

Erasmus+ Fact Sheet for KA131 Partner Universities 2025/26

The University of Bonn

The Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn (University of Bonn) was founded in 1818. With a student body of about 38,000, the university is one of Germany's largest academic institutions and with more than 6,000 international 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. In 1989 the city celebrated 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 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.

[360 Degree Tour](#) of the University of Bonn



Institutional Details and Contact Information

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Erasmus Code	D BONN01
OID	E10209417
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Erasmus Institutional Coordinator (KA 131)

- 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
- signature of digital Erasmus Inter-Institutional Agreements via EWP

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Erasmus Departmental Coordinators

- negotiation of 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)

Various members of staff are involved in the handling of the Erasmus program at the University of Bonn on departmental level:
[List of Erasmus Departmental Coordinators](#)

Erasmus Incoming Student Advisor

- Information on application, administrative steps, language courses, orientation. Etc.

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Please note: For all questions concerning study programs and Learning Agreements, students are to contact the relevant [Erasmus Departmental Coordinator](#).

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

Academic Calendar

Winter semester 2025/26

October 13, 2025 – February 06, 2026 (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: three weeks in September 2025
- Welcome Days: www.uni-bonn.de/welcomedays

Summer semester 2026

April 13, 2026 – July 24, 2026 (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: three weeks in March 2026
- Welcome Days: www.uni-bonn.de/welcomedays

Nomination and Application

General Information

As long as Inter-Institutional Agreements have not been finalised via EWP, **nominations for student mobility in 2025/26 may be based on the preliminary agreement details** which we have agreed upon in autumn 2021, until the digital Inter-Institutional Agreements have been exchanged and signed through the EWP system.

Deadlines

May 1 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 at the same time.

Nomination and Registration

Please [have your students follow the following 3 steps which include your nomination](#):

1. Students follow the instructions at our [website](#) (→ Application procedure), fill in the online form and create a Mobility-Online account.
2. After completing their registration, students download and print out a nomination form which needs to be signed by **the Erasmus Coordinator of their home university**
3. **Students upload their signed nomination form to their Mobility-Online account by the application deadline**

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 Erasmus Departmental Coordinators will inform the partner institution.

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

Language Requirements and German Language Courses

Bachelor level

In most **undergraduate/Bachelor programs** the main language of instruction is German. Therefore, a **minimum level of B1 in German** is required for Bachelor students in most courses. **Details about German language requirements are found on our [website](#)** and in the Erasmus Inter-Institutional Agreement. In case of doubt please contact the [Erasmus Departmental Coordinator](#) of the program in question.

Master level

In **graduate/Master programs** English is often the language of instruction. Here, a minimum level **of English B1/B2 is usually required**. For more information on courses taught in English, please contact the [Erasmus Departmental Coordinator](#) of the program in question.

Intensive German Course before the starting of the semester

[Intensive German Course Before Starting the Semester](#):

Summer semester: March 06 to March 27, 2025

level A1-B2, 56 class hours, 4 ECTS

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 e-mail.

German language courses during the semester

In-Semester German Language Courses (free of charge):

a) everyday language courses

A1.1 to B2.2, 4 hrs. per week, 4 ECTS

b) special topic courses

A2.1 to C1.2, 2 hrs. per week, 2 ECTS, free of charge

*ECTS-credits for all 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 is found on our [website](#). **The International Office will inform accepted students about the application procedure for all German courses.**

German Department

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.


Online Learning Agreement Course Information

Online Learning Agreement
Different responsible persons at each department!

The University of Bonn uses the Online Learning Agreement (OLA). Students should make **sure to insert the correct contact details of the responsible person (please check this [website!](#)) into the Online Learning Agreement. Please note:** Staff of the International Office is not the responsible or contact person for the Online Learning Agreement.

Course catalogue

The online course catalogue “BASIS” is available at: <https://basis.uni-bonn.de>
Please note: Students cannot register for courses through “BASIS” before their registration. Students will usually be registered for courses by their Erasmus Departmental Coordinators. For all questions concerning courses and study programs, students should contact their [Erasmus Departmental Coordinators](#)..

 **Special English course offer for exchange students**

The seminar series [International Classroom Bonn](#) offers English-taught undergraduate courses for exchange students. Here we offer an interdisciplinary course selection aiming to broaden our incoming students’ academic horizon and enabling them to connect with students outside their field.

Grading system

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

<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 grade for passing is *Ausreichend* (4).

Accommodation

Student dormitories

Students can apply for a room from the [Studierendenwerk Bonn](#) (contact: wohnen@studierendenwerk-bonn.de or housing@uni-bonn.de) during their application process in Mobility-Online.

Monthly rent: between €300 - €560 (depending on the dormitory and room/apartment)

In all dorms, a [starter kit](#) called “Dorm Basic Set” with basic necessities is available for purchase for €60. It is equipped with bedlinen, a pillow and duvet, towels, LAN-cable and basic kitchenware.

Please note: The Studierendenwerk Bonn 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 Bonn](#) **cannot be guaranteed**, students should search for private accommodation in parallel. More information on living in Bonn and private housing is available [here](#).

Formalities

Passport/ ID

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

Visa regulations

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

Non-EU citizens are required to check the page of the [German Foreign Office](#) to see whether they need a visa. Further information is provided [on our website](#).

Health insurance

For enrollment students need proof of sufficient [health insurance](#) which covers their whole study abroad period at the University of Bonn.

a) The **European Health Insurance Card** (GHIC for UK students or A/T11 for Turkish students) is equivalent to a statutory German health insurance. Please contact one of the statutory German health insurance companies with the sender number H0001178 to request recognition of your existing insurance and get an insurance number.

b) 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.

c) 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 costs 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.

Please be aware that **students who are older than 30 years have to take out a private health insurance**.

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](#), 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.

Finances

Cost of living

On average the cost of living in Bonn is min. €850 - €1,000 per month (depending on price for accommodation)

Cost of accommodation

Dormitory: €300–€560 per month (*depending on dormitory and room/apartment*)
Private accommodation: €350–€650 per month

Social contribution fee/
Semester ticket

When enrolling at the University of Bonn, **all students need to pay a [social contribution fee](#) once per semester**. It includes the "[Deutschlandsemesterticket](#)" (ticket for local public transportation in Germany).

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

Students with disabilities/chronic diseases

Information

[Website](#)

Contact

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 advised to get in touch with the International Office (housing@uni-bonn.de) and the Studierendenwerk Bonn (wohnen@studierendenwerk-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 Universities advisor for students with disabilities.

Transcripts of Records for Students of the University of Bonn (your incoming students)

Please send Transcripts of Records **to the student directly** or the [Erasmus Departmental Coordinator](#), **not to the International Office.**