

Resources for Students

<p>ASa Endenicher Allee 17, 53115 Bonn Mon-Fri 10:00-15:00</p> <p>ASa Shop Endenicher Allee 19, 53115 Bonn Mon-Fri 11:00-15:00</p>	<p>Philological Library (incl. English Studies) Rabinstraße 8, 53111 Bonn Mon-Fri 9:00-20:00</p>
<p>Fachschaftrroom Rabinstraße 8, 53111 Bonn Room 2.054</p>	<p>ULB Adenauerallee 39-41, 53113 Bonn Mon-Sun 8:00-24:00</p>
<p>Psychological Counseling with the Student Advice center Poppelsdorfer Allee 49 (2nd floor), 53115 Bonn rooms 2.009 and 2.012 Thu 10:00-11:00</p>	<p>MNL Friedrich-Hirzebruch-Allee 4, 53115 Bonn Mon-Sun 8:00-24:00</p>
<p>Student Advice center Poppelsdorfer Allee 49, 53115 Bonn Mon, Tue, Thu 9:30-12:00 and 13:30-16:00</p>	<p>IAAK Lecturers of Trust Hanna Bruns (2.059) Don Lowman (2.027)</p> <p>Awareness office hours Hanna Bruns offers weekly office hours on Thursdays 15:00-17:00 Or write an email to one of them (h.bruns@uni-bonn.de ; dlowman@uni-bonn..de)</p>
<p>Studierendenwerk Bonn Lennéstraße 3, 53113 Bonn Mon-Fri 9:00-14:00</p>	<p>Hofgarten Mensa Regina-Pacis-Weg, 53113 Bonn Mon-Thu 8:30-14:30, Fri 8:30-14:00</p>

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Fachschaf Anglistik, Amerikanistik und Keltologie



First Things First

Dear students, the student representatives of the department of English, American and Celtic studies (Fachschaft Anglistik, Amerikanistik und Keltologie) want to welcome you to the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University of Bonn! Congrats, you have taken the first step towards finishing your degree!

Starting a new study can be a daunting and stressful process, but don't fret, because we are here to help guide you and make your first weeks in Bonn as agreeable as possible. In this guide, we want to give you whatever tips we think could be the most useful to you while settling in.

We are here for you!

During the traditional Ersti-Week, the department and the university offer various activities for students to get to know each other and find out more about the practical side of studying. You can find a timetable including the most important dates and places-to-be further down. However, your contact with us does not have to end after the first weeks. Members of the Fachschaft can frequently be found in our office on the second floor of the Rabinstraße in room 2.054. We also organise get-togethers of different kinds, such as tea talks with your lecturers, flea markets or speed friending afternoons all throughout the year. If you want to stay up-to-date on all things Fachschaft, feel free to follow us on instagram at 'fs.anglistik.bonn'.

Without further ado, we wish you all the best in your studies and that you enjoy your time in Bonn.

Your Fachschaft Anglistik, Amerikanistik und Keltologie

Studierendenwerk

(Lennéstraße 3, 53113 Bonn, Mon-Fri 9:00-14:00)

The "Studierendenwerk Bonn" is a center for student services. They can help you with many aspects surrounding the student life that are not specifically connected to your studies, especially if you do not know your way around yet. Their website and office hours can provide you with information about student housing, financial aid, student jobs or the daily canteen menus.

We definitely recommend checking out their website as there are many new things to discover: <https://www.studierendenwerk-bonn.de/en/>

A small selection of important topics that the Studierendenwerk Bonn covers that may be important to first time students are:

- Eligibility for **financial aid** (What aids are there? Where and how to apply?)
- Student **housing** (Where and in what type of apartment?)
- **Canteens** (How to get a mensa card? What canteens is closest to you? What are their opening hours and what are the daily menus?)
- **Counseling** (Consultations, studying with impairments)
- **Job fair** (Job listings specifically for students)
- **Studying as a parent** (Daycare locations?)

Glossary

- **“s.t.”** and **“c.t.”**: These abbreviations may be found next to the time indications for your classes. “s.t.” stands for *sine tempore* and means that your class starts exactly at the indicated time. “c.t.” stands for *cum tempore* and means that your class starts 15 minutes after the indicated time.
- **“AStA”**: The “Allgemeine Studierendenausschuss” of Bonn University advocates for all students at the university.
- **“IAAK”**: The department for English, American and Celtic Studies at Bonn University, or “Institut für Anglistik, Amerikanistik und Keltologie” in German.
- **“BAFöG”** is an acronym for Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz and a program for students to receive financial aid. This is not a scholarship but a federal financial aid that students with insufficient funding can receive. How much funding a student receives is calculated on an individual basis.
- **“LP”** stands for Leistungspunkte, different universities might call them credits, CP (credit points) or ECTS (European Credit Transfer System). Each point roughly requires 25-30 hours of work, so if you take a course that has 5 LP, you should calculate with an overall workload of 125-150 hours for the entire semester.
- **“Student ID”/“matriculation number”** is an individual number assigned to you, that you should ideally know by heart.
- **“module”**: A module typically consists of several courses in the same research area. The courses do not have to be taken at the same time; **“lecture”**: A type of course that usually requires very little involvement with one lecturer presenting the lecture slides and a large audience of students.; **“seminar”**: A format of course that has much less students and typically involves participation from the students including e.g. group work; **“tutorial”**: Tutorials take place in smaller groups to accompany lectures.
- **“Semesterbeitrag”**: or the “semester fee” is the fee that has to be paid every semester to stay enrolled at the university. The fee can differ each semester and usually is around 300 €.

“Studienleistung”: Usually every course requires a Studienleistung, which must be completed during the semester. This can be a presentation, minutes/protocol, an essay etc.; **“Prüfungsleistung”**: If a course requires a Prüfungsleistung, this typically means that a student needs to take an exam or a term paper to complete the course.

So Where Do I Start?

You have been accepted to your degree and are ready to start the semester - or are you? Here is a quick overview of the things you need to know and do when starting your studies.

- You will already have received your **student ID** (Matrikelnummer, a series of eight numbers), **Uni-ID** (a mixture of letters and numbers) and **student e-mail address** during the online enrollment. This remains your ID throughout your studies at Bonn University. Make sure to use this e-mail address and include your student ID for any written correspondences in the context of your studies. Your Uni-ID can be used to sign in to BASIS, E-Campus, the university’s e-mail service and Eduroam.
- Your **digital student ID card** and your **semester ticket** is available through the Uni Bonn App on your phone. With the semester ticket, you can use any regional public transport all across Germany for free.
- You can find any relevant dates and deadlines in the [“Studienjahrkalender”](#) of Bonn University.
- **Course enrollment** is done over [BASIS](#). The Deadline is from 23rd September until 4th October 2024. The Fachschaft offers office hours during the Ersti-Week for students who need help with BASIS and registering for their courses.
- You can request a **library card** over the Online Formular on the [ULB Website](#).
- In case you have recently moved to Bonn, remember to **register** with the municipality. It may take some time to get your appointment, so don’t procrastinate too much on doing this, as you can be fined otherwise. After you’ve registered, you should also check whether you need to register with the Rundfunk to pay the **“Rundfunkbeitrag.”**
- When you first start your studies, no matter the degree, you will need to register with the **“Prüfungsamt.”** The deadline to do so is 29th November 2024 for Bachelor students and 13th December 2024 for Master students. These dates are non-negotiable. Further information can be found on the website of the [Prüfungsamt](#).
- The university has various cafés and canteens for students to make use of. We recommend that you get a **mensa card** to pay for your food. The mensa card can also be used for printing at certain printers in the university. The card is available with a deposit fee of 5 euros and your student ID at the info.point in Lennéstrasse 3.

An Overview of Your Perfect First Week

Your classes start on 14th October 2024, but until then, here's some fun AND practical things to do in the days leading up to and past your first days as a student.

30.09. - 04.10.	Ersti-Week
Mon, 30.09.	Ersti-Welcome 11:00-15:00 at Main Building
Tue, 01.10.	(Basis) Office Hours 10:00-12:00 & 14:00-16:00 at Rabinstraße 8, Room 7 University and City Tour 11:00-12:00 & 13:00-14:00 at Hofgartenmensa B.A. Celtic Studies Information Event 14:00-16:00 at Rabinstraße 8, Room 8
Wed, 02.10.	B.A. English Studies Information Event 12:00-14:00 at Main Building, Lecture Hall X M.A. Applied Linguistics Information Event 15:00-18:00 at Rabinstraße 8, Room 7 FAAK & FA Ersti Pop Quiz 15:00-18:00 at Main Building, Lecture Hall VIII
Thu, 03.10.	FAAKsen feat. FA Celtic Studies 13:00-17:00 at Hofgarten
Fri, 04.10.	Emergency Basis Office Hours 10:00-12:00 at Rabinstraße 8, Room 2.054 Tea Talk of Trust 13:00-15:00 at Rabinstraße 8, Room 7 Celtic Studies Board Game Event 15:00-18:00 at Rabinstraße 8, Room 6
Sat, 05.10.	PhilFak Flunkyball Tournament 15:00-20:00 at Hofgarten

Save the Dates:

08.10. 16:00-18:00: **M.A. North American Studies Information Event** at Rabinstraße 8, Room 8

11.10. 16:00: **Master Meets** at Rabinstraße 8, Room 8

To be announced: **M.A. English Literatures and Cultures Information Event**

What is “Fachschaft”?

Technically, the Fachschaft is every single one of you, the student body of the IAAK. We, who work under the name of Fachschaft or FAAK, are the elected student representatives. In that function, we work to support our fellow students, help with questions, organise events and represent our students' concerns, opinions, and perspectives on an institutional, faculty and university-wide level. If there are any questions or concerns, however small or unimportant they may seem, students are always invited to contact us or stop by our office to talk. We also offer a trained awareness team who can help you and is present during every event. Of course, we also do fun stuff! We organise events not only for fresher's week but all throughout the semester and invite all students and friends of the IAAK to join us. Past events have been book- and flea markets, tea talks, quizzes and much more.

Every student can join the Fachschaft and help with events and day-to-day business. If you are interested feel free to join us for one of our weekly meetings but please let us know in advance if you want to attend. Open meetings will also take place once per month with dates and places to be announced. Since the IAAK has several different degrees students from all disciplines and levels are welcome. For those of you who do Celtic Studies, we also recommend checking out the Fachausschuss Keltologie who are a sub-body of the FAAK and specifically represent students from their discipline.

For more information follow us on Instagram, check out our website or send us an e-mail!

Check out our Linktree for a collection of important links:

