UNIVERSITY OF BONN International
City of Bonn —
In the Heart of Europe
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- 2,000 years of history
- Ludwig van Beethoven’s birthplace (1770)
- Former capital (1949–1990)
- Federal City, UN City
- 338,396 inhabitants from 176 countries
An Excellent Tradition
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- Founded in 1818
- University of Excellence since 2019
- Famous scholars and alumni
- 9 Nobel laureates
- 3 recipients of the Fields Medal
- 2 palaces
Karl Marx (1818–1883): German philosopher, economist, social theorist, political journalist—a protagonist of the labor movement and famous critic of both capitalism and religion.

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844–1900): German classical philologist and philosopher.

Heinrich Rudolf Hertz (1857–1894): German physicist; first scientist to conclusively prove the existence of electromagnetic waves.


Maria von Linden-Aspermont (1869–1936): zoologist, parasitologist and the first German woman to hold the title of professor, bestowed by the University of Bonn in 1910.

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Annette Kuhn (1934–2019): German historian, peace researcher and women’s studies scholar.

Isabel Schnabel (*1971): German economist, member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank (ECB).

Seven Faculties

- Faculty of Protestant Theology (since 1818)
- Faculty of Catholic Theology (since 1818)
- Faculty of Agriculture
- Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
- Faculty of Medicine (since 1818)
- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Law and Economics

University Hospital

www.uni-bonn.de/faculties
Facts and Figures
International
Studies

- 33,192 students (winter semester 2022/23), including 4,480 international students (13.5%) from 136 countries
- 6,468 doctoral students, including 1,683 international doctoral students (26.0%)
- 668 outgoing students (academic year 2021/22)
38 international degree programs, including:

- 26 English-language master’s degree programs (including 3 with double degrees)
- 9 multilingual degree programs (including 2 bachelor’s and 7 master’s programs; all with double degrees)
- 3 degree programs for continuing education
Rankings

**Rank 76** in the “Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)/ Shanghai Ranking” 2022; **rank 4** among German universities

**Rank 89** in “THE World University Rankings 2023” by Times Higher Education (THE); **rank 7** among German universities
Global Exchange Program
Program offers

- Open to students from more than 40 partner institutions around the globe
- Duration: one semester or two semester
- Free Intensive German Language Course Before Starting the Semester
- Free In-Semester German Language Courses
- Participation in regular university classes (Bachelor and Master level)
- Guaranteed housing in a single dorm room or apartment
Student Life

- Student groups (choirs, debate club, environmental clubs, etc.)
- University sports (fitness, dancing, martial arts, soccer, yoga, etc.)
- Concerts, lectures, screenings and art exhibitions
- Free transportation with bus, train and tram in all of North Rhine-Westphalia
- Free bike rentals 30 minutes per day available throughout the city
- Approximate living costs per month: 800 € - 1000 €
Housing

- Guaranteed housing in a single dorm room or apartment
- 29 student dorm buildings spread throughout the city
- Rent: 300 € - 560 € per month
Support for international students

**FdiS:** university entrance preparation for prospective students with a refugee background

**Pro-Motion:** support for international PhD students before and during their doctorate

**Welcome Days:** onboarding activities at the beginning of each semester for all international students and PhD students

**International Classroom Bonn:** English taught seminars with an interdisciplinary focus for undergraduate students

**Student exchange programs:** international students from partner universities spend one or two semesters at the University of Bonn

**LISSI:** international first-year students support to help them organize their studies and successfully complete them

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**Study Buddy Program:** peer-to-peer support of Bonn students for new international students

**Learn German:** German courses at different levels before semester start and during the semester

**International study programs:** approx. 40 international study programs at the University of Bonn

**International Club:** a meeting place and activity series organized for German and international students and PhD students of the University of Bonn

**International Choir:** international students and PhD students of the University of Bonn practice weekly and perform at various university events

**Newsletter:** BonNews newsletter for international students and PhD students of the University of Bonn published bi-weekly

**iStart Career Program:** assistance for international students on how to successfully manage careers during and after their studies

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**International Classroom Bonn:**

**Student exchange programs:**

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**Learn German:**

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Welcome Days

- onboarding activities including: online pre-arrival events, welcome events upon arrival, special topic info events (e.g. health insurance etc.) social events

- September and October for winter semester & March and April for summer semester

- open for all international students (including exchange and degree seeking students) and PhD students

- [www.uni-bonn.de/welcomedays](http://www.uni-bonn.de/welcomedays)
Study Buddy Program

- students studying at the University of Bonn (mentors) accompany 1-3 new international students (mentees) when they arrive in Bonn and start their studies
- introduction into the program and events throughout the semester with other Study Buddy groups
- registration of international students is recommended at least 3 weeks before arrival
- www.uni-bonn.de/studybuddy
International Club
- meeting place for international and German students (language practice, sports, country evenings, debates, game nights, cooking events, etc.)
- 3-4 events per week
- [www.uni-bonn.de/int-club](http://www.uni-bonn.de/int-club)

International Choir
- choir for international students, German students and PhD students

Newsletter BonNews
- informs on free time activities, German cultural aspects, important dates/public holidays, job offers etc.
- bi-weekly

practicing once per week leading to performances and recording projects
- [www.uni-bonn.de/int-chor](http://www.uni-bonn.de/int-chor)
International Classroom Bonn

- English taught seminar series on undergraduate level with interdisciplinary focus
- Approx. 25 seminars per semester on a large variety of topics
- [www.uni-bonn.de/international-classroom-bonn](http://www.uni-bonn.de/international-classroom-bonn)
- Examples winter semester 2023/24:
  - Germany - An Introduction into Geography, History and Politics
  - Media Governance in Germany and Beyond
  - Cosmopolitanism and Globalism: ancient and modern conceptions of being a citizen of the world
  - Career Planning with Effective Altruism and Futures Thinking
Learn German

- **Intensive German Language Course Before Starting the Semester:**
  - Approx. 8 courses with approx. 15 participants each on level A1.1 – B2.2
  - 4 ECTS (56 lessons)

- **In-Semester German Language Courses:**
  
  **Everyday German language courses:**
  - Approx. 18 courses with approx. 15 participants each on level A1.1 – B2.2
  - 4 ECTS (48 lessons)

  **German Special Topic courses:**
  - Approx. 14 courses with approx. 15 participants each on level A2 – C1
  - 2 ECTS (24 lessons)
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