

Studies for International Students at the Law Department



of the Rheinische
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Dear Students,

The Law Department of the Faculty of Law and Economics of the University of Bonn cordially welcomes you at our department!

We hope you have a great time enhancing your legal knowledge and your personal experiences at our department and on Bonn!

All the Best!

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1 General Information

1.1 The University of Bonn and the Faculty of Law and Economics

The University of Bonn is located in the former federal capital, one of the most beautiful German cities in the Rhine valley. It is about 30 kilometers away from Cologne and from the Cologne/Bonn Airport.

The University of Bonn was founded almost 200 years ago in 1818 and is considered to be one of Germany's and indeed Europe's most important institutes of higher education. As the home of learning to about 34,000 students, and among them over 4,000 international students from more than 130 countries, the university enjoys an outstanding reputation both at home and abroad.

The University of Bonn is one of the world's leading research based universities and therefore it is no surprise that the university operates on an international level and has particularly specialized in the fields of research and teaching and this has led to its position of a truly prominent international institution.

The Faculty of Law and Economics and its teaching staff are of high national and international repute. All parts of national and international law are lectured here on a high academic level.

1.2 Description Law Education System in Germany

The German legal education is regulated by law (each federal state may organize the legal education in accordance with the German Judge Law) and divided into two parts: The first part is the education at the university, the second one the so-called "Referendariat", a practical course at a court. They both finish with final exams ("Erste Prüfung" and "Assessorexamen").

The university programme regularly lasts nine semesters (4.5 years; although the average number of semesters is 11), the "Referendariat" takes two more years. In both parts the idea of a general jurist is followed, i.e. that the education does not focus on one subject, but each Private, Criminal and Public Law have to be studied and are subjects of the final examination. Passing both final exams enables to practice any kind of legal profession.

The university programme of the Law Department at the University of Bonn consists of basic courses, advanced courses and a legal specialization ("Schwerpunktbereich"). After completing the basic courses and passing an intermediate exam (nine certain legal courses have to be passed), the advanced courses follows and later on the legal specialization.

All this leads to the First Final State Examination ("Erste Prüfung"), which consists of the mentioned legal specialization by 30% and the "Pflichtfachprüfung" by 70%.

To pass the "Schwerpunktbereich" six courses have to be passed; students also have to participate in a seminar, for which a thesis has to be written and presented.

For the "Pflichtfachprüfung" all subjects that have been taught during the basic and advanced courses can be examination material. Students have to take six written exams (3x Private Law, 2x Public Law, 1x Criminal Law) and also one oral examination, in which again all subjects will be tested.

1.3 Courses at the Law Department

1.3.1 Electronic Course Catalogue

The course catalogue (<https://basis.uni-bonn.de>) contains an overview of course offerings, seminars and lectures. First you have to select the academic year and the semester (“Wintersemester or Sommersemester”). After that you have to select “Rechtswissenschaften”. The “Hauptfachstudiengang” listed all types of courses. Depending on the position of your studies you can choose “Grundstudium”, “Hauptstudium”, “Schwerpunkt”, or “Zusatzangebote”.

A description of the courses can be found here: <https://www.jura.uni-bonn.de/auslandskoordination/internationales/>

Please notice that the list is not complete – the seminars are missing and not all courses could be included in this list as the subjects of the courses are always changing.

1.3.2 Lectures

An overview of the specialized knowledge is given in the lectures. There you will also find information about literature and the agenda of the lectures. The lectures usually last two contact hours per week and start “cum tempore” (c.t.) – this means 15 minutes later. Some lectures start “sine tempore” (s.t.), then the lectures starts at the given time.

1.3.3 Tutorials (“Arbeitsgemeinschaften”)

For working groups, attendance of lectures in small groups of about 25 participants, a registration is required. Please register via e-mail: aganmeldung@jura.uni-bonn.de

You can also introduce yourself in person at the “AG-Support”. The “AG-Support” is located at Adenauerallee 18-22. You can also call them: 0228/7362406. Please make sure that your registration is accepted into the basis-system. Please inform yourself about the opening hours: <https://www.jura.uni-bonn.de/organisation/fachbereichsmanagement/ag-support/>

The “Arbeitsgemeinschaft” is not graded, but is listed in the transcript. You will also receive ECTS Points for the “Arbeitsgemeinschaften”.

1.3.4 Übungen – Advanced Courses

In the advanced courses the special knowledge is conveyed by writing examinations and term papers. International exchange-students can participate in the advanced courses but we can’t recommend this, because you need very good knowledge in German law.

1.3.5 Legal Specialization (“Schwerpunktbereich”)

There are ten fields in the “Schwerpunktbereich”. The content of the “Schwerpunktbereich” is the special knowledge in the different law fields. International exchange students can join the courses and examinations in the Specialization of Law.

1.3.6 Registration for Lectures and Tutorials

There is no registration required to attend lectures. Students only have to register for tutorials (“Arbeitsgemeinschaften”) by email to aganmeldung@jura.uni-bonn.de (please see

<https://www.jura.uni-bonn.de/studium/lehrangebote/vorlesungsverzeichnis/arbeitsgemeinschaften/>).

1.4 Special Grading System at the Law Department

The grading system at the Law Department is different from other subjects. It is regulated by law.

Local grade (German)	Points	ECTS	Definition	Description
sehr gut	16-18	A	excellent	outstanding performance with only minor errors
gut	13-15			
vollbefriedigend	12			
befriedigend	10-11	B	very good	above the average standard but with some errors
	9			
ausreichend	7-8	C	good	generally good work with a number of notable errors
	5-6	D	satisfactory	fair but with significant shortcomings
mangelhaft	4	E	sufficient	passable performance, meeting the minimum criteria
	1-3	FX	fail	some more work required before the credit can be awarded
ungenügend	0	F	fail	considerable further work is required

1.5 Libraries

The library at the “Juridicum” is open Monday - Friday from 8am to 11pm and Saturdays from 8am till 21pm. You can't borrow books in this library. For this, you have to go to the “Universitätsbibliothek – ULB”; the Bonn University Library is one of Bonn University's main institutions. You can find the ULB at the Adenauerallee 39-41. Opening hours: Monday – Sunday from 8 a.m. – midnight. Borrowing periods and renewals are calculated on the basis of the days on which the lending desk is open (Monday - Saturday).

1.6 Internet Access

The IT-Department helps you to get an internet access. You can find the contact details at <https://www.jura.uni-bonn.de/organisation/edv-abteilung/>

2 Specific Information concerning the Exchange

2.1 Coordinator

The International Affairs Office is available for all coming up questions concerning courses, the Learning Agreement, ECTS-Points, your Exams, Certificates of Arrival, Certificates of Stay and for the creation of your Transcript of Records. The coordinator is Mrs. Dr. Ulrike Dorn. She is available for your questions and helps you with your problems concerning the programme. Please contact us to arrange an appointment, preferably by email.

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2.2 Information Event

The International Affairs Office “Auslandskoordination” organizes a Welcome Event. At this event you will be informed about all formalities before your studies begin. You will get an invitation via email. If you can't take part, please contact us.

2.3 Certificate of Arrival

The Certificate of Arrival must be signed by us and must be sent to your host university after your arrival. We can also sign the Certificate of Arrival at the Information Event.

2.4 Courses/Lectures and Learning Agreement

Generally, the international exchange students are free in choosing their lectures and tutorials. Please note the specifications from your home university. Please read 1.3 for the course information. If you don't have specific requirements, you have the free choice in which courses you take. Please notice the different application procedures.

We would like to recommend courses of the basic studies (Grundstudium). There you can acquire knowledge in German Law. You can also combine courses of the basic studies with courses of the main studies and courses of the specialization.

If you are certain which courses you want to take, please bring your signed Learning Agreement of your home university to the welcome event. There we can sign the Learning Agreement and you can send it back to your home university. We can also help you to fill in the Learning Agreement. Please contact us to arrange an appointment.

You can also change the Learning Agreement even after beginning of the lectures. Therefore, please use table B or a new document. The changes must be sign by both

Erasmus coordinators. A change should be noted at the latest four weeks after the beginning of the semester.

2.5 Language Level and Language Courses

2.5.1 Course Language

Very important: The main courses at the Department of Law are only taught in German. Only very few English taught courses are offered. Therefore it is not possible to get 30 ECTS credits (which indicate a full semester) in English taught courses.

2.5.2 German Language Courses

The Law Department offers a course in German Legal Terminology (which requires good German language skills) and the University of Bonn offers also courses for German language skills. But the capacity of language courses and the terminology course at the University in Bonn is limited. Here you can find information:

- Courses at the department: <https://www.jura.uni-bonn.de/studium/lehrangebote/vorlesungsverzeichnis/kursangebot-fuer-auslaendische-studierende/>.
- Courses University Bonn: https://www.uni-bonn.de/studium/studium-in-bonn-fuer-internationale-studierende/deutsch-lernen?set_language=de
- Courses „Sprachlernzentrums (SLZ)“ <http://www.slz.uni-bonn.de/>

2.6 ECTS Points

The examinations at the end of the semester can be oral or written.

In general, the rule is that you receive twice as many ECTS points as the contact hours per week (SWS) for each lecture, where you pass an oral or written final examination at the end of the lecture period.

For example: For the course „Einführung in das Bürgerliche Recht – Allgemeiner Teil“ you receive 12 ECTS Points because its number of contact hours per week is 6. For many lectures, which Bonn students must attend during the first semesters, tutorials (“Arbeitsgemeinschaften”) are offered, which cover two SWS. For their regular visit you get four ECTS points.

If you are attending a course from the specialization program “Schwerpunkt”, you will receive three ECTS points per semester week with an examination in the course

How many ECTS credits or credits are awarded for a course can be found in the following list:

Vorlesungen (lectures) :	1 SWS = 2 ECTS
Fachterminologische Fremdsprachenveranstaltungen in ausländischer Sprache (foreign languages):	1 SWS = 2 ECTS
Arbeitsgemeinschaften (work groups) :	1 SWS = 2 ECTS

Schwerpunktbereich (legal specialization) :	1 SWS = 3 ECTS
Seminar:	15 ECTS
Moot Court:	15 ECTS
Hausarbeit in der Übung (term paper/advanced course):	15 ECTS
Nachhausarbeit im Rahmen der Zwischenprüfung (term paper/intermediate course):	8 ECTS

2.7 Registration for the Final Examinations

In contrast to the Bonner students, the examinations of international exchange students are not registered by the Basis System. You have to register by the lecturers.

As soon as you are certain that you would like to take an exam in a course, please report it to the lecturer, who decides on the type of examination - oral or written. Before the examinations begin you should remember the lecturers. You should also tell them whether the examination at your home university is taken as an integral part of your academic year.

To receive a Transcript of Records as soon as possible after the examinations, you should ask the appropriate professor for the pre-correction, the so-called "Vorkorrektur", of the examination paper.

If you don't pass the final written exams an oral examination is possible. This must be agreed by the professor.

2.8 Confirmation of Stay

To sign the „Confirmation of Stay“, please come to the „Auslandskoordination“ at the end of your stay. You do not need an appointment for this.

2.9 Transcript of Records

At the end of the semester – after passing your oral or written examinations - you will be given a certificate from your professor. Please keep the document and give it to the Auslandskoordination. After that, the Auslandskoordination can prepare your Transcript of Records. The Transcript of Records contains the name of your courses and lectures, your grades and the ECTS-Points. Please notice that it can take a few days to prepare the Transcript and it is only possible if we have received all grades. This is why the application for pre-correction is important (please notice 2.7).

If you have not received all grades before your departures please tell us and please ask the respective professors to forward the outstanding certificates to the Auslandskoordination. If you give us your matriculation number, your home address, as well as the subjects of the missing examination certificates, we will send the Transcript of Records to your home address as soon as it is completed. Therefore, please tell us your home address.

2.10 Accommodation in Bonn

The housing situation in Bonn is a little bit difficult at the moment, as Bonn is an international city, where a lot of people are looking for accommodation. Unfortunately, we don't have enough rooms in our student dormitories. So please be aware that it is not guaranteed that you get a room in a student dormitory. We recommend you to look after private rooms simultaneously to an application for a student dormitory at the "Studentenwerk Bonn":

2.11 Preparation of your Studies in Bonn

The information in English.

Accommodation search in Bonn	https://www.uni-bonn.de/studying/international-students/degree-programs/before-studying-1?set_language=en
Entry and Visa	https://www.uni-bonn.de/studying/international-students/degree-programs/before-studying-1#Entry_Visa_Residence_Permit
Moving into the Apartment	https://www.uni-bonn.de/studying/international-students/degree-programs/before-studying-1#Finding_a_room_dorm
Health insurance	https://www.uni-bonn.de/studying/international-students/degree-programs/before-studying-1#Health_insurance
Opening of bank account	https://www.uni-bonn.de/studying/international-students/degree-programs/before-studying-1#Opening_a_bank_account
Enrolment at the „Studentensekretariat“	https://www.uni-bonn.de/studying/international-students/degree-programs/before-studying-1#Registration_Office_Studentensekretariat
E-Mail-Adresse@uni-bonn.de	https://www.uni-bonn.de/studying/international-students/degree-programs/before-studying-1#E-mail_address_-_Bonn_University

3 Social Contacts at the Department

3.1 Support Programme – “Patenprogramm”

We would like to draw your attention to the "Patenprogramm" organized by the Auslandskoordination. In this program we strive to provide you with a German student at the beginning of your studies in Bonn, who will help you with the first steps in our department. Die Auslandskoordination will inform you about the contact address of your “Pate/Patin”.

3.2 Facebook Group “Incoming-Support Jura Uni Bonn”

We have also opened a facebook group for our international incoming students, see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1757292960949640/>. In this group you can contact the other incoming students, ask questions and discuss problems. As it is a closed group, please feel invited to apply for access to the group.

3.3 Fachschaft Jura - Student Society

The student society of the Faculty of Law is called "Fachschaft Jura". The Fachschaft is a good contact for problems, questions, suggestions, etc regarding studying at the Faculty of Law. The Fachschaft has its own semester program and offers a meeting for foreign students. Therefore please notice: <http://www.fs-jura.uni-bonn.de>.

3.4 Erasmus Student Network Gruppe (ESN)

The Erasmus Student Network Group (ESN) welcomes you and looks forward to hearing from you www.esn-bonn.de. The ESN organizes meetings and trips not only for Erasmus students (exchange students in the programme of the European Union), but also for international exchange students.

3.5 Bonner “Elſa Gruppe”

You can also contact the Bonner "Elſa Group". This is a faculty group of the European Law Student Association, which also offers weekly seminars and internships. Information is available at www.elsa-bonn.de.

Attachment 1: Site Maps



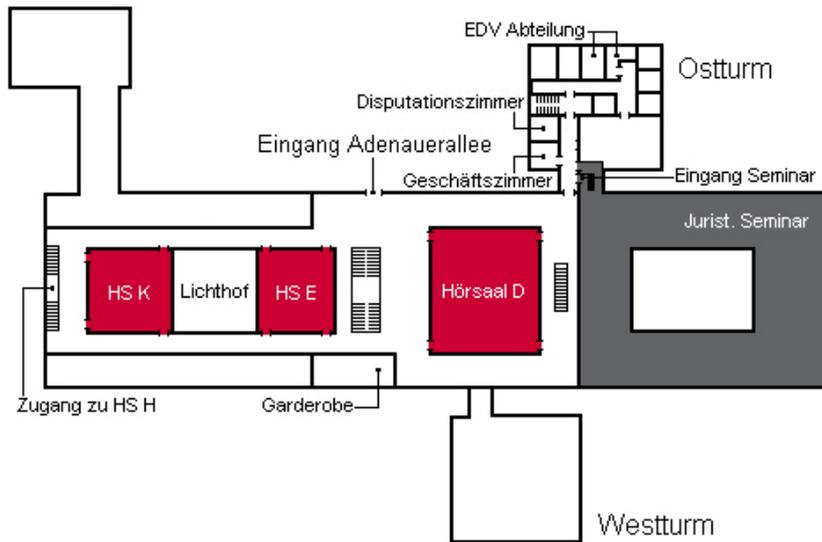
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1	Juridicum	
	Dekanat Fakultätszimmer, Sitzungszimmer, Hausmeisterei	Westturm, Untergeschoss
	Institut für Handels- und Wirtschaftsrecht • Lehrstuhl Prof. Dr. Daniel Zimmer	Westturm, Erdgeschoss
	Institut für Handels- und Wirtschaftsrecht • Lehrstuhl Prof. Dr. Jens Koch Fachbereichsmanagement • Sekretariat Center for Advanced Studies in Law and Economics (CASTLE)	Westturm, 1. Stock
	Institut für Römisches Recht und Vergleichende Rechtsgeschichte • Lehrstuhl Prof. Dr. Martin Schermaier	Westturm, 2. Stock
	Institut für Steuerrecht • Lehrstuhl Prof. Dr. Rainer Hüttemann	Westturm, 3. Stock
	Institut für Deutsche und Rheinische Rechtsgeschichte • Lehrstuhl Prof. Dr. Mathias Schmoeckel	Westturm, 4. Stock

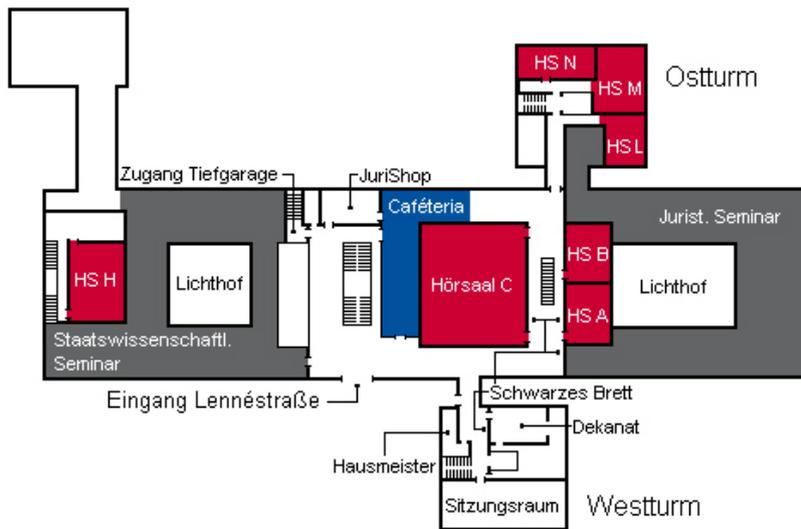
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	Juristisches Seminar EDV-Abteilung Disputationszimmer	Osturm, Erdgeschoss
	Strafrechtliches Institut <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lehrstuhl Prof. Dr. Martin Böse • Lehrstuhl Prof. Dr. Dres. h.c. Urs Kindhäuser 	Osturm, 1. Stock
	Institut für Internationales Privatrecht und Rechtsvergleichung <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lehrstuhl Prof. Dr. Matthias Lehmann 	Osturm, 2. Stock
	Institut für Öffentliches Recht <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lehrstuhl Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Gärditz Institut für Völkerrecht <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lehrstuhl Prof. Dr. Stefan Talmon 	Osturm, 3. Stock
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	Zentrum für Europäisches Wirtschaftsrecht	
6	Adenauerallee 8a	
	Institut für Arbeitsrecht und Recht der sozialen Sicherheit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lehrstuhl Prof. Dr. Gregor Thüsing • Lehrstuhl Prof. Dr. Raimund Waltermann 	

	Institut für Deutsches, Europäisches und Internationales Familienrecht <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lehrstuhl Prof. Dr. Nina Dethloff
7	Adenauerallee 10 Redaktion Handbuch des Staatsrechts Bonner Rechtsjournal (BRJ)
8	Adenauerallee 18-22 Institut für Öffentliches Recht <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abt. Öffentliches Recht, Lehrstuhl Prof. Dr. Hillgruber Lehrstuhl Prof. Dr. Foroud Shirvani Fachspezifische Fremdsprachenausbildung (FFA) Raum Gelb Raum Grün Raum Blau
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