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**Academic Information:** (This information is specific for the current academic year, please check the different departments also)

<b>Term dates:</b>	Winter Semester: September 2009 – February 2010 Summer Semester: March 2010 – July 2010
<b>Examination period:</b>	Winter Semester: End of January until middle of February and middle until end of March  Summer Semester: Begin until middle of July and middle until end of September
<b>Semester breaks:</b>	Christmas Break
<b>Number of weeks of study:</b>	15 weeks of classes and 4 weeks of exams in Winter semester 14 weeks of classes and 4 weeks of exams in Summer semester

<b>Number of required courses and other requirements:</b>	Exchange students must be registered as full-time students during their studies at the Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg and submit the Learning Agreement with a special application form sent to their home university
<b>Transcript</b>	Exchange students have to collect the proof of examination results (credits) before returning to home university.
<b>Course types:</b>	lectures, seminars, practices, or combination of these Term course: duration of one semester probably In Winter: September 17 , 2009 – February 8, 2010 In Summer: March 17, – July 18, 2010
<b>Are there any restrictions on the types of courses our students may take?</b>	Please contact the Akademisches Auslandsamt (International Office)

### Accommodation Information

<b>Off-Campus residence/dormitory:</b>	Housing arrangements are made through the Akademisches Auslandsamt, only for whole months possible. Application on the application form for exchange students of the Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg. It will be sent to the partner university's coordinator. The application form must be returned to the Akademisches Auslandsamt not later than May 30th for winter semester and October 30th for summer semester. We cannot guarantee space <b>in a particular</b> building. Most buildings of the Studentenwerk Bonn are in the city of Bonn, half an hour by public transport. A small number of rooms could be available in Sankt Augustin's or Rheinbach's buildings.
<b>Cost:</b>	Varies depending on residence between 180 and 300 Euro.
<b>Meal plan:</b>	There are no meal plans. The meal for students are available for 1,35 Euro, 1,80 Euro and 2,30 Euro. Drinking in the canteen will cost between 0,65 Euro for water and 1,30 Euro for fruit juice. <a href="http://www.studentenwerk-bonn.de/">http://www.studentenwerk-bonn.de/</a> (<Gastronomische Einrichtungen: Mensa Sankt Augustin, Mensa Rheinbach) and <a href="http://www.hochschule-bonn-rhein-sieg.de/nachbarn.html">www.hochschule-bonn-rhein-sieg.de/nachbarn.html</a> . Students enrolled at the Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg can also eat and drink in the other canteens (Mensa) in Bonn.
<b>Alternate accommodation:</b>	Private rooms, have to be chosen by the student after arrival by himself or before departure you can find information on the websites <a href="http://www.fh-doppelpunkt.de/cms/front_content.php?idcat=19">http://www.fh-doppelpunkt.de/cms/front_content.php?idcat=19</a> , <a href="http://www.studenten-wg.de">www.studenten-wg.de</a> , <a href="http://www.studenten-wohnung.de">www.studenten-wohnung.de</a> or <a href="http://www.mitwohnzentrale.de">http://www.mitwohnzentrale.de</a> (the website is in German, but some of the sites of the individual agencies are in English as well) <a href="http://germany.gabinohome.com/en/search/Bonn">http://germany.gabinohome.com/en/search/Bonn</a>
<b>Cost</b>	About 300 Euro and more

### Orientation Information

<b>Orientation dates:</b>	Personal date by arrangement organized by the department's secretary, usually on the first day of or in the week before the respective semester begins
<b>Where:</b>	Please contact the Akademisches Auslandsamt
<b>Suggested date of arrival:</b>	Winter semester/Summer semester: usually one or two weeks before classes start. The move-in dates are only in daytime (until 6.00 p.m.) from Monday to Friday (not on weekends or holidays like October, 3 <sup>rd</sup> or November, 1 <sup>st</sup> ). Students should check with the Akademisches Auslandsamt for more information.

### Insurance Information:

<b>Are exchange students covered by a health insurance plan?</b>	<b>No</b> , Health Insurance is mandatory for all international students before enrolment and to deal by themselves.
<b>Health insurance regulations:</b>	<p>There is a general obligation for a health insurance in Germany. Cheaper health insurance tariffs are available for students for the duration of their studies (until the age of 30).</p> <p><b>1.</b> There are health insurance agreements with <b>all EU countries</b>. Students from these countries should bring their home country EU health insurance and submit it to a health insurance scheme of their choice in Germany. They will be then exempt from a German compulsory student health insurance. The health insurance from home country must cover the entire period of the planned stay in Germany. Otherwise they have to apply for a German health insurance.</p> <p><b>2.</b> Students from <b>Non-EU</b> countries have to have a health insurance that is accepted by German law. Either the students have obtained a health insurance in their home country which is accepted by German law (unlimited coverage!) or apply for a German health insurance.</p> <p>Some German health insurance companies offer the possibility of online application. <a href="http://www.studentversicherung.de/affordable_health_insurance_germany.html">http://www.studentversicherung.de/affordable_health_insurance_germany.html</a></p>
<b>Health insurance cost:</b>	Per month about 55 Euro

## Visa

<b>Visa:</b>	If you are a not a citizen of a member country of the European Union you will most likely be entering Germany on the basis of a student visa, which is granted to you by the German Embassy in your home country. A <b>STUDENT VISA</b> allows entry and stay for a period of three months. Check the website of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs ( <a href="http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de">www.auswaertiges-amt.de</a> ) for regulations on immigration and residency for your home country. Following your arrival in Germany make sure to register as soon as possible to be granted a residence permit .
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## Employment

<b>Employment opportunities for exchange students:</b>
Exchange students, with a valid Study Permit, are eligible to work 180 half days per year or 90 days, if there will be no restriction on the successful studying. Half day means no more than 4 hours per day.

## Language

<b>Language facilities &amp; support</b>	Language courses will be provided free of charge. Details will be given upon arrival and not before as provision is dependent on the number for foreign students.
<b>Contact:</b>	<a href="http://www.spz.hochschule-bonn-rhein-sieg.de/">http://www.spz.hochschule-bonn-rhein-sieg.de/</a>
<b>Special events:</b>	Excursions Events organized by AStA and Fachschaften (student groups) Details are provided during the semester period. Other events can be found on the website <a href="http://www.hochschule-bonn-rhein-sieg.de">www.hochschule-bonn-rhein-sieg.de</a> ,
<b>Electricity</b>	All electrical power points in Germany are designed for 220 volts, 50 Hz. AC and two-point plugs. Any adapters you may need can be bought in electrical shops
<b>Student contribution</b>	Including social contribution of 67,00 Euro, contribution to AStA, the student union, 8,80 Euro
<b>Student contribution for transportation</b>	97,80 Euro SemesterTicket serves as a travel pass, entitling student to the free use of all train and bus services in the local network Verkehrsverbund Rhein-Sieg (VRS, <a href="http://www.vrsinfo.de">www.vrsinfo.de</a> )

### **Overview of Costs**

For general information on living costs in Germany about 700 Euro per month - please have a look on the website

[www.study-in-germany.de](http://www.study-in-germany.de) and  
[www.daad.de/deutschland/index.en.html](http://www.daad.de/deutschland/index.en.html) or  
[www.justlanded.com](http://www.justlanded.com)

### **Other information that is relevant to incoming exchange students:**

Please note, that only the MSc of Autonomous Systems in Computer Science, BSc and MSc in Biology are offered completely in English. Only few parts of the BA and Master programmes in Computer Science are in English, so it is recommended to have enough German language knowledge proved by DSH or TestDaF for studying any of these and the other study courses of the Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg at both locations in Sankt Augustin and Rheinbach.

The application form has to be returned latest 30 May for winter semester in the same year, or 30 October for summer semester in the next year, but for visa application procedure we recommend to return earlier.

Sport activities from 'Hochschulsport Bonn', please see on [www.asta-fh-brs.de/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=57&Itemid=105](http://www.asta-fh-brs.de/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=57&Itemid=105)