 1st - April 14th**

Summer Term: **September 1st - October 14th**

The international office of the home institution nominates students through the online platform Mobility-Online. Links will be sent to the coordinators.

Application

Winter Term: **April 1st - May 31st**

Summer Term: **October 1st - November 30th**

Students submit online **application** ([Mobility Online Platform](#)) and dorm reservation.

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

Admission requirements / documents

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| GPA | min 3.0 of 4.0 with flexibility if the coordinator of the home university sees potential of the student not meeting this threshold |
| Language skills | min. B2 in English or German (no proof required) |
| Other requirements | high level of independence, interest in intercultural exchange, openness to different learning environments, generally good mental and physical condition |
| Admission documents requested | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Current transcript of records (English)- Passport copy (valid for the entire period of the planned stay)- Letter of motivation |

Orientation Weeks

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| Information | <p><u>Orientation Weeks</u> are an optional 3-week program that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Pre-Semester intensive German Language Course</u> (A1-B2; Mon-Thu mornings; 4 hrs. per week equal 4 ECTS)- <u>Welcome Days</u> 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 for GEP students |

General Course Information

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| Curriculum structure | B.A./B.Sc./M.A./M.Sc./PhD | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Courses taught in English | Courses taught in English are also available and vary from semester to semester (see www.basis.uni-bonn.de). Additionally, the English seminar series Germany in a Global Context provides students with insights into Germany's structures. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Faculties available | All faculties (except medical school) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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): <table><tr><td>"Sehr Gut" (1)</td><td>Excellent</td></tr><tr><td>"Gut" (2)</td><td>Good</td></tr><tr><td>"Befriedigend" (3)</td><td>Satisfactory</td></tr><tr><td>"Ausreichend" (4)</td><td>Sufficient</td></tr><tr><td>"Nicht ausreichend" (5)</td><td>Non-Sufficient/Fail</td></tr></table> <p>The minimum passing grade is "Ausreichend" (4).</p> | "Sehr Gut" (1) | Excellent | "Gut" (2) | Good | "Befriedigend" (3) | Satisfactory | "Ausreichend" (4) | Sufficient | "Nicht ausreichend" (5) | Non-Sufficient/Fail |
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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 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 Term: February 28th

Summer Term: July 31st

Move in / 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?

USA, Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea, New Zealand:

Students from these countries do not have to apply for a visa prior to their departure from their home country, but must apply for their electronic residence permit (visa) within 3 months after arrival in Germany.

The following documents will be required: an application form (to be filled out by the student), proof of insurance, a confirmation letter of enrollment (supplied by our office), biometric photos and the application fee of approx. 100-130 € (to be paid by the student). Our office will assist the students with this procedure once they are in Bonn.

Other countries:

We will send out a letter of acceptance to the partner universities prior to the students' departure. This is required by the students to apply for their visa in their home country.

Passport

Students need a passport valid for the whole period of their stay and 6 months beyond.

Insurance

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| Health insurance | <p>Students need to provide proof of a sufficient health insurance which covers the whole study abroad period for their enrollment at the University of Bonn.</p> <p>a) This might be a private international health insurance. Please note: Health insurance policies will not be accepted if the coverage is not equivalent to the coverage of a German compulsory health insurance! This must cover urgent cases of sickness and accidents, psychological treatment and, if applicable, chronic diseases, pregnancy and delivery. The coverage of repatriation costs is highly recommended.</p> <p>b) Students might also get a German health insurance upon arrival (103 € per month). In this case, they should make sure to have a basic travel health insurance for the first few days in Germany.</p> <p>Please be aware that students who are older than 30 years or who already reached their 14th semester have to take out a private health insurance.</p> |
| Liability insurance | <p>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.</p> |
| Accident insurance | <p>The social contribution fee of approx. 315 €, 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.</p> |

Financial Matters

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| Monthly cost of living during semester | <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Housing (on-campus)</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">250-560 €</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Food</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">200 €</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Laundry, clothing, sanitary products</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">80 €</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Health insurance</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">110 €</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Books, etc.</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">40 €</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Telephone, hobbies, sports, etc.</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">90 €</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Approx. costs per month</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">800-1000 €</td> </tr> </table> | Housing (on-campus) | 250-560 € | Food | 200 € | Laundry, clothing, sanitary products | 80 € | Health insurance | 110 € | Books, etc. | 40 € | Telephone, hobbies, sports, etc. | 90 € | Approx. costs per month | 800-1000 € |
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| University social fee | <p>Social contribution fee incl. public transport, approx. 315 € per semester</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Visa application fee | <p>Approximately 100 €</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Welcome & Social Activities

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| Welcome days | <p>Welcome days for international students will be offered before the beginning of each term (September/beginning of October & April). Attendance is highly recommended as individual support for late arrivals is very restricted by the International Office. The exact dates are communicated online.</p> |
| Study Buddy Program | <p>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.</p> |
| International Club | <p>The International Club of the University of Bonn is a meeting place for German and international students as well as PhD students of the University of Bonn. 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.</p> |

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