

Learning Agreement Guide – Winter Term & Academic Year 2024/25

Course choice and how to fill in your learning agreement

The **course catalogue** for the **winter term 2024/25** will be uploaded on our online platform **BASIS** around August. There might still be a few details missing then (such as exact reading lists, syllabi, etc), but the main information will already be on there.

You can find it here: <https://basis.uni-bonn.de/>.

(Please remember to choose the correct semester on the starting page at the top right as soon as it is available.)

In order to fill in your learning agreement, please indicate the following information with the help of the course catalogue:

- the **semester** (winter, summer, full year)
- the **component code** (not the course number indicated on BASIS!)
- the **component title** (the title of the *module*, not the individual course)

Since you are an Erasmus student of the English Department, we would like you to **take at least one course with us**. If your usual field of studies is a different one and your schedule does not allow for that, please let me know.

Please also note that as a Bachelor's student, you are only allowed to take Bachelor's modules. In case you are doing a Master's degree, please feel free to choose from both our Bachelor's and our Master's modules.

Summer semester 2025

If you are staying for the entire academic year 2024/25, please note that the course catalogue for the **summer semester 2025** is **not available yet**. To add summer classes to your learning agreement, please use the course catalogue of the previous academic year for orientation. Many modules are offered on an annual basis and will be offered again next year, though perhaps with a slightly different thematic focus. Since the exact courses for the summer semester are not yet available, we recommend listing modules and **not** individual courses in your learning agreement.

(An example: On BASIS, you can find the *course* Business Communication listed under the *module* Applied Linguistics. Instead of listing the course in your learning agreement, you should list the *module*, which would be Applied Linguistics in this example).

Language I

The module Language I is a full-year module and consists of two components: Language Skills I, which is only taught in the winter term, and Writing Skills I, which is only taught in the summer term. In order to receive credits for the module, you need to take both components and complete them with a written exam. Therefore, **this module can only be taken by students who are staying at the University of Bonn for the full academic year**.



Pre-/ In-Semester German Language Classes

The University of Bonn offers both pre-semester and in-semester German language classes for international students who would like to improve their German. More information on these courses can be found here:

https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/studying/international-students/learning-german/preparatory-courses?set_language=en

<https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/studying/international-students/learning-german/in-semester-german-language-courses>

The Pre-Semester Intensive German Course does not have a module code, so should you be participating in the course, you can leave the field for the component code empty in your learning agreement. When filling in the component title, please also indicate the course level you are planning to take (A1.1, A1.2, A2.1, ...).

Students are allowed to take one Everyday German Language Course and three Special Topic Courses per semester. In case you are planning to take on of these, please indicate "SDK" (= *semesterbegleitende Deutschkurse*) as component code.

Language courses offered by the *Sprachlernzentrum*

The University of Bonn's *Sprachlernzentrum* (SLZ) offers language courses in languages other than German, with their course offer ranging from English over Portuguese to Dutch. Students are allowed to take two of these courses per semester, regardless of the number of German language courses you are taking. You can find more information on the SLZ's courses here:

<https://www.ikm.uni-bonn.de/de/sprachlernzentrum/sprachmodulangebot>

(There is unfortunately no English translation available yet.)

Taking courses with the University of Bonn's other departments

Despite studying with the Department of English, American and Celtic Studies, you are of course also welcome to take courses with other departments of the University of Bonn. In case you would like to do so, **please let me know before submitting your learning agreement** and I will ask my colleagues from the respective department(s) for confirmation. Should you have any questions on particular courses or regulations on course choice, you can also directly contact the responsible Erasmus coordinator. A list of all Erasmus coordinators of the University of Bonn can be found here:

https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/studying/erasmus-departmental-coordinators/erasmus-departmental-coordinators#Fk01_Bereich-Fachko

Credits

The email you received also contains a course list that contains all courses offered by the English Department and the number of credits you will receive for them. The credits are indicated in LP (= *Leistungspunkte*), which are equal to ECTS.

You will receive 6 ECTS for all of our first-year and advanced modules and 9 ECTS for our intensive modules. Please note that our intensive modules require a lot of effort and previous knowledge. Therefore, we would not recommend choosing more than two of these per semester.

You will only receive the indicated number of ECTS credits if you take all module components and successfully pass the final exam/ term paper. We do not award credits for participation only! The University of Bonn's other departments might handle this differently.

Contact Information Host University

In order for your learning agreement to reach us (especially in the case of online learning agreements), please indicate **Dr Nicole Meier** in the 'responsible person' section of your learning agreement. Her email address is kustodin.anglistik@uni-bonn.de. She is in charge of accreditation at the English Department and will be the person signing your learning agreement on behalf of the University of Bonn.

Submission Deadline

Please **submit your learning agreement** online by **1 September 2024**. Some of our partner universities do not yet work with online learning agreements. If this is the case for your home university, too, you may submit your learning agreement to me via email as a .pdf-file.

Once your learning agreement has been submitted, I will check whether your course choice is realisable and either get back to you with some changes or forward the agreement to Dr Nicole Meier, who will sign it for you.

Course Registration

As soon as your learning agreement has been signed by us, you should enrol for your classes. In order to do so, please **email the teachers** of your desired classes and ask them kindly to add you to their list of participants. This is necessary since unlike our regular students, Erasmus students are unfortunately not able to register for classes via our online platform BASIS. You can either find your teachers' email addresses on BASIS (click on your teacher's name below the course title) or on our webpage: <https://www.iaak.uni-bonn.de/en/people>.



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In case you are experiencing any trouble finding the information you need, or if any other questions come to your mind, please do not hesitate to contact me – I'll be happy to help.

All the best,
Laura

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