



Student Exchange at Osnabrück University

Fact Sheet



Student exchange at a glance

Academic calendar

First semester (winter semester)

October 1 – March 31

Second semester (summer semester)

April 1 – September 30

Lecture period

Winter semester

Mid-October to approx. mid-February

Summer semester

Early April to approx. mid-July

Welcome Week for International Exchange Students

Winter semester

Usually in the first or second week of October

Summer semester

Late March/early April (exact dates are
announced to students in advance)

Exams take place after the end of the lecture
period. The examination dates are announced by
the lecturers at the beginning of the semester.

Nominations

We accept nominations from universities by email to incoming@uos.de:
from April 1 to June 15 for the following winter semester and
from October 1 to December 15 for the following summer semester.
Please nominate students according to the contracts concluded with UOS.

Student application deadlines

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

Documents required for the application

- Online application form
- Transcript of records from home university
- Copy of passport or identity card showing photo

Online application form



[osnabrueck.moveon4.de/
locallogin/6419930e0187844a625753b8/eng](https://osnabrueck.moveon4.de/locallogin/6419930e0187844a625753b8/eng)

Other application requirements (level, language, etc.)

Although the majority of courses at Osnabrück University are taught in German, there is a wide range of English-taught courses in most disciplines. We do not require any language proficiency tests, but strongly recommend that you nominate only students who have the following proficiency level in English and/or German:

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

**Programs/courses available
for exchange students**

A limited number of courses can be chosen from other disciplines 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. For more details on English-taught options, please refer to the website below.

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

Students can register immediately after enrolling at UOS. The enrolment process starts around two months before their arrival.

Website with information on courses



[www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/studying/
our-study-programs/exchange-studies-at-
osnabrueck-university](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/studying/our-study-programs/exchange-studies-at-osnabrueck-university)

**May exchange students attend
UOS for just one semester?**

Yes

Do you offer short-term summer programs?



Yes. Please check the following link:
[www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/studying/our-
study-programs/international-short-term-
programs](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/studying/our-study-programs/international-short-term-programs)

Grading system

Maximum grade: 1.0
Minimum grade: 4.0 (> 4.0 = fail)

Credit point system

European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)





Services provided to exchange students

- The International Office's incoming team offers extensive services and advice before and after students' arrival at UOS. A bi-annual online prearrival orientation session helps students to prepare their stay before setting out for Germany.

- **Welcome Week**

A week full of networking and socializing events as well as support with administrative processes for our new international exchange students.

www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/studying/our-study-programs/exchange-studies-at-osnabrueck-university/welcome-week-for-international-exchange-students



- **Services for international exchange students with special needs**

Osnabrück University offers counselling and advice for students with special needs in order to help prepare and organize their stay at UOS. For an interactive UOS map featuring accessible stations, lowered curbstones, guidance systems for visually impaired students and other accessible infrastructure, see: <https://geo.osnabrueck.de/uni/?i=map>



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■ **German as a Foreign Language courses**

The Language Center offers German as a Foreign Language courses at all levels (complete beginner to advanced) for international students.

All courses are free of charge:

www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/campus-life/language-courses/german-as-a-foreign-language



■ **Intensive Pre-Sessional German Language course (September)**

A good-value intensive Pre-Sessional German Language course is offered each September:

www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/studying/application-and-start-of-studies/a-good-start-to-your-studies/pre-sessional-german-language-course



How and when should students apply for accommodation?

Online application:

osnabrueck.moveon4.de/locallogin/6419930e0187844a625753b8/eng



Application deadlines:

January 1 for the following summer semester

July 1 for the following winter semester

Is accommodation available for exchange students?

The Studierendenwerk Osnabrück provides UOS with a certain number of furnished rooms for exchange students from partner universities.

These rooms are located in the following student dorms: Albert-Einstein-Straße, Alte Fabrik, Am Salzmarkt, Leggeweg, Sedanstraße and Ziegelstraße.

Cooking facilities and shared bathrooms are provided in all flats. The use of a washing machine is also available at low or no extra cost.

How much do student dorms cost?

Between approx. €300 and €510 per month, including bills. Rooms are always let on a six-month basis, even if students remain in Osnabrück for less than six months.

Average cost of living (food, public transport, etc.)

Approx. €1,000 per month (including accommodation).

Exchange students are exempt from paying any tuition or administrative fees. However, they must pay a social fee each semester (approx. €385).

This fee covers the semester ticket for free local public transport throughout Germany, subsidized meals in the dining halls, affordable housing and student representation.

More information:

www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/studying/costs-scholarships-and-funding/costs-of-studying





Are exchange students required to obtain medical insurance?

All students under 30 must submit a valid health insurance before enrolling at Osnabrück University.

It is strongly recommended to take out German statutory health insurance, which costs around €140 per month.

Students from EU Member States can bring their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) with them and will not need to take out health insurance in Germany if it is valid for the entire study period in Osnabrück.

A number of other countries (e.g. Turkey) have bilateral agreements with Germany, enabling students to be exempted from taking out statutory health insurance in Germany.



The university

The university has two campuses – one in the city center (mainly the humanities) and the other at Westerberg (life sciences and natural sciences). Students can reach both locations easily by bus or bike.

Furthermore, each institute or faculty has its own branch library. The student dorms can be found in several locations of the city. Cafeterias and dining halls are provided on both campuses.



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- Osnabrück – safe, peaceful and cosmopolitan
- A fascinating combination of history and modernity
- A small, green city surrounded by forests and nature

For more information, see:

www.osnabrueck.de/english



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