

INFORMATION FOR FIRST SEMESTER STUDENTS



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Welcome to the Rheinische- Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn!

In this brochure, we, the student council for economics, show you everything you need to know in order to find your way into your new student life. Here we answer your questions about studying economics and want to make it clear what you can expect in the near future. In this brochure, you will also find a checklist that illustrates the essentials at a glance.

If you have any further or specific questions, please write to us on [Instagram](#) or drop by the student council office. Our student council is made up of experienced students who can put themselves in your shoes. So don't be afraid to talk to us!

We wish you lots of exciting experiences and a successful start to your studies.

Your student council

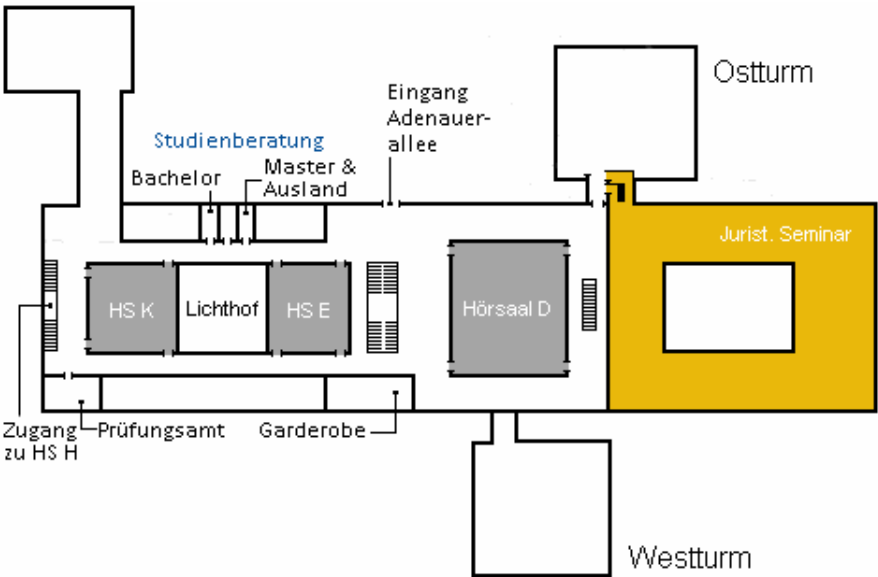
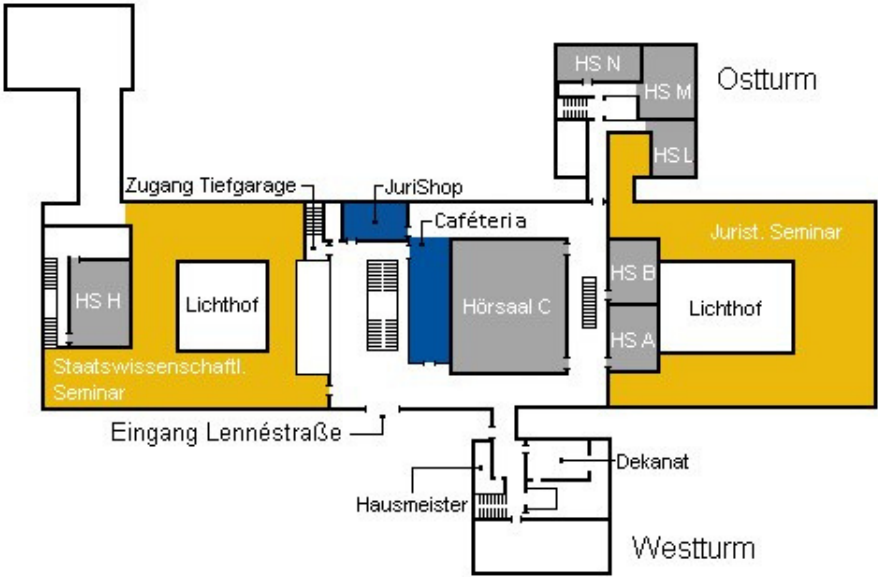


Plan of the Juridicum

**Rechts- und
Staatswissenschaftliche Fakultät
der Universität Bonn**



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Freshman To-Do

- Freshman week (from October 13th)**

Freshers' Week is the perfect opportunity to get to know the city of Bonn, your university and new friends. Find out about the individual dates well in advance, preferably via the Freshman-WhatsApp group or on Instagram. We look forward to seeing you!

- Important websites for your university career:**

The eCampus and Basis websites are essential for your studies. On eCampus you will find important learning materials such as tutorials and lecture slides, while Basis is the central platform for timetables and exam registrations. Use both sites regularly so that you are always well informed and organized.

eCampus: <https://ecampus.uni-bonn.de>
Basis: <https://basis.uni-bonn.de>
Examination office: <https://www.econ.uni-bonn.de/examinations/de>

- Freshman WhatsApp group**

Once again this year, we have created a Freshers' Group for you, where all the details about Freshers' Week and other events will be shared. You are welcome to ask questions there, which will be answered by members of the student council!



WhatsApp

Freshmen To-Do

- Admission for Bachelor Economics**
is dropped for freshmen starting out in the Winter Term 2025/26
- Module “Fundamentals of Economics”**
Submission procedure for partial examinations in microeconomics and macroeconomics (each to be taken separately): **October 1st to 16th**
- Also follow the important pages on Instagram so you don't miss any events, appointments, job offers or dates:**
 - [Instagram of the University of Bonn](#)
(always up to date + always events)
 - [Instagram of the student council](#)
(offers for extracurricular activities and reminders of important dates dates such as exam periods)
 - [Department of Economics](#)
(important information about the department & Juridicum & job offers)



Instagram der Fachschaft

- The freshman trip: a unique experience (October 17th to 19th 2025)
Every year, we organize a trip for all new students in our department so that you can get to know each other better and make new friends. You can find information in the WhatsApp Freshmen group, on Instagram or at the student council meetings. Places for the trip are limited, so be quick!



Freshmen Council

At the start of your studies and during Freshers' Week, the Freshers' Office is particularly important as it looks after new students at the university. Among other things, they organize the Freshers' Week to make your start at university easier and also the Freshers' Trip, which usually takes place on a weekend in November.

They are important contacts in the first few weeks if you need help!

Freshmen-week & math pre-course:

Freshmen-Week

We, the student council, have planned an exciting and varied Freshers' Week for you, where you can find out more information about studying, get to know each other better at the Freshers' Rally and celebrate at the Freshers' Party.

During the week there will be plenty of opportunities to have fun and meet new people, and there will always be non-alcoholic drinks available. If you need support or experience an unpleasant incident, please contact a member of the student council. As part of the awareness concept, we student representatives are always there for you in such situations.

But now to the program:

Datum	Events
Sept 29th – Oct 10th	10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Preliminary math course (<u>registration required</u>)
Wednesday Oct 08th	<u>Freshmen-Welcome</u> of Uni Bonn
Thursday Oct 09th	5:00 p.m. Barbecue after the preliminary course 7:00 p.m. Student council meeting 8:00 p.m. pub crawl
Oct 13th - Oct 17th	Freshmen week
Monday Oct 13th	2:00 p.m. Freshman rally followed by a barbecue 8:00 p.m. Community run
Tuesday Oct 14th	6:00 p.m. Speed-Dating meeting point: poster wall, Juridicum courtyard
Thursday Oct 16th	7:00 p.m. Student council meeting, pub crawl afterwards 10:00 p.m. Freshmen-Party in club <i>N&schicht</i>

Pre-course

Our preliminary math course prepares you optimally for your studies. You'll brush up on your math skills and learn important basics for the coming semesters. Take this opportunity to start the new academic year well prepared and meet new people right from the start!

The math pre-course runs from September 29th to October 10th, daily from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and consists of lectures in the morning, the content of which is practiced in tutorials in the afternoon.

Remember to register for the course in advance!

Registration for the math pre-course

<https://www.econ.uni-bonn.de/de/studium/informationen-zu-studienbeginn/mathematikvorkurs/anmeldung-mathematikvorkurs>

Offers from the Student Council

What does the student council do?

Anyone from our department can get involved in the student council. The student council is the link between the students and the university administration and offers support with organizational and study-related issues. In addition, the student council organizes numerous events and trips to promote exchange and a sense of community among students.

Structure of the student council

The student council is divided into the Student Representative Council (FSV) and the Student Representative Council (FSR). The FSV is elected once a year by all students in the department and is the highest authority in the student body structure. Its main tasks include appointing the members of the student council, ensuring compliance with the statutes and deciding on the budget. The student council forms the basic operational structure of the student body. It is divided into individual departments and is managed by an executive board. Departments are further subdivided into a speaker and associated representatives.



Cool things organized by the student council

Throughout the year, we offer a variety of events and trips that make student life more colorful. These include

Offers from the student council



Ersti-Fahrt



Brüssel-Fahrt



FSR-Fahrt



FSV-Fahrt



Berlin-Fahrt

These events not only offer you the opportunity to meet new people and make friends, but also to learn important soft skills and simply have fun. In addition to the student council meetings, there is also our weekly community run on Mondays at 18:30 (WhatsApp group) and regular soccer.

We look forward to supporting you at the start of your studies and helping you have a great time at the University of Bonn. If you have any questions about studying or other matters, please drop by our student council office on Monday and Thursday from 12 noon to 1 pm, where student council members who can put themselves in your shoes and have experience will answer your questions.

Student Council Board



**Jonas Bertram
(2nd Spokesman)**

**Maik Kuczynski
(1st Spokesman)**

**Fynn Scigala
(Finance Officer)**

Dear students,

We, the Executive Board of the Student Council for Economics, are here to represent you and manage the business of the Student Council. Our main focus is to maintain contact with university committees and administrative units in order to represent your interests in the best possible way and to manage the student council's finances. We ensure that communication between you and the teaching staff runs smoothly and work to improve study conditions. If you have any questions or problems with your studies, we are always here to help. Together we want to create a lively and supportive student council life. We cordially invite you to our student council meetings on Thursdays, regularly at 8 p.m., earlier at the beginning of the semester. Here you have the opportunity to get involved, meet new people and play an active role in shaping student council life. Your ideas and commitment are always welcome!

Your Student Council Board

Awareness

Jonas (mobile: +49 176 70346556) and **Maik (mobile: +49 176 20597743)** jointly with **Isabel (i.kleiner@outlook.de)** serve as your officers of awareness whom you can contact at any time. Our protection concept ensures that everyone's personal boundaries are respected at all times.

You can also contact all of us members of the student council at all student council events if something has happened to you and you need help. So please do not hesitate to contact us in person by e-mail or phone, we are there to support you in such situations.

In addition to the people and departments presented here, the FSR also consists of other parts. We also have special representatives for sustainability and sponsorship and, of course, the other departments, from public relations to events and parties to student organizations. Take a look at our website for more information or come along to our meetings.

Alumni and support association of the student council VWL at the University of Bonn

Who are we?

We are the non-profit alumni and support association of the student council for economics. Our aim is to promote networking opportunities between current and former students and to actively foster the connection between practice and science.

What do we do?

We support and promote projects of the student council and the department. Among other things, we organize the lecture series “Inside Research”, in which professors and doctoral students give an insight into their current research. We regularly organize the event series “Bonner Alumnae und Alumni im Gespräch”, in which graduates of our department talk about their careers. In addition, once a year we organize an alumni weekend with a varied cultural program and a panel discussion on a current economic topic. Of course, there is also the opportunity to actively exchange ideas and network with other members.



Would you also like to network with current and former students and exchange ideas? Then simply scan the QR code and become a member for free!



Information on the degree program

Economics degree program at the University of Bonn

In the following we will give you an overview of your course of study. For more information, take a look at the module handbook or the [department's website](#).

First of all, a small special feature in Bonn. We have two exam phases, in both of which you can write your first attempt. This means that you could split your exams in one semester so that you write half of the exams in the first exam phase and the other half in the second exam phase, which takes place shortly before the start of the next semester. However, you will have plenty of time to think about this and you are welcome to ask members of the student council about their experiences.

Basic studies

In the first two semesters, you will learn the basics of mathematics, statistics, economics and business administration, as you can see in the module plan.

Studienverlaufsplan

Bachelorstudiengang Volkswirtschaftslehre



für Studienbeginn im Wintersemester nach der Bachelorprüfungsordnung 2024 gültig ab Wintersemester 2024/25.

	1. Semester	2. Semester	3. Semester	4. Semester	5. Semester	6. Semester
Mathematikvorkurs	Grundzüge der Volkswirtschaftslehre 9 LP	Mikroökonomik I 9 LP	Fachgebundener Wahlpflichtbereich* 24 LP	Fachgebundener Wahlpflichtbereich* 18 LP	Fachgebundener Wahlpflichtbereich* 30 LP	Fachgebundener Wahlpflichtbereich* 18 LP
	Mathematik I 9 LP	Makroökonomik I 9 LP				
	Finanzen I 6 LP	Statistik 9 LP	Freie Wahlpflichtmodule** 6 LP	Freie Wahlpflichtmodule** 6 LP		Bachelorarbeit 12 LP
	Angewandte Datenanalyse 6 LP	Finanzen II 3 LP				
	30 LP	30 LP	30 LP	30 LP	30 LP	30 LP

* Kombination aus Kursen à 6 LP

** Module aus anderen Studiengängen im freien Wahlpflichtbereich können eine andere Anzahl an Leistungspunkten einbringen als wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Module.

Interdisciplinary studies and internship

From the second year of study (3rd and 4th semester), you can take modules worth 12 ECTS in the free elective area, complete an internship (6 ECTS) or gain interdisciplinary insights. You can choose from political science, law, psychology, philosophy, foreign languages and other subjects.

Stay abroad

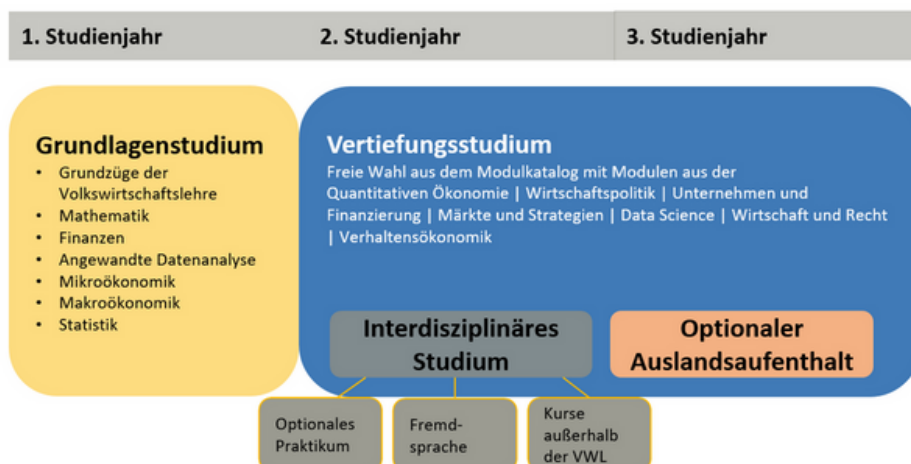
In the third year of study, especially in the 5th semester, an optional stay abroad is recommended. Thanks to partnerships and funding programs (ERASMUS, Global Exchange), you can study or do an internship abroad without extending your study time. You can find more information on this on the department's website for studying abroad.

Specializations

You can choose from seven specializations, which will be shown on your certificate if you achieve a minimum number of ECTS credits in the respective specialization. However, choosing a specialization is not compulsory. Important to know: If you are interested in a consecutive Master's degree in Bonn, you must choose the Quantitative Economics specialization.

- Quantitative Economics
- Economic Policy
- Business and finance
- Markets and Strategies
- Data Science
- Economics and Law
- Behavioral Economics

You can find more detailed information on the specializations on the department's website.



Two-subject Bachelor

Welcome to the two-subject Bachelor of Economics at the University of Bonn!

Congratulations on choosing the dual-subject Bachelor's degree in Economics at the University of Bonn! You have chosen a degree program that not only provides you with in-depth knowledge of business administration and economics, but also gives you the freedom to choose a second subject from the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

What can you expect?

In the first semester, you will take two important compulsory modules: **Fundamentals of Economics and Mathematics I**. These modules lay the foundation for your further studies. From the second semester onwards, you will have the freedom to design your studies individually. You can choose from all modules of the economics bachelor's degree, for which it is worth taking a look at the module handbook.

Flexibility and variety

The special thing about your degree course is the enormous flexibility it offers you. You combine economics knowledge with a second subject from the Faculty of Arts. This allows you to develop interdisciplinary skills that are particularly in demand in today's working world. This allows you to tailor your studies precisely to your professional goals and interests.

Erasmus and international experience

As with the Bachelor of Economics, you have the opportunity to take part in an Erasmus exchange program. A semester abroad gives you the chance to gain international experience, improve your language skills and expand your network. The University of Bonn and our department have numerous partnerships with universities in Europe and around the world, where you can gain exciting experiences.

Tips & Tricks

Coworking spaces and the city of Bonn

Imagine discovering the best insider tips for cozy places to study that will make your everyday life as a first-year student in economics an unforgettable experience - curious?

In the group study rooms in the Juridicum 0.013 and U1.025, you can work on ideas and collaborate with your fellow students.

The Lernraum+ in the ULB, at the back right of the entrance, offers you private bunks where you can show your fellow students your progress on medium-sized flat screens. Really professional!

Then, of course, there are the best study cafés in Bonn - if only it were that easy. The following cafés all offer lovely surroundings:

I. Café Friedrichs: hard to miss after leaving the Juridicum in the direction of the inner courtyard.

Nassestraße 1, 53113 Bonn. 2 minutes walk

II. Kaffeosaurus: from the steps of the main station on the left opposite.

Am Hauptbahnhof 10, 53111 Bonn 10 minutes on foot

III. Café Orange: Hidden between Hofgarten and Juridicum.

Fritz-Tillmann-Straße 6, 53113 Bonn 7 minutes on foot

Tips & Tricks

Libraries

If you are looking for a quiet place where you can concentrate fully on yourself, then we have just the thing for you. The University and State Library (ULB) at Adenauerallee 39-41 is a true paradise. Open from 8 a.m. to midnight, you'll find everything your heart desires here. Whether you are working on a new project, looking for additional information on lecture slides or simply need a place to concentrate on your studies - the ULB is the perfect retreat.

In the Juridicum, on the 1st floor, there is the Staatswissenschaftliches Seminar, which is always open during the week from 8:30am to 8pm and is a library for us economists. These libraries are more than just places to study - they are oases of peace. Use them to get a second perspective on the lecture.

ID card

You can apply for a free library card [here](#), which you will need to show at our ULB entrance.

Then simply pick it up, as you will be informed in the confirmation email.



Offers from the university

The University of Bonn offers a wide range of opportunities to fill your free time, further your education and make new contacts. The best way to find out more is via channels such as the university website and the university's social media presence. Here is a selection of particularly important offers:

Sport

University sports at the University of Bonn offer pretty much everything from classics such as soccer to more niche sports such as tap dancing. In order to take part in the courses, you usually have to purchase a semester card for the semester in question and also book a course via the university sports website. Prices vary, but are generally reasonable. The offer always changes for the new semester and there is also a special offer during the semester break, so you will have to buy a new semester card every season. It is particularly important to be quick when choosing a course, as the popular sports are usually fully booked within minutes. The main locations for university sports are on the Venusberg and the RÖSP in Bonn-Castell.

University sports website: www.sport.uni-bonn.de

Canteen

The canteens at the University of Bonn are run by the Studierendenwerk and offer you an inexpensive, relatively healthy lunch. The closest canteen to the Juridicum is the Hofgartenmensa in front of the palace, where there is a meat/fish option, a vegan option and a vegan €1 stew. The Campo-Mensa in Poppelsdorf is larger and nicer, where you will also find a salad and pasta bar as well as a generally larger selection. You can pay in the canteens as normal with your bank card, but then you should definitely show your student ID to benefit from the discounts. In the long term, it is advisable to get a Mensa card, as this will identify you directly as a student and you will receive a small cashback. However, you will only receive this if you top up the Mensa card with cash at one of the machines. You can get the card at any canteen or in the Jurishop. If you are feeling peckish, you can also get something to eat in the aforementioned Jurishop directly in the Juridicum.

Website of the Studierendenwerk, where you can also find the range of meals offered by the canteen: www.studierendenwerk-bonn.de

Offers from the university

Other events

There are always interesting events organized by the university or the department, such as career days, advisory services or specialist lectures. Once a semester there is also the Dies Academicus, where you can attend lectures from all disciplines. The best way to keep up to date is to follow the university, the department (econ.unibonn) and the student council on Instagram and regularly check the respective websites.

Opportunities to get involved

In addition to recreational activities like university sports, volunteering is also a great way to use your time meaningfully. Besides the benefits your engagement brings to others, it will also be a good opportunity for you to meet like-minded individuals who share similar interests. Moreover, volunteer work is often considered a key requirement for many scholarships. There are plenty of ways to get involved, and we particularly recommend joining the student council. Additionally, there are several recognized student organizations you can join.

Important Information for Everyday Life

Especially as a first-year student, it's easy to overlook important information or become overly stressed trying to stay on top of everything. Therefore, it's recommended that you develop a routine to regularly check relevant information channels for updates. Pay particular attention to exam deadlines, and ask fellow students if professors shared important information during lectures when you weren't able to attend. All key deadlines and obligations are published on the website of the Examination Office.

It's also important to note that at the University of Bonn, there are two online platforms. The one you'll use most frequently is eCampus, where lecture notes, exercises, and important announcements from professors are uploaded. The second platform, BASIS, is used for registering for exams, checking lecture and tutorial schedules, and other administrative tasks. Before the semester begins, make sure to check whether you need to register for your courses, especially in the elective areas. For internal university communication, there are also two channels. Besides eCampus, you'll use your university email (format: uniid@uni-bonn.de), which is essential for communication with university offices such as the Examination Office. Be sure to regularly check your university email inbox as well. Lastly, there's the website of the Student Services Office, where you can update your contact information and download important documents like your enrollment certificate. Additional information can be found primarily on the websites of your department, the university, and the student council.

Important Links

- Examination Office: www.econ.uni-bonn.de/examinations/de
- BASIS: basis.uni-bonn.de
- eCampus: ecampus.uni-bonn.de
- Department Website: www.econ.uni-bonn.de
- University Website: www.uni-bonn.de
- Student Council (Fachschaft): fs.vwl-bonn.de
- University of Bonn Email: mail.uni-bonn.de
- Student Services: www.studienservice.uni-bonn.de