

Information for Students on Exchange

University	Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn (University of Bonn)
	http://www.uni-bonn.de/globalexchange-in
Country	Germany
Academic Calendar	Semester 1 (Winter semester): October 1 – March 31 Semester 2 (Summer semester): April 1 – September 30
	https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/studying/organizing-your-studies/key-semester-dates?set_language=en
	The summer term begins on April 1 and ends on September 30. However, the lecture period only runs from mid-April until the middle/end of July. The remaining time, the so-called "vorlesungsfreie Zeit", is intended for writing papers, preparing exams or for internships, etc.
Exchange Duration	One semester. Semester 2 exchange is recommended due to overlapping academic calendar.
Language Proficiency Requirement	English B2/C1: at least B2 (preferably C1) in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages for courses taught in English; no official proof necessary
	or
	German B2: if students wish to take courses taught in German, they should have reached at least B2 level. Please note that only a limited number of undergraduate courses are taught in English, so undergraduate students are strongly advised to have an advanced level of German.
Course Information	It is recommended that students take between 12 and 18 contact hours per semester for a total of around 30 ECTS credits per semester.
Please read the important examination information below	Limited courses are taught in English. Students are expected to search for the suitable courses taught in English if they cannot follow the class in German. Suitable for students from the following NUS faculties:
	Courses from the Faculty of Medicine is not available for exchange students. Suitable for students from the following NUS faculties:



FASS	 History Philosophy Global Studies Political Science English Literature 	
FoS	MathematicsChemistryPhysicsLife Sciences	

For an overview of course description and course catalogue, please visit

- https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/studying/internationalstudents/exchangestudents/global-exchange-program/courses-andsemester-calendar
- https://basis.unibonn.de/qisserver/pages/cs/sys/portal/pages/cm/exa/coursecatalo g/showCourseCatalog.xhtml? flowId=showCourseCatalogflow& flowExecutionKey=e1s1&noDBAction=y&init=y

English-taught courses can be found here: www.basis.uni-bonn.de

International Classroom Bonn (ICB)

Interdisciplinary English-language courses for bachelor's students are offered as part of the University of Bonn's International Classroom Bonn seminar series, which is designed to promote interaction between University of Bonn students and exchange students visiting the institution.

For more information, please visit www.uni-bonn.de/en/international/campus-international/international-classroom-bonn

Important information on examination

Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at Bonn during the official examination period until September. Be aware that earlier or extra examinations for exchange students might not be available and subjected to host university's discretion and approval.

Examination dates vary between Bonn departments but generally take place between July and September in semester 2.

Please approach the respective Bonn's departmental coordinator <u>at the</u> start of your exchange for the exact examination dates. If the examination



	date clashes with NUS' academic calendar, please consider taking alternative courses which allows you to have the examination by late July. Leave of Absence from NUS is subjected to your home faculty's approval and is not guaranteed.
Accommodation	Students will be housed in one of several student dorms, which are located in different areas of town. All dorms are easily accessible either by foot or by public transportation. All rooms are single rooms. Some are equipped with a kitchenette and a private bathroom while others have shared facilities.
	More information is found here: • www.studentenwerk-bonn.de/wohnen/ • https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/university/university-life/living-in-bonn Students who have contract that ends in August or September are expected to pay for the rental until August or September. There will be no refund of
Visa	the rental if you leave the student accommodation earlier. EU citizens and citizens from the following countries do not need a visa to
VISA	enter Germany: Australia, Canada, Honduras, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Korea, Liechtenstein, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and the United States. However, after entering Germany, you will have to apply for a residence permit at the local "Auslaenderbehörde" (Immigration Office) if you are staying for more than three months.
	Students from all other countries must apply for a visa for study purposes via the German diplomatic representation in their home country. You must not under any circumstances travel to Germany on a tourist visa.
	All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they received the official offer letter/email from their host university.
	Some visa application process could take up to 2 months to process. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.
	 For more visa information, please refer to http://www.singapur.diplo.de/Vertretung/singapur/en/04/2 Visa/seite 22 National Visa.html#topic15 https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/research-and-teaching/support-for-researchers-and-teachers/welcome-center-for-international-researchers/preparing-your-stay?set language=en



Insurance

All full-time NUS students are covered under the university's Student Group Personal Accident & Medical Insurance and the Student Travel Insurance. For more information on the university medical insurance, please refer to https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/.

In Germany, all students must have health insurance. Enrolment at the university is only possible with a valid health insurance certificate. Students must have proof of sufficient insurance coverage upon arrival in Bonn.

Bonn recommends purchasing a German public health insurance policy. It covers the prevention, early-detection and treatment of illnesses for outpatients 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 the treatment e.g. prescriptions. This insurance policy is only available to students up to the age of 30 years. Students over the age of 30 are requested to purchase their own private insurance.

For more information, please visit:

https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/studying/application-admission-and-enrollment/insurance-for-students?set language=en

It is recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within/outside Germany. Please review your insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs.

Students are strongly encouraged to assess the risk of their intended activities and purchase supplemental insurance plans to ensure they are adequately covered during their time abroad.

Useful Links

Guide for exchange students:

https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/studying/international-students/exchangestudents/global-exchange-program/global-exchangeprogram?set language=en

Factsheet:

https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/studying/international-students/exchangestudents/global-exchange-program/download/fact-sheet-global-exchangeprogram.pdf

First-hand reports from other exchange students:

https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/studying/international-students/exchangestudents/first-hand-reports



Cost of Living:

- https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/studying/application-admission-and-enrollment/costs?set language=en
- https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/studying/internationalstudents/costs-and-financing-for-international-students/costs-andfinancing-for-international-students

Note: All information is subjected to change. Please check the partner university's website for the most up-to-date information.