Exchange Program
Fact Sheet for Partner Universities
Academic Year 2018/2019

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Application Deadlines and Online Procedure

| Nomination deadline | Winter Term: **April 15** / Summer Term: **October 15**
The international office of the home institution nominates students. |
| Application deadline | Winter Term: **May 31** / Summer Term: **November 30**
Students submit online application and dorm reservation. |
| Application procedure | Consult our flyer *Instructions for inbound exchange* for detailed information. |

For more detailed information please visit our website [www.studyabroad.uni-bonn.de](http://www.studyabroad.uni-bonn.de)

as of 10.07.18
## Cancellation Policy

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<th>Cancellation deadline</th>
<th>Winter Term: June 30, Summer Term: December 31 - free of charge</th>
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| Cancellation fee for Orientation | **50 Euro** between July 1/January 1 and July 15/January 15  
**50%** between July 16/January 16 and July 31/January 31  
**80% plus possibly rent for the 1st month** between August 1/February 1 and August 15/February 15  
**full costs plus rent** after August 15/February 15 |

## Program Dates

| Academic Calendar | www.studyabroad.uni-bonn.de  
Follow the link to “Academic Calendar” |

## Orientation Course

| Information | The orientation course is an optional 4-week intensive German language and culture course in preparation for the semester. The program includes various excursions and social activities.  
Strongly recommended |
| Arrival date: | Orientation begins alternatively in March or September  
Winter Term 2018/2019  
September 3, 2018  
> These dates are compulsory for orientation participants  
March 4, 2019  
Summer Term 2019 |
| Cost | 665 Euro (in cash on arrival day) |

## Semester Arrival

| Arrival date | On the first working day in April or October unless otherwise communicated. |
| Academic counseling | Course information and counseling sessions including course registration is held in the week prior to the beginning of classes (see Academic Calendar). |
| Will the students be met at the airport? | No, students will be welcomed at the international office. |

## Departure

| Recommended departure date | Please be aware that exams may be held after classes end. Students are encouraged to discuss exam dates with their instructors at the beginning of the semester. Please see the academic calendar for end of term dates.  
Students may leave straight after the end of term and exams. Since the dorms are rented on a monthly basis, they will have to be vacated by February 28/29 for winter term and July 31 for summer term.  
Check-out is only possible Mon-Fri. |
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), a confirmation letter of enrollment and insurance (supplied by our office), biometric photos and the application fee of approx. 100-130 Euro (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 own country. They need to apply for an electronic residence permit in Bonn within three months after arrival. (Please see above.)

**Student eligibility**
Undergraduate/Graduate/PhD with good academic standing

**Maximum number of students accepted**
In accordance with the agreement established between the University of Bonn and the respective Partner University.

Program Eligibility

Language Requirements

Students need to have reached at least the **A1 level in German** before their arrival*.

Therefore, they need to show proof of having completed German language courses equivalent to at least 80 units of 45 minutes each (=60h in total) or submit the Goethe-Certificate A1: Start Deutsch A1.

Course Information

**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**
German

**Courses taught in English**
Courses taught in English are also available and vary from semester to semester (see www.basis.uni-bonn.de > British flag > “Course overview” > “Search for lectures”, choose “englisch” from the drop-down list “Language of instruction”). Please note that a certain TOEFL score or equivalent for non-native English speakers might be required for classes taught in English.

**German language training**
Students will be advised to take language classes during the semester in accordance with their language skills.

**Cost**
Currently waived for exchange students during semester.

**Details**
Course descriptions and further information will be available after arrival or at
www.studyabroad.uni-bonn.de, under “Course Information”.

Faculties available
All faculties (Medical School on special request).

Graduate courses
Exchange students can apply for courses in Graduate Schools. The decision on admission is made on a case by case basis in communication with the respective departments and will depend on the student’s academic standing. There are a number of international graduate programs (also taught in English) at Bonn.

Subject description and course catalogue
Please note that students should not apply to the graduate school directly – they need to apply through our office using the online application system available on our website (see application procedure). For an overview go to: http://www.studyabroad.uni-bonn.de (> “Course Information”, > “Courses offered by the University”) and see www.basis.uni-bonn.de

Course registration
Students who do not take part in orientation are advised to contact the professors of the classes they wish to attend via email prior to their arrival.

Maximum und minimum full-time course load
Students are recommended to take between 12 and 18 contact hours/semester; approx. 30 ECTS/semester.

Transcripts
Students will be asked to fill out a course registration form after signing up for courses. Transcripts will be prepared according to the courses on this form and sent directly to the home university after the end of the semester. Students can

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**UNIVERSITY DORMS**

Is university housing available? Yes, single rooms (some ensuite with own shower room and kitchenette). After arrival the lease must be signed at the Studierendenwerk Bonn and the first month’s rent and room deposit (2 months’ rent) be paid.

Meal are not included. Students can use the student cafeteria (costs approx. 2 – 3 Euro per meal)

Dorm room cancellation
Cancellation after July 31/January 31 is subject to a cancellation fee of one month’s rent.

Earliest move-in date
See arrival dates for orientation, otherwise Oct 1/ April 1*

*Moving into the dorm is only possible Monday through Friday.

Latest move-out date
Winter semester: February 28, summer semester: July 31

Check 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.

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**PRIVATE HOUSING**

Is private housing available? Yes. Students may find private accommodation through online resources or local newspapers. Private housing is not recommended since it is generally quite expensive and hard to find.
**Financial Matters**

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<th>Housing: on-campus/off-campus</th>
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<td>Food</td>
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<td>Laundry, clothing, sanitary products</td>
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<td><strong>Approx. costs per month</strong></td>
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<th>University social fee</th>
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<td>Orientation course fee (optional)</td>
<td>665 Euro to be paid in cash</td>
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<td>Visa application fee</td>
<td>Approximately 60-130 Euro</td>
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<td>Are visiting international students allowed to work?</td>
<td>On-campus/off-campus: yes, up to 120 days per year</td>
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<td>Is a special visa required for work?</td>
<td>On-campus/off-campus: no (work permit may be required)</td>
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<td>Scholarships</td>
<td>Students can apply for scholarships with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) <a href="http://www.daad.org">www.daad.org</a></td>
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**Health Insurance**

- **Is the purchase of medical insurance compulsory?**
  - Students must have proof of sufficient insurance coverage upon arrival in Bonn. We recommend purchasing a German public health insurance policy. It covers the prevention, early-detection and treatment of illnesses for out-patients and also includes dental and hospital treatment. It does not cover repatriation costs and in some cases students may have to contribute to the costs of treatment e.g. prescriptions. This insurance policy is only available to students up to the age of 29 years. Students over the age of 29 are requested to purchase their own private insurance.

- **Cost**
  - Approx. 90-95 Euro per month.

**The University of Bonn**

The Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn (University of Bonn) was founded in 1818. With a student body of about 37,000, the University is one of Germany’s largest academic institutions and with about 4,800 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 a centre 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 19 UN Agencies and has approx. 150 international organisations. 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.
PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BONN

Programs at the University of Bonn are offered by the faculties of Law and Economics, Medicine, Arts and Humanities, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Agriculture and Education, of Protestant Theology and Catholic Theology. The Faculty of Arts and Humanities offers programs in Anthropology, Archaeology, English, French, German, Dutch, History, Greek, Latin, Linguistics, Philosophy, Spanish, Sociology, Psychology and others. The Sciences include Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, Computer Science, Meteorology and Mineralogy. For a list of all courses and degrees offered by the University of Bonn, please see the following website: www.uni-bonn.de/studying/courses-and-degrees

UNIQUE FEATURES

Over seventy years of tradition and experience go into the University of Bonn’s immersion study abroad program. Students may expect to be supported by the full range of student services including academic guidance, intercultural experience, counseling, and registration assistance. The university language proficiency requirement for foreign students is waived for program students and they can profit from the program’s flexible character by choosing from language and topical classes for international students as well as the full course catalogue of the University. During the semester the International Office offers an extensive cultural program as well as various other programs to ensure cultural immersion.