



Dear new Master students,

welcome to the prettiest city at the Rhein!

To make your start here in Bonn easier, we have prepared some information for you. We tried to keep it brief, as to not overwhelm you. If you have any more or detailed questions, please do not hesitate to ask any person from the student council (Fachschaft).

Student ID Card/ Student ticket

Every semester you get a new student ID via mail, after you have transferred the tuition fees. It is not only your Student ID Card which proves that you're a student, but also your ticket to all regional public transportation within NRW (State North-Rhine-Westphalia). Moreover, during the weekend, on bank holidays and after 7 p.m. on weekdays, you're allowed to bring a bike and another person along for free.

Technical Resources

Upon matriculation you've received your so called 'Uni-ID' (not to confuse with your

student ID card). This arrangement of letters and numbers (s6XXXX) is your key for all webpages. In the upper right corner of the letter you received containing your student ID card you can find your initial password.

The two most important websites are eCampus (<https://ecampus.uni-bonn.de>) where your lecturer uploads questions sheets, lecture notes etc. and BASIS (<https://basis.uni-bonn.de>) where you have to register for exams, marks are being published and you can print enrolment receipts.

For all technical issues or questions regarding the Uni-ID or eCampus go to the website of the Hochschulrechenzentrum (HRZ) www.hrz.uni-bonn.de/de. For example all information on how to set up a VPN client is available on this site. If you can't find the information you need, just send an e-mail to the HRZ or just swing by during their opening times, they are always happy to help.

Cafeteria/Mensa

The closest cafeteria apart from the small snack bar in front of the lecture hall is the Mensa in Poppelsdorf, EndenicherAllee 19. You cannot pay with cash, you need to get a Mensa card in the coffee shop on the ground floor. The Mensa card gets charged with cash only in the entry hall of the Mensa. Sometimes you need to present your student ID card at the check-out. Make sure to bring it otherwise you might not get the cheap student rates.

Library

There is a library where you can borrow most of the necessary books at Nussalle 15A. You get a library ID card there, but need to present your student ID card when you get it for the first time and every semester to revalidate it.

In addition, you can find a non-lending library on the ground floor of the chemistry department close to the entrance on the right-hand side of the building. There are computers and work spaces as well.

Using the copying machine

There is a copying machine in the library in the chemistry department.

You need to get a separate card which you have to charge with cash. You can get and charge it at the HRZ.

Student Council (Fachschaft)

In addition of organising several events such as parties and football tournaments, our job is to help you. If you need help in any regard, administrative or study-related send us an e-mail (fachschaft-chemie@uni-bonn.de) or visit us during our opening times (during term on weekdays noon – 1 p.m.).

Moreover, you can get money from the student council for notebooks and textbooks. For more details on what books are eligible and how much money you can actually get, please contact us.

Second Chance at exams

For all your exams you've got a second chance to improve your marks. Which is a great perk since only the better mark counts. This attempt counts as an additional try resulting in a total of 4 possible tries per course. Attention! The rule will only apply if you sit your exam on the first possible date.

Further Contacts

Student Help Desk: Dr. Keßler referent-fgchemie@uni-bonn.de

Examination Board: Prof. Dr. Lützen

Assistant: Ilna Schwegmann fachgruppe-chemie@uni-bonn.de

University's Sports Facilities

On the website (<https://www.sport.uni-bonn.de/sportangebot>) you'll find all available sports courses. For most of the courses, it is necessary to book a spot in advance and you need a German bank account to pay for them.

On a particular day, 1-2 weeks prior to the start of the course, booking opens online. Some courses are very popular and you need to register as soon as possible, because they fill up within minutes. Have your bank account, student number (7 digits), address and e-mail address ready before booking.

If you have booked successfully, you will get an e-mail with your confirmation of booking. You either need to save the barcode on your phone

or print it out. In some facilities, you need to scan the barcode to enter.

There is always a program during the semester and a program during the holidays, which needs to be booked separately.

Parking at the institute or near university buildings

On the campus Endenich you can park for free on the street. But just like on a lot of other parking spaces close to university buildings you need to pay on the parking lot in front of the lecture hall. If there is a street sign with the university logo close to a parking spot you most likely need to pay for it. If you do not have a parking ticket you might get towed (Yes it definitely has happened!).

AStA-Shop/Laden

It is located in the Mensa building. You can get stationary, pens, flashcards and much more there. The prices are not really cheap but it is okay.

Bike

We highly recommend you to get a bike for Bonn! But do not get an expensive bike, get a cheap bike and an expensive lock, bicycle theft is a real problem in Bonn.

You can get used bikes here <https://www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de/> or <http://www.asta-bonn.de/Fahrradmarkt>

There is a free bike repair shop from the AStA, where they help you to fix your bike yourself

and have all the necessary tools available.

<http://www.asta-bonn.de/Fahrradwerkstatt>

Starting times of lectures

At German universities the so called 'academic 15 minutes' apply most of the time. Historically it can be explained, that the bell would sound at the full hour and then everybody would know they need to make their way into the lecture hall. So the lecture never started at the full hour. **What it means for you is:**

If the beginning of a lecture is set for 8 c.t., it means it starts at 8.15. However, 8 s.t. means it starts at 8.00. If not specified, most of the time it is implied that the time given is in c.t.. But to make sure, be there at the full hour and you will definitely get a good seat!)

Fun fact: c.t. stands for cum tempore and s.t. for sine tempore (It is Latin and means with time and without time).

Study Buddy Program

If you apply for a Study Buddy with the international office, you will get a German Buddy who will try to help you get started in the German Culture and around Bonn. For more information please check out the website of the international office.