



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 of mid-July (approx.)

Welcome Week for new international students

Winter semester

First or second week of October

Summer semester

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

Exams will take place after the lecture period
ends. Examination dates will be announced by
the lecturers at the beginning of the semester.

Nominations

We accept nominations via e-mail at incoming@uos.de from:

April 1st to June 15th for the following winter semester and

October 1st to December 15th for the following summer semester

Please nominate students according to the contracts concluded with UOS.

Application deadlines

July 1st for the following winter semester

January 1st for the following summer semester

Documents required for exchange application

- Online application form
- Photo as used in a passport
- Transcript of records
- Copy of passport or identity card

Online application form



[osnabrueck.moveon4.de/
locallogin/6419930e0187844a625753b8/eng](https://osnabrueck.moveon4.de/locallogin/6419930e0187844a625753b8/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. Although we do not require any language proficiency tests, we strongly recommend to nominate students that come up to below listed proficiency levels in either 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

**Programmes/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 our brochure "Student exchange at UOS" (below).

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

Students can register right after their enrolment at UOS. The enrolment process starts approx. 2 months before their arrival.

Web address with information on courses



www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/studying/our-study-programs/exchange-studies-at-osnabrueck-university/english-taught-course-offer

**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.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

ECTS





Services Available for Exchange Students

- The International Office's incoming team offers extensive services and advice before and after their arrival at UOS. A bi-annual online pre-arrival orientation session helps students to prepare their stay prior to their arrival in Osnabrück.

- **Welcome Week**

A week full of networking and socialising events as well as support with administrative processes for our new international students.
www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/studying/our-study-programs/exchange-studies-at-osnabrueck-university/welcome-week-for-international-exchange-students



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

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



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■ **International Mentoring Course (IMCourse)**

Summer Semesters Only

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!

For further information check the following link:

www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/studying/application-and-start-of-studies/a-good-start-to-your-studies/international-mentoring-course-imcourse



■ **German Language Courses**

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

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

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



■ **Intensive German Prep Course (each September)**

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

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 1st for the following summer semester

July 1st for the following winter semester

Is accommodation available for exchange students?

There is a contingent of dorm rooms at the students residences Jahnplatz, Jahnstraße, Leggeweg, Lüstringer Straße, Salzmarkt, Sedanstraße and Ziegelstraße especially offered to exchange students from partner universities.

Cooking facilities and shared bathrooms are provided in each flat, washing machines are also available.

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

Between approx. 250 and 330 EUR per month including bills.

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

Approx. 930 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. 300 EUR per semester) which includes the semester ticket for free public transport in Osnabrück and its surroundings subsidised meals at the cafeteria, student representation etc.

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 have to present a valid health insurance when enrolling at Osnabrück University.

It is recommended to take out German statutory health insurance; this costs approximately 110 EUR per month.

Students coming from 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.



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.



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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