



PARTNER INSTITUTION INFORMATION 2015-16

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Academic Information: This information is specific for the current academic year, please also check the information from the respective departments.

Term dates	Winter Semester: 21.09. 2015 – 07.02.2015 Summer Semester: 21.03.2016 – 15.07.2016
Examination period	Winter Semester: 25.01.2016 – 05.02.2016 Summer Semester: 04.07.2016 – 15.07.2016
Semester breaks	Christmas Break: 21.12.2015 – 02.01.2016
Number of weeks of study	15 weeks of classes and 4 weeks of exams in Winter semester 14 weeks of classes and 4 weeks of exams in Summer semester
Number of required courses and other requirements	Exchange students must be registered as full-time students during their studies at the Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg and submit the Learning Agreement with a special application form sent to their home university.
Transcript	Exchange students will be able to print their transcript from the Student Information System (SIS) or may collect their signed and stamped transcript from the International Office before returning to their home university.
Course types	Lectures, seminars, practices or combination of these.
Are there any restrictions on the types of courses our students may take?	Please contact the International Office.

Accommodation Information

Off-Campus residence/dormitory	Housing arrangements are made through the International Office, only possible for whole calendar months. Please use the application form for exchange students of the Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg. The application form must be returned to the International Office not later than May 30th for the winter semester and October 30th for the summer semester. We cannot guarantee a room in a particular dormitory. Most buildings of the "Studierendenwerk Bonn" are in the city of Bonn, half an hour by public transport from both campuses. A small number of rooms may be available in Sankt Augustin's or Rheinbach's dormitories.
Cost	Rent varies depending on the type of residence, approximately between €180 and €500 per calendar month.
Meal plan	The meal for students at the cafeteria cost approximately between €2,00 and €4,50. For further information: http://www.studentenwerk-bonn.de/ Students enrolled at the Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg may also use the various other cafeterias of the "Studierendenwerk" in Bonn.
Alternative accommodation	Private apartments and shared flats are an option, for further information have a look at: https://www.h-brs.de/en/accommodation-international-students
Cost	Approximately from €300 upwards, depending on size and location.

Arrival Information

Orientation dates	The International Office organizes an orientation week prior to the start of the semester. In addition each student will have a personal meeting with the departmental coordinator. Please keep in mind that some departments also have mandatory orientation weeks prior to the start of the semester. For further information please check with the International Office.
Where	Usually in Sankt Augustin, further information will be provided by the International Office prior to arrival.
Suggested date of arrival	Students should aim to arrive at the beginning of March (summer semester) and at the beginning of September (winter semester). Students can only move into the dormitories during regular office hours (until 6.00 p.m.) from Monday to Friday, not on weekends or holidays. Please contact the International Office for detailed arrival information.

Insurance Information:

Are exchange students covered by a health Insurance plan?	No, proof of Health Insurance is mandatory for all international students before enrolment.
Health insurance regulations	<p>There is a general obligation for health insurance in Germany. Cheaper health insurance tariffs are available for students for the duration of their studies (until the age of 30).</p> <p>1. There are health insurance agreements with all EU countries. Students from these countries should bring their home country EU health insurance (the EHIC card for example) and submit it to a health insurance scheme of their choice in Germany. They will then get an exemption from the German compulsory student health insurance. The health insurance from the home country must cover the entire period of the planned stay in Germany. Otherwise students have to apply for a German health insurance.</p> <p>2. Students from Non-EU countries have to have a health insurance that is accepted by German law. Either the students have obtained a health insurance in their home country which is accepted by German law (unlimited coverage!) or apply for a German health insurance. Please contact the International Office if you require further information.</p>
Health insurance cost	Currently approx. €80 monthly for a public health insurance.

Visa and Employment:

Visa	<p>If you are a not a citizen of a member country of the European Union you will most likely be entering Germany on the basis of a student visa, which is granted to you by the German Embassy/Consulate in your home country. A student visa usually allows entry and stay for a period of three months. Once in Germany you have to apply for the new eAT (electronic residence permit).</p> <p>http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Anlagen/EN/Publikationen/Flyer/flyer-eAT-en.html. Please check the website of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs (www.auswaertiges-amt.de) for regulations on immigration and residency for your home country. Following your arrival in Germany please make sure to register as soon as possible to be granted a residence permit.</p>
Employment	<p>EU students are allowed to work up to 20 hours per week and more during the semester break. Non-EU exchange students with a valid Study Permit are eligible to work 240 half days per year or 120 days. Half day means no more than 4 hours per day.</p>

Extracurricular activities and further information

Language facilities & support	The Language Centre offers various language courses free of charge during the semester. Contact: http://www.spz.hochschule-bonn-rhein-sieg.de/
Special events	Excursions and a range of cultural activities are offered each semester by the International Office: https://www.h-brs.de/en/culture-programme In addition, the student body of our University organizes events throughout the year. Students may take part in the sports programme of the University of Bonn in various locations throughout Bonn and also the sports programme of the Student Association of Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg in Sankt Augustin and Rheinbach.
Student contribution	Composition of the total amount per semester: 265,40 € (as of SoSe2016): Social service contribution for the Studierendenwerk Bonn: 87,00 € SemesterTicket (VRS): 120,10 € NRW-Ticket: 48,10 € Student's Union fee: 8,80 €
Student contribution for transportation	The SemesterTicket (VRS) and NRW-Ticket serves as a travel pass, entitling students to the free use of all train and bus services in the local network Verkehrsverbund Rhein-Sieg (VRS) and also in the North Rhine-Westphalia-Region www.vrsinfo.de
Overview of Costs	The recommended amount that students should have access to per semester is around €700. For general information on the cost of living in Germany please have a look at these websites: www.study-in-germany.de and www.daad.de/deutschland/index.en.html or www.justlanded.com
Application deadlines	The application form has to be returned by 30 May at the latest for winter semester in the same year, or by 30 October for the summer semester in the next year, but for the visa application procedure we recommend to return the application earlier.