



Student Exchange at Osnabrück University

Fact Sheet



Student Exchange at a Glance

Academic calendar

1st semester (winter semester)

October, 1st – March, 31st

2nd semester (summer semester)

April, 1st – September, 30th

Lecture period

Winter semester

Mid-October until mid-February (approx.)

Summer semester

Beginning of April until beginning of July (approx.)

Arrival days

Winter semester

Beginning of October

Summer semester

End of March / beginning of April

(exact dates will be communicated to nominated students and announced on our website)

Orientation and welcome week

Winter semester

First or second week of October

Summer semester

Last week in March / first week in April

(exact dates will be communicated to nominated students and announced on our website)

Holidays

October 3rd (Day of German Reunification)

October 31st (Reformation Day), December

25th and 26th (Christmas), January 1st (New

Year's Day), Good Friday, Easter Monday, Whit

Monday, May 1st (Labour Day), Ascension Day

Christmas holidays between Christmas and

New Year

Nominations

Please send your nominations to incoming@uos.de from:
1st April to 15th June for the following winter semester
1st October to 15th December for the following summer semester

Application Deadlines

1st July for the following winter semester
1st January for the following summer semester

Documents required for exchange application

- Online application form
- Passport photo
- Transcript of records
- Copy of passport or identity card

Online application form



<https://osnabrueck.moveon4.de/locallogin/586e388b83fb966a47fa3f18/eng>

Other application requirements (level, language, etc.)

While most courses at Osnabrück University are taught in German, an ever-increasing number of courses is taught in English across all disciplines. Therefore, we recommend all our incoming exchange students to have a level of B2 (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) either in German or English.

An English level of B2 (according to the CEFR) roughly translates to:

IELTS	TOEIC (R&L) Total	TOEFL iBT	TOEFL PBT	Global Scale of English (Pearson)	Cambridge University – Cambridge English Language Assessment
5.5-6.5	785-940	72-94	543-626	59-75	Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE)

A German level of B2 (according to the CEFR) roughly translates to:

Deutsches Sprachdiplom DSD	Test DaF	DSH	TELC	UNICERT	Goethe-Institut
DSD II	TDN 3/4 (Niveaustufe)	DSH-1	TELC B2	UNICERT II	B2

Programmes/courses available for exchange students

If students have the required (1) linguistic and (2) academic qualifications, they are generally free to choose courses across all faculties at UOS. However, all incoming students are strongly encouraged to take at least half of their courses at the faculty their home university has an agreement with.

Are students required to register for courses before their arrival or upon arrival?

Students register for the courses after their arrival in Osnabrück.

Web address with information on courses

www.uni-osnabrueck.de -> Veranstaltungsverzeichnis (Quicklinks at the bottom of the website) (in German)

Can exchange students attend the university for just one semester?

Yes

Do you offer short-term summer programmes?

Yes, please check the following link:
www.uos.de/?id=130



Grading system

Maximum grade: 1,0
Minimum grade: 4,0 (> 4,0 = fail)

Credit point system

ECTS





Services available for Exchange Students

- The International Office's incoming team offers extensive services and advice and guides nominated exchange students through the application and enrolment processes. A bi-annual online pre-arrival orientation session helps students to prepare their stay prior to their arrival in Osnabrück.
- **Welcome Week**
This is our main welcoming event for exchange students as well as other international students!
Students can expect various information sessions about Housing, part-time jobs, and many other interesting and important topics.
Tutors can pick up incoming students from the train station, assist them with bureaucratic procedures and provide them with information about student housing. The International Office offers also other activities, such as campus- and city tours and more.
www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/prospective-students/international-prospective-students/service/welcome-week-and-pick-up-service/



■ **International Mentoring Course (IMCourse)**

In this course international students are matched with local students. Having a mentor makes it easier to get first-hand experience of German life and studies, to socialize, and receive various insider tips about Osnabrück!

While working on a joint group project, students will receive training, guidance and supervision with respect to publishing, mentoring, intercultural communication and autonomous language learning.

For further information check the following link:

www.uos.de/?id=26328



■ **German Language Courses**

The Language Center offers German courses for international students which are free of charge:

www.uos.de/?id=433 -> Kursangebot -> German courses

There are also special technical language courses for international students studying law, business, humanities or social sciences.

An intensive German prep course is offered in September each year:

www.uos.de/?id=6857



■ **Tandem Language Learning**

The Tandem program involves two people with different native languages meeting on a regular basis so that both participants can improve their knowledge of the respective foreign language.

www.uos.de/?id=16644



How and when should students apply for accommodation?

Online application:

www.uos.de/?id=113



Application deadlines:

1st January for the following summer semester

1st July for the following winter semester

Is university accommodation available for exchange students?

Yes, in our student residences (Jahnplatz, Jahnstraße, Leggeweg, Lüstringer Straße, Salzmarkt, Sedanstraße, Ziegelstraße)

Only furnished single rooms are available. Students are required to pay the first month's rent together with a deposit of 400 EUR on their arrival in Osnabrück. The deposit is returned to them provided the rooms are clean and undamaged on their departure. Students are required to bring their own bed clothes, dishes and kitchen utensils.

Cooking facilities are provided in each corridor; washing machines are also available.

Information regarding the different student residences can be found on the following internet site:

www.studentenwerk-osnabrueck.de/en/student-accommodation.html

The following addresses might be useful for those students deciding not to live in a student residence but preferring to look for private accommodation:

Accommodation bourse:

www.uni-osnabrueck.de -> Schwarzes Brett
(Quicklinks at the bottom of the website) (in German)

www.studentenwerk-osnabrueck.de/en/student-accommodation/finding-private-rooms-and-apartments.html

Please Note: The International Student Office is not responsible for private accommodation.



What is the cost of accommodation in the students' residences?

Between approx. 220 and 300 EUR per month including bills.

Average living costs per month (food, transportation, etc.)

Approx. 861 EUR (incl. housing)

There are no tuition or administrative fees for exchange students, but they have to pay a social fee to the university (approx. 295 EUR per semester) which includes the semester ticket for free public transport in Osnabrück and its surroundings.

More information:

www.uos.de/?id=4363



Are exchange students required to obtain medical insurance?

All students under 30 have to present a valid health insurance when enrolling at Osnabrück University.

It is recommended to take out German health insurance; this costs approximately 90 EUR per month.

Students coming from other member states of the European Union can bring their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) with them and will not have to take out German health insurance if it is valid for the whole study period in Osnabrück.

Visa / residence permit

Most exchange students who are not from EU countries require a student visa in order to study in Germany.

Students from some countries do not require a visa in order to enter Germany, but once here, all non-EU-citizens have to apply for a student residence permit from the international authorities. A list of the visa requirements for different countries can be found on the Federal Foreign Office's internet site: www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en

Students must apply for the student visa at the German Embassy or at the

German Consulate in their home country.

The International Office will send their letters of acceptance to the exchange students as soon as we have the complete application dossier. So the students can apply for the student visa as soon as possible.

All non-EU exchange students wishing to stay longer than three months at a German university need a valid student residence permit (costs: 100 EUR) if their visas do not cover the whole duration of their stay in Osnabrück. When applying for the residence permit, students from non-EU countries are also required to demonstrate that they have sufficient financial means to support themselves financially here in Germany, e.g. by providing scholarship confirmations, bank statements, etc. (currently: 861 EUR per month).





The Campus

One part of the university is situated in the city centre, and the other part is situated in the district of Westerberg, close to the city centre. Students can reach both locations easily by bus.

Furthermore, each institute or faculty has its own branch library. The student residences are located all over the city, in the centre as well as in several districts. Cafeterias are found at both university locations.

Some details about the two university locations:



Campus Innenstadt

Right next to the castle you can find amongst others: the History Institute, the Institutes for Languages, Media, Cultural Sciences, Economics, Business Management and Law as well as the university library and the entire university administration including the president's office.

www.uni-osnabrueck.de -> Lagepläne (Quicklinks at the bottom of the website) -> Standort Innenstadt



Campus Westerberg

In this part of the university you can find the Institute for Mathematics, Computer Science and Natural Sciences.

www.uni-osnabrueck.de -> Lagepläne (Quicklinks at the bottom of the website) -> Standort Westerberg



Osnabrück – The City of Peace

- Osnabrück – peaceful and cosmopolitan
- A wonderful mixture of history and modern times
- A city surrounded by nature

For further information please check:
www.osnabrueck.de/english



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