

MSc Management Economics and Consumer Studies

Double Degree Programme guide 2020-2021 for students from Wageningen University



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1. Introduction to the DD programme

This brochure contains information for students from the Master Programme Management, Economics and Consumer Studies (MME) of Wageningen University (WU) interested in doing part of their study at the Faculty of Agriculture of the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität in Bonn as double degree (DD) students. This DD is done in the field of Agricultural and Food Economics (AFECO). MME-students following the specialization Business Studies or Economics and Governance can apply for this DD.

DD arrangements at Wageningen University are only made with qualified institutions. The current DD-programme with the University of Bonn's Faculty of Agriculture, through the Institute for Food and Resource Economics (ILR), fully allows students to achieve the intended learning outcomes of the MME programme and also fully aligns with WU's overall Education Framework. The diploma supplement will describe the specifics of the double degree programme.

1.1. The Faculty of Agriculture and the Institute for Food and Resource Economics

Citing Bonn University's website "Since 1934 the Faculty of Agriculture, formerly the historic Poppelsdorf Agricultural College, has enriched the spectrum of teaching and research available at the Friedrich-Wilhelm University of Bonn. The faculty not only offers traditional agricultural subjects but also covers agricultural and food systems sciences and geodesy, resulting in institutes within the faculty that provide a valuable complement to the six other University faculties."

The Faculty of Agriculture effectively collaborates across faculty boundaries, encourages innovation and creativity. In collaboration with strong departments research-oriented BSc and MSc degree courses are offered, the AFECO Master through the Institute for Food and Resource Economics being one of them. AFECO provides an excellent opportunity at the highest international standards, prepares for doctoral studies and involves active cooperation with public and private research institutes in the field of agricultural and resource economics. It offers an international program teaching state-of-the-art tools and skills qualifying students for manifold leadership activities in business, public administrations and research institutes. Holders of an AFECO degree find their employment opportunities in service companies like insurances and consulting firms, in business companies, in associations, non-profit organisations and public authorities of the agricultural and food sector, environmental protection and development cooperation. The food industry meanwhile is the fourth ranked and still growing branch of German industry of nearly 6,000 esp. medium-sized companies. In our modern society, these companies offer future and world market oriented jobs, also to foreign students.

Agricultural Economics at Bonn University has achieved an internationally outstanding position in the field of mathematical modelling and information systems as well as communication in food chain management.

1.2. The Institute for Food and Resource Economics

The Institute for Food and Resource Economics (ILR) is one of the many research institutes at Bonn University that play an active role in (research-oriented) teaching. The ILR is located at Poppelsdorf Castle, in the centre of a traditional and well-known research campus of the international city of science and of global summits, the city of Bonn. The location next to the river Rhine, surrounded by the hilly areas of the Eifel and the Siebengebirge, in the mid of Europe in short distance to all the most important metropolitan regions provides an ideal place for studies! At ILR about 20 people are working in research and teaching, energetically supported by our office personnel. The focus is on the

economic analysis of policy measures in the agri-food area, its scientific foundations and on quantitative policy impact assessment.

1.1 The AFECO Master Programme

AFECO is challenged by and addresses questions like:

- Will we be able to feed the world in 2050?
- How do farmers handle the economic challenges and opportunities of globalized world markets in times of climate change?
- How do producers and processors react to permanently increasing requirements of consumers regarding food safety and sustainability?
- How can natural resources be preserved by a competition oriented and sustainable agri-food sector?

Agricultural economics provide answers to these and other questions – a growing global population, increasing land use conflicts, changing consumer behaviour and ongoing climate change will demand this type of expertise in the future.

The objectives of the AFECO master programme are:

- To offer theoretical and methodological skills for top-level research in economic issues of the food system from farm to global level
- To provide knowledge on relevant and recent developments in the food chain, food policies and natural resource issues in the agro-food system
- To improve soft skills by allowing for active participation in and providing feedback on team work, exercises, written seminar papers, and oral presentations
- To qualify for interesting jobs in the private sector with service suppliers like banks, insurance or consultancy companies, agroindustry, food industry, retailers, NGOs, governmental agencies
- To prepare for doctoral research and the pursuit of an academic career.

2. DD requirements for MME-students

2.1. General requirements

To be able to apply for the DD-programme, the MME-student should have completed a BSc with a GPA of at least 7.0 and the first year of MME with a GPA of at least 7.0. MME-students with an HBO-background and students from other MME-specialisations than those listed above, may be eligible at additional conditions.

To be eligible, a DD-student should have a BBC or BEB bachelor background together with the compulsory and restricted choice courses from the below mentioned specializations of the MME-programme. This opens for eligible MME-students the option to receive an MSc Diploma from both institutions by selecting some compulsory courses and thesis profile courses at the partner University and by writing a jointly supervised thesis.

2.2. Specific requirements

Given the specific pre-requirements, the DD-programme of a partner University is for students with the following specializations:

A Specialization Business Studies

- A1 Business Economics
- A2 Information Systems
- A3 Management Studies
- A4 Marketing & Consumer Behaviour
- A5 Operations Research & Logistics.

C Specialization Economics and Governance

- C1 Agricultural Economics & Rural Policy Analysis
- C2 Development Economics
- C3 Spatial & Regional Economics
- C4 Environmental Policy
- C5 Environmental Economics & Natural Resources
- C6 Public Administration & Governance.

3. Basic structure of the DD-programme

Usually, MME-students who applied for the DD-programme study their first year at Wageningen University and the second year at the other university. The DD-programme does not include an internship, but it is allowed to add an internship on top of the usual DD-programme. In this case the DD-programme has 24 extra credits.

3.1. Basic structure of the first year

The number in the table represents the number of ECTS. The number in between brackets, represents the number of courses included in the amount of credits.

Course code	Course name	ECTS
CPT-38306 YSS-33806	Common part: Philosophy and Ethics of Management, Economics and Consumer Behaviour (6 ECTS) and Interdisciplinary Themes in Food and Sustainability (6 ECTS)	12
	2 Common specialization courses	12
	1 Advanced disciplinary course	6
YMC-60809	Academic Consultancy Training	9
YMC-60300	MOS modules	3
	Optional master courses	18 (3)
Total number of ECTS		60

3.2. Basic structure of the second year – Bonn

	Course name	ECTS
	<i>Compulsory AFECO Courses¹:</i> Methods of Empirical Research Microeconomics Global Food and Markets and Systems Decision Theory and Risk Management Excursion in Agricultural and Food Economics	18-30
	Research Seminar	6
	Jointly supervised thesis	30
Total number of ECTS		60

For the planning of a combined study at Bonn and WU one has to be aware that the academic calendars differ. Whereas at WU an academic year consists of six shorter educational periods, Bonn has an annual two semester system of about 24 weeks each, one semester roughly corresponding to three WU periods. A semester at Bonn divides into a lecture period and an exam period. However, also the starting and ending dates differ:

¹There may be some overlap between the compulsory AFECO courses and MME courses. The number of compulsory AFECO courses you must pick, depends on your MME programme and the overlap between the MME and AFECO courses. Annexure 3 provides an overview of possible overlaps of AFECO and MME courses.

Bonn:

Semester 1 (Winter semester):

Lecture period: mid-October - beginning of February

Exam period: beginning of February - mid-March

Semester 2 (Summer semester):

lecture period: beginning/mid-April - mid/end of July

exam period: mid/end July - beginning/mid-August

WU:

Semester 1: Beginning of September - end of January (*WU educational periods 1, 2 and 3*)

Semester 2: Beginning of February - beginning of July (*WU educational periods 4, 5 and 6*)

Winter term						
	October	November	December	January	February	March
	Lecture period			Exam period		
2018/19	08/10/2018			01/02/2019		
2019/20	07/10/2019			31/01/2020		
2020/21	05/10/2020			29/01/2021		
Summer term						
	April	May	June	July	August	September
	Lecture period			Exam period		
	01/04/2019			20/07/2019		
	06/04/2020			17/07/2020		
	12/04/2021			23/07/2021		

4. Information about the related DD master of Bonn University

AFECO Programme

The DD-programme in Bonn consists of 24 credits of electives and compulsory modules (selection depending on the Master courses taken at WUR and decided in a consultancy meeting with the study coordinator), and a research seminar. DD-students are advised to select a research seminar from the following specializations:

- Agribusiness (for MME-specialization Business Studies)
- Market and Consumer Research (for MME-specialization Business Studies)
- Agricultural and Development Policy (for MME-specialization Economics and Governance)
- Resource and Environmental Economics (for MME-specialization Economics and Governance)

Below, the courses lectured in each specialization can be found:

Agribusiness

Course Code	Cours Name	Term
ABS-100	Financial Accounting (in German)	WT
ABS-210	Agricultural Production Economics	WT
ABS-110	Cost Accounting (in German)	ST
ABS-130	Investment and Financing	WT
ABS-300	Seminar Production Economics and Farm Management	ST
ABS-350	Evidence based agricultural policy impact analysis: causal effects and policy design	WT
ABS-340	Special Project in Production Economics	WT+ST
ABS-120	Applied Planning Methods in Agribusiness	WT
ABS-140	Organizational Management	WT
ABS-150	Process Based Management	WT
ABS-230	Strategy and Innovation Management in Agribusiness	ST
ABS-310	Seminar Quality and Innovation Management in Agribusiness	ST
ABS-240	Project Analysis	ST
ABS-320	Special Project in Technology and Innovation Management	WT+ST
ABS-300	Research Seminar in Agribusiness	WT+ST

Market and Consumer Research

Course Code	Cours Name	Term
MAC-100	Marketing in Theory and Practice	WT
MAC-110	Food Industrial Economics	ST
MAC-120	Behavioral Economics	ST
MAC-210	Advanced Methods of Market Research	ST
MAC-230	Ethics in Food Consumption and Production	WT
MAC-220	Consumer oriented Communication in the Food Sector	ST
MAC-300	Seminar Marketing and Market Analysis	WT
MAC-310	Special Project in Market and Consumer Research	WT+ST
MAC-330	Research Seminar in Market and Consumer Research	WT+ST

Agricultural and Development Policy

Course Code	Cours Name	Term
APO-110	European and International Agricultural Policy	WT
APO-130	Development Sociology	WT
APO-220	Applied Modelling of Agricultural Systems	WT
APO-230	Advanced Applied Econometrics	ST
APO-250	Partial and General Equilibrium Modeling	ST
APO-310	Special Project in Agricultural and Development Policy	WT+ST
APO-300	Seminar Policy Analysis	WT
APO-250	Partial and General Equilibrium Modeling	ST
APO-120	Applied Trade Theory and Policy	ST
APO-230	European and International Agricultural Policy	ST
APO-240 ARTS-BE5	Development Economics	ST
APO -330:	Research Seminar in Agricultural and Development Policy	WT+ST

Resource and Environmental Economics

Course Code	Cours Name	Term
ENV-240	Bio-economic modelling at farm-scale	ST
ENV-100	Economics on Sustainability	WT
ENV-210	Advanced Environmental Economics	ST
ENV-220	Agricultural and Agri-Environmental Law	WT
ENV-300	Seminar on Environmental Economics and Policy	WT
ENV-310	Special Project in Environmental Economics	WT+ST
ENV-130	Impact evaluation of conservation & development projects and environmental policies	ST
ENV-240	Bio-economic modelling at farm-scale	ST
ENV-110	Environmental Economics and Policies	ST
ENV-330	Reserach Seminar in Resource and Environmental Economics	WT+ST

DD-students should select a research seminar will consist of a self-responsible literature survey on a defined topic, which will be defended by the candidate. This will strengthen the student's ability to present his ideas in scientific discussions and help in preparing the content of the master thesis.

For a more detailed schedule and other relevant information see the AFECO webpage www.afeco.uni-bonn.de.

5. The Jointly Supervised Thesis

The MSc Thesis is in principle jointly supervised, with the first supervisor coming from the 'host' university, in this case from Bonn University. The thesis has to obey to the standard rules and regulations of the University of the first supervisor. Special arrangements as to supervision and marking must be specified in the Thesis Contract. Annexure 2 provides information about the Jointly Supervised Thesis.

6. Administrative and Logistics Matters

6.1. Admission requirements for MME DD-students

Bonn 'automatically' accepts students nominated by the MME Programme Director and DD-coordinator if the student meets the requirements discussed in the section "Specific requirements". Such students usually have succeeded their BBC- or BEB-bachelor degree and are following one of the mentioned subspecialisations. Exceptionally other candidates may be nominated upon prior consultation with the University of Bonn.

6.2. Tuition Fee

Bonn does not charge any tuition fees however WU students pay a social fee (of about €300 per term). To graduate as a DD-students should be formally enrolled and registered. This also holds for the semester when students hand in their thesis.

6.3. Application Procedure

Once nominated Bonn requires all incoming DD students to apply (online + additional paper documents) just to comply with administrative procedures (see under "[Admission Requirements](#)"). Please mind the application deadlines of April 30 for the Winter term, and January 15 for the Summer term!

6.4. Accommodation

The application at the University of Bonn does not include an offer for a room in a dormitory. Students should find a room themselves on the private market with the list of advice on finding accommodation: For more information about housing, please contact Dr. Manuela Meraner (afeco@ilr.uni-bonn.de) before July. She arranges the housing offers for DD-students.

Annexure 1: The four lines of study of the AFECO Master

This annexure provides a brief overview of the four lines of studies for DD-students:

- The courses of the **Study line**² **“Agribusiness”** cover the whole range of management issues within the agricultural and food sector. Students will gain in-depth problem-solving knowledge in a multitude of fields including financial accounting and business analysis, production planning and investment appraisal, financial and risk management as well as quality management and marketing. The graduates of this study line will be qualified for high level management positions in companies, administrative bodies and service oriented institutions of the agri-food sector. Besides the agriculture and food related industries ranging from input providers (e.g. technical equipment, agro-chemicals, feed stuffs) over the farming sector itself to food processing and marketing, this also includes the service sector, particularly financial and insurance institutions, and business and tax consultancy according to the respective German laws.

Management is always performed under the effective national legislation. As the job opportunities for our graduates are predominantly related to the German job market, it is necessary to derive solutions to management problems in the context of German business-related laws and regulations (tax laws, environmental regulations, etc.). The primary language of instruction in the Agribusiness study line is therefore German, supplemented by English as far as necessary to develop an international perspective and to apply up to date research methodologies. This requires good command of both languages, German as well as English.

Agricultural and food markets are experiencing substantial changes. They are progressively global, characterized by increasing competition, interdependencies with non-food markets (e.g. energy) and rising price volatility. In addition, demographic, economic and social trends alter consumers’ demand. In many countries consumers expect not only high product quality but also that food is produced in a sustainable way, especially regarding animal welfare, environmental degradation and social conditions. This development has induced adjustments in public standards at national and multilateral level. But even more, it has led to an increasing prevalence of private food standards.

- Courses in the **Study line “Market and Consumer Research”** apply the principles of economics and management to provide students with the skills for analysing food markets and consumer behaviour. Students gain insights with respect to food policy and trade issues, the management of risk in and the structure of food markets. In addition, students acquire comprehensive knowledge regarding theories and models of consumer behaviour as well as qualitative and quantitative market research tools and techniques.

The Major in ‘Market and Consumer Research’ provides students with a thorough understanding of food markets and consumer behaviour and prepares them for a career to support companies in successfully marketing their products and services (e.g. marketing manager in the food industry, market researcher in a food company or a market research institute), and to advise public and non-profit food sector organizations in policy related issues of societal relevance (e.g. food policy economist in food associations, NGOs, food protection department of governmental agencies and international organizations). In addition, graduates with a major specification in ‘Market and Consumer Research’ will find job opportunities as market analyst in international organizations (e.g. FAO or OECD), banks and associations.

² Study lines and specializations are used as synonyms in this brochure.

Providing food security to a growing world population depends on functioning agricultural sectors and rural economies and a thorough understanding of agricultural market interactions across the world. The safety of food products requires efficient national and international food chains and a transparent trading system across developed and developing countries. At the same time, the conservation of agricultural resources, multifunctional rural communities and the mitigation of adverse environmental effects are of high importance for society and policy makers.

- The courses in the **Study line “Agricultural and Development Policy”** provide the basis for the sound understanding of the economic behaviour in the agricultural sector and rural economies in developed and developing countries, and of the interaction within a globalized food system. Students will gain in-depth knowledge about the functioning and impact of agri-food and development policies and how changes herein will affect the various actors in the sector along the food chain. With a focus in this major on quantitative methods in mathematical modelling and econometrics and a team and research oriented approach, students will learn the theoretical and quantitative analytical skills to analyse complex problems of the agricultural and food sectors.

Successful candidates of this program will find job opportunities in the public and private sector where qualitative and quantitative analysis of economic policies with a focus on the agricultural and food sector is required, as for example in: International organizations such as FAO, OECD, World Bank or National and international administrations and legislative bodies such as agricultural ministries or the EU Commission. As well professional associations (COPA/COGECA, DBV, DRV, Farmer’s Unions ...) and larger companies in the agri-food sector requiring analytical skills to analyse policy and market developments can be interested in our Degree holder. Research institutions involved in policy analysis such as IFPRI, national agricultural research bodies such as INRA in France or vTI in Germany resp. Universities offer attractive jobs; These strongly research oriented positions typically require doctoral studies in addition such as offered e.g. by the Theodor-Brinkmann graduate school at Bonn university

Agriculture is highly dependent on functioning ecosystems and at the same time severely impacting the quality of land, climate and biodiversity in all regions of the world. The direct and indirect influences of demand for food, feed and energy become more and more apparent and are a concern for a non-negligible part of consumers. Therefore, the relation between consumption and production of agricultural goods are a concern not only for policy makers, but also for the food industry and the consumer who strives for a more sustainable consumption.

- Against this background the courses in the **Study line “Resource and Environmental Economics”** inter alia address the impact of climate change and biodiversity loss on agricultural production, direct and indirect influences of demand on environmental issues, demand for environmental goods and national and international environmental policies in theory and practice. After having followed these courses, our students will have a thorough understanding of the ecological, microeconomic and game theoretical foundations of environmental policy, inter-temporal allocation of resources and monetary evaluation of environmental goods. They will also have learned how to interpret and perform Life Cycle Analysis and get first insights into modelling of indirect effects of changes in policy and consumption. This will make them interesting candidates for research institutes and organizations that are dealing with environmental policy (national and international administrations, NGOs etc.), but their knowledge is also more and more asked for in the food industry, energy production and even by those banks that are working in a public interest like the KfW, the Council of Europe Development Bank or even the World Bank.

Annexure 2: Example motivation letter overlap AFECO courses

My name is Marc Bouwman (a BEB/MME student) and I am a student of Wageningen University. I am very interested in the Double Degree Master that Wageningen and Bonn offer together. Both universities have their minimum requirements and the University of Bonn requires me to follow at least five courses, which can be found in the Modulhandbuch of the MSc AFECO.

However, there exists some overlap between the courses I followed in Wageningen and the courses I am required to do at the University of Bonn. In the following pages, I present which courses do overlap with courses I followed in Wageningen. The courses I followed in Wageningen are depicted in green, and the courses that the University of Bonn requires me to do are depicted in orange.

The courses of the University of Bonn that overlap with courses taught at Wageningen University are:

- BAS-110: Methods of Empirical Research
- BAS-130: Microeconomics
- BAS-150: Decision Theory and Risk Management

The other two courses that the University of Bonn requires me to pass for my double degree are:

- BAS-140: Global Food Markets and Systems
- BAS-120: Excursion in Agricultural and Food Economics.

These two courses I do want to follow, together with other courses I am very interested in, namely:

- APO-110: European and International Agricultural Policy
- ABS-150: Process Based Management
- ABS-330: Research Seminar in Agribusiness

To pass for my double degree master, I must follow at least 30 ECTS on courses at the University of Bonn. This requirement I will meet when I follow the mentioned courses. Besides that, I want to follow a language course, to improve my German language skills. Next to following at least 30 ECTS on courses at the University of Bonn, I have to write a master thesis, which will be supervised both by Wageningen University and the University of Bonn. To conceptualize my master thesis, I want to follow the course ABS-330 (Research Seminar in Agribusiness). With this course, I also acquire insight in the way of thinking of the University of Bonn, and I will also get to know the Professor.

As mentioned, my master thesis will be jointly supervised by both the University of Bonn and Wageningen University. In Bonn, I want to write my master thesis at the Agribusiness teaching unit, while in Wageningen, I will write my master thesis at the Business Economics teaching unit. My master thesis will therefore combine the Agribusiness with Business Economics.

On the next pages, you will find the courses taught by the University of Bonn and their equivalent courses taught by Wageningen University. At the end, you will find additional argumentation on how the courses overlap and why it should not be necessary for me to follow the courses BAS-110, BAS-130, and BAS-150 at the University of Bonn.

Courses at Wageningen University	Courses at Bonn
<p>YSS-34306 Advanced Econometrics</p> <p><i>Learning outcomes:</i> After successful completion of this course students are expected to be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - explain important problems and solutions in econometric theory; - apply correct econometric estimation techniques given the structure of the data and the theoretical model; - evaluate econometric analyses performed by others; - propose improvements for performed econometric analyses; - construct economic models and estimate them using appropriate econometric techniques. 	<p>BAS-110: Methods of Empirical research</p> <p><i>Learning outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction to the epistemological background and basic understanding of the theoretical approaches</i> • Introduction into the use of methods of qualitative empirical social research. • Introduction to and overview on econometric methods of quantitative marketing research • Earn a broad understanding of the involved methodology, in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use quantitative studies for one's own decision making ○ Be able to conduct independently (basic) quantitative analyses
<p>MAT-20306: Advanced Statistics</p> <p><i>Learning outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Translate a research question into a statistical hypothesis: make a plan (type of design or sampling procedure) for the data collection. ☐ Choose an appropriate model with an understanding of the ingredients of the model in relation to the data; ☐ Analyse the data (with SPSS); ☐ Interpret the results and form conclusions relevant for the actual problem. 	<p>BAS-130: Microeconomics</p> <p><i>Learning outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theoretical and applied competence in the neoclassical theory of supply, demand and markets at a format mathematical level. Ability to formulate and solve unconstrained and constrained optimization problems and able to make first steps towards quantitative economic analysis.
<p>ECH-21806: Microeconomics</p> <p><i>Learning outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Explain and apply microeconomic consumer theory; ☐ Explain and apply microeconomic producer theory ☐ Explain and apply game theory ☐ Explain and apply equilibrium theory ☐ Explain and apply welfare theory ☐ Explain and apply oligopoly theory. 	<p>BAS-150: Decision theory and Risk Management</p> <p><i>Learning outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Theoretical and applied competence in the neoclassical theory of supply, demand and markets at a format mathematical level. ☐ Ability to formulate and solve unconstrained and constrained optimization problems and able to make first steps towards quantitative economic analysis.
<p>ORL-20306: Decision Science 1</p> <p><i>Learning outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Recognize situations in which typical decision problems occur ☐ Distinguish the different classes of decision problems ☐ Construct an optimization model based on a verbal description of a decision problem ☐ Apply the studied algorithms to calculate a solution to minor provided problems ☐ Demonstrate insight with respect to solution techniques ☐ Analyse the outcome of the solution techniques for small-scale problems ☐ Translate MP-based models in state of the art, design oriented optimization tools. 	<p>ORL-30306: Decision Science 2</p> <p><i>Learning outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deduce an appropriate Multi-criteria Decision Making model for a provided decision situation.

- Solve a Multi-criteria Decision Making model in a state of the art, design oriented optimization tool.
- Analyse the outcome of a Multi-criteria Decision Making model.
- Analyse a decision situation where risk occurs.
- Deduce a simulation model for a provided situation, and analyse the outcome.
- Construct a simulation model in professional simulation software.
- Apply the provided approximation methods to solve a small-scale problem.
- Judge which decision making tool is appropriate in a given decision situation.

Annexure 3: Tips and Links (Dutch) - Bonn

Hieronder worden over verschillende onderwerpen wat relevante tips en links aangeboden. De informatie komt uit 2014 en kan dus wat verouderd zijn.

Bonn

Bonn is een middelgrote stad aan de Rijn met ongeveer 300.000 inwoners, in het Bundesland Nordrhein-Westfalen. Na de Tweede Wereldoorlog werd Bonn uitgeroepen tot hoofdstad van West-Duitsland. Op dit moment zijn er in Bonn nog een aantal ministeries gehuisvest. Ook andere organisaties en bedrijven, zoals de Verenigde Naties, Deutsche Post, Deutsche Telekom en Haribo zijn bepalend voor de stad. Ondanks de korte afstand van de Nederlandse grens, bevindt je je in Bonn echt in het buitenland. Bonn ligt aan de rand van het Siebengebirge en is daarom een mooie uitvalsbasis voor mooie hiking tours en een bezoek aan Schloss Drachenburg en de ruïne Drachenfels.

In Bonn zijn een aantal mooie musea te vinden. Eén daarvan is het 'Haus der Geschichte der Bundesrepublik Deutschland'. Dit museum laat de geschiedenis van Duitsland zien, vanaf 1945. De toegang is gratis. Daarnaast worden er in Bonn een aantal festiviteiten gevierd: Karnaval (11 november en eind februari) en Kerstmis, met de 'Weihnachtsmarkt', die niet wordt overladen door toeristen. Daarnaast is Beethoven de beroemdste inwoner van Bonn en bepalen het in rococostijl gebouwde 'Altes Rathaus' en het Kurfürstliches Schloss en Poppeldorfer Schloss het aanzicht van de stad. In het stadsdeel 'Altstadt' vind je leuke kroegen en door de smalle straatjes, heeft dit deel van de stad een totaal andere sfeer. In vergelijking met andere steden in Nordrhein-Westfalen, is Bonn wat aan de kleine kant. Hierdoor kan je alles gemakkelijk met het OV en met de fiets bereiken. Andere steden in Nordrhein-Westfalen zijn snel te bereiken per trein: Köln (25 min.), Aachen en Düsseldorf zijn binnen 1,5 te bereiken.

Weetje! Op zondagavond zit jong en oud in de kroeg om samen de crimiserie 'Tatort' te kijken.

- Informatie over Bonn is te vinden op de [officiële website van de stad](#) en op de [officiële website voor toeristen](#)
- Na registratie bij de stad Bonn ontvang je vouchers die je kunt inleveren bij de theaters, de opera, de bioscopen, etc. Ook is het mogelijk om veel culturele evenementen te bezoeken met studentenkorting.

Universiteit

- [Algemene website van de Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn](#)
- [Primaire site van de Landwirtschaftliche Fakultät](#)

Accommodatie

Er zijn verschillende mogelijkheden om een kamer te zoeken. Je kunt je inschrijven bij **Studentenwerk** (hetzelfde als Idealis). Echter, een kamer bij Studentenwerk is niet gegarandeerd en afhankelijk van het aantal inschrijvingen voor een kamer van Studentenwerk. De laatste jaren is het aantal internationale studenten toegenomen en starten er ook meer Duitse studenten met studeren. Een kamer kost tussen de €190,- en €490,-, afhankelijk van gemeenschappelijke- of eigen voorzieningen. Meer informatie op:

- www.studentenwerk-bonn.de
- www.studentenwerk-bonn.de/wohnen/online-bewerbung
- <http://www3.uni-bonn.de/studium/studium-in-bonn-fuer-internationale-studierende/erasmus/wohnen-in-bonn-1>

Om een **particuliere kamer** te bemachtigen, moet je vroeg beginnen met zoeken (vòòr de zomer). Op onderstaande websites en Facebook-groepen verschijnen de beschikbare kamers. Op deze websites verschijnen kamers die worden onderverhuurd (Zwischenmiete) en daarom gemeubileerd zijn, en kamers die opnieuw worden verhuurd. Vanaf €300,- kan je een particuliere kamer huren.

Andere handige links:

- Facebook-groep “Uni Bonn WG Börse”
- www.zimmerfrei-bonn.de
- www.wg-gesucht.de
- Facebook-groep “WG-Suche, WGs gesucht, Zimmer vermieten in Bonn”
- Facebook-groep “ERASMUS ESN Bonn”

Tips:

- Schrijf je in bij Studentenwerk en ga daarna op zoek naar een particuliere kamer. Je krijgt bij Studentenwerk pas in augustus te horen of er een kamer voor je vrijkomt en wanneer je dan pas je zoektocht vervolgd, ben je waarschijnlijk te laat.
- Aangezien het semester in Bonn later start dan de meeste Europese universiteiten, kan het voorkomen dat je een kamer kan huren van een Duitse student die ook op Erasmus gaat. Het is het overwegen waard om één maand eerder te starten met de huur, zodat je zeker bent van een kamer.
- De kamers van Studentenwerk zijn meestal wat goedkoper en gemeubileerd. Toch is het algemeen bekend dat er in particuliere studentenhuizen meer samen ondernomen wordt. In een particulier studentenhuus krijg je waarschijnlijk ook meer de kans om je Duits te verbeteren, door met Duitse huisgenoten te praten. Op de afdelingen van Studentenwerk wonen voornamelijk internationale studenten.

Reizen

Vanuit Nederland reis je gemakkelijk met de trein naar Bonn. Boek je ticket bijtijds via <http://www.nshispeed.nl>, dan kost je ticket voor een enkele reis circa 29 euro.

Vanuit Wageningen is het 200 kilometer rijden naar Bonn. Zo ben je met de auto in 2 uur in Bonn. Vergeet niet een [milieusticker](#) aan te schaffen, om met de auto in de stad te mogen.

De studentenkaart van Universität Bonn is meteen je OV-kaart (das Semesterticket). Wanneer je je bij de Universität Bonn registreert, betaal je in de eerste week van het semester €250,-. Dat is verplicht. Daarna kan je met je Semesterticket de hele week, dus ook het in weekend gebruik maken van het openbaar vervoer in de regio VRS (Verkehrsverbundes Rhein-Sieg), waar Bonn, maar ook Aachen en Köln toe behoren. Zo heb je gratis toegang tot de bus, U-Bahn, S-Bahn en de regionale treinen. In dit gebied mag je 's avonds en in het weekend één volwassene gratis meenemen. In heel het Bundesland Nordrhein-Westfalen mag je ook vrij reizen, maar kan je niemand gratis meenemen.

Meer informatie vind je op <http://www3.uni-bonn.de/studium/bewerbung-und-einschreibung/vrs-semesterticket-nrw-ticket> of <http://www.vrsinfo.de/>.

Tip:

- Aangezien je in het bezit bent van een Semesterticket, kan je met de regionale treinen gratis tot/ vanaf de Nederlandse grens reizen. Bij een loket op een van de stations van de NS (niet online) kan je er ook voor kiezen om een kaartje te kopen tot de Duitse grens (wanneer je niet meer in het bezit bent van een studenten OV-kaart). Dat kaartje kost ongeveer €8,-. Eén

nadeel: je kunt alleen met de regionale Duitse treinen, waardoor de aansluiting misschien niet ideaal is en je niet met de IC of ICE kunt reizen.

Financiering

De Duitse organisatie DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst) verleent subsidies aan internationale studenten. Daarnaast geeft de website van DAAD een overzicht van allerlei scholarships die aangevraagd kunnen worden. “Het belangrijkste zijn de cultureel verdragbeurzen voor Nederlandse studenten die door het DAAD worden gefinancierd. De DAAD richt zich expliciet op excellente studenten en wetenschappers die bij de beste 33 procent van hun jaargang horen (...). De aanmelding voor een cultureel verdragbeurs van de DAAD loopt via de Nuffic (Netherlands Universities’ Foundation for International Cooperation)” (Ministerie van Onderwijs, Cultuur en Wetenschap, 2014). Deze informatie is te vinden op <http://www.studereninduitsland.nl/beurzen/daad-beurzen/studiebeurzen-voor-studenten>.

Eén van de cultureel verdragbeurzen is de studiebeurs voor ‘Graduierte aller wissenschaftlichen Fächer’. Meer informatie over deze beurs is te vinden op de [website](#).

De aanvraag voor deze beurs moet uiterlijk 15 november 2014 gedaan worden bij de Nuffic, wanneer je in oktober 2015 wil starten met je semester in Duitsland. De aanvraag gaat via het bureau buitenland van je onderwijsinstelling. Eén van de voorwaarden voor deze beurs is dat je géén Erasmus+ beurs ontvangt. Erasmus+ is het nieuwe Europese onderwijsprogramma. Vraag even na bij de Erasmus Coördinator welke Erasmus beurs je normaalgesproken verstrekt wordt. Voor deze beursaanvraag voor ‘Graduierte aller wissenschaftlichen Fächer’ heb je onder andere de volgende documenten nodig:

- Aanvraagformulier DAAD;
- CV;
- Studieprogramma;
- Motivatie;
- Referentie van één van je docenten, in de vorm van het Gutachten formulier.

Het DIA-Stipendium wordt door het Ministerie van Onderwijs, Cultuur en Wetenschap ook nog vernoemd voor studenten die tussen de 3 en 10 maanden in Duitsland gaan studeren. DIA staat voor ‘Duitsland Instituut Amsterdam’. Geïnteresseerden kunnen de voorwaarden van het DIA-Stipendium opvragen, door te mailen naar dia-stipendium@uva.nl. Meer informatie is te vinden op de [website van studeren in Duitsland](#).

Let op! Er valt niet met zekerheid te zeggen dat je in aanmerking komt voor één van de beurzen die hierboven genoemd zijn. Deze beurzen zijn alleen het vermelden waard, dus ga er niet van uit dat je van één van deze instanties een maandelijkse vergoeding krijgt.

Studentenleven

Welcome Week

Aan het begin van het uitwisselingsemester, organiseert de Universität Bonn, de Internationaler Club en ESN een Welcome Week om kennis te maken met de stad, de universiteit, het uitgaansleven en allerlei studentenverenigingen. Ook wordt je geholpen met de registratie bij de stad en de universiteit, aanvraag studentenkaart en bewijs van zorgverzekering (kosteloos) Na aanmelding aan de Universität Bonn ben je automatisch aangemeld voor de Welcome Week. Hierover ontvang je uiteraard een automatisch bericht. De Welcome Week is wat minder uitgebreid dan de AID in Wageningen, maar het geeft je de kans om de uitwisselingsstudenten van andere studies te leren kennen. Hier wordt de

basis gelegd voor je studententijd in Bonn. De introductieweek valt in de eerste week voorafgaand van het semester en hierin vindt ook de test, die je beheersing van de Duitse taal bepaald, plaats.

Fachschaft Landwirtschaftliche Fakultät

De **studievereniging** van de Landwirtschaftliche Fakultät biedt naast oude examens ook mooie excursies aan. Voorbeelden van excursies zijn: Krombacher brouwerij, suikerbietenfabriek en Claas Landbouwmachines. Daarnaast vindt ieder semester de 'Bauernschwoof' plaats. Dat is een groot studentenfeest, wat wordt georganiseerd door deze faculteit. Dit wordt als een van de best bezochte studentenfeesten van het semester bestempeld.

Voor meer informatie:

- <http://www.fachschaft-agrar.uni-bonn.de/>
- Facebook-groep "Fachschaft Agrarwissenschaften Bonn".

Certificate of International Competence

Bij de **Internationaler Club** kan je het 'Certificate of International Competence' behalen. Wanneer je naast je studie extra-curriculaire activiteiten onderneemt, die betrekking hebben op een internationaal onderwerp, wordt je hiervoor beloond in de vorm van het certificaat. Het 'Certificate of International Competence' bestaat uit vier componenten, waarvan je er drie moet vervullen om in aanmerking te komen voor het certificaat. Uitleg van de vier componenten, vind je in de tabel hieronder. Gedetailleerde uitleg over het certificaat kan je vinden op:

- http://www3.uni-bonn.de/einrichtungen/international-office/service-1/erasmus/ws1112_flyer_zertifkat_engl.pdf
- <http://www3.uni-bonn.de/studium/studium-und-praktikum-im-ausland/zertifkat-fuer-internationale-kompetenz/certificate-of-international-competence>.

Component	Explanation
1. International experience	Studying or research at the University of Bonn.
2. Academic component	German language courses and German cultural studies.
3. Ambassador component	Active participation in international projects or student associations.
4. Global awareness	Intercultural trainings and international lectures.

Tip:

Meestal heb je twee semester nodig om de componenten te vervullen. Echter, voor de meeste activiteiten die georganiseerd worden door de Internationaler Club kan je credits verdienen. Voorbeelden van activiteiten zijn:

1. **Kookcursussen** en filmavonden;
 2. **Länderabenden**, waarbij je kennismaakt met andere landen en culturen;
 3. **Study Buddy Program**, waarbij je wordt gekoppeld aan een Duitse student om je beheersing van de Duitse taal te verbeteren;
 4. **Intercultural Training**, is een workshop waarin je de theorie en praktijk van communiceren in een internationaal gezelschap leert kennen in één weekend.
 - De activiteiten van de Internationaler Club zijn te vinden op:
 - www.facebook.com/InternationalerClubUniBonn
 - <http://www3.uni-bonn.de/studium/studium-interkulturell/internationaler-club>
- Mocht je geïnteresseerd zijn in de geschiedenis van Duitsland, dan kan je ervoor kiezen om een historisch vak te volgen. Het vak 'Das "Dritte Reich"' wordt gegeven door Prof. Dr. Joachim Scholtyseck. Het vak wordt in het Duits gegeven. Dit vak kan waarschijnlijk niet op je transcript

of records worden gezet, omdat je alleen vakken die tot jouw studie behoren toe kunt voegen aan je vakkenpakket. Omdat je je voor dit vak niet kunt registreren via het systeem van de Universität Bonn, kan je de professor een mail sturen met de vraag of je het vak mag volgen. Dat is geen probleem. Voor het 'Certificate of International Competence' telt een historisch vak wel weer mee.

Sporten

Als student aan Universität Bonn heb je de mogelijkheid om te sporten bij 'Hochschulsport'. Alle sporten en cursussen worden online geboekt. De meeste sporten zijn gratis en voor sommige cursussen betaal je éénmalig €15,-. Dan kan je het hele semester deelnemen aan de cursus. De cursussen beginnen in de eerste week van het semester. Voorafgaand aan de start van het semester kan je je opgeven voor de sporten. Houd de start van de inschrijvingen goed in de gaten, want de beschikbare plaatsen zijn snel gereserveerd. Voor meer informatie zie [website van de sporthal](#).

Een fitness-abonnement kan je afsluiten voor 3, 6 of 12 maanden. Een overzicht van de kosten kan je vinden op de website. Naast het afsluiten van het fitnessabonnement, betaal je éénmalig het starterspakket van €20,-, voor het opstellen van een trainingsprogramma.

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