



# Student Exchange at Osnabrück University

## Fact Sheet



## Student Exchange at a Glance

### Academic calendar

1 <sup>st</sup> semester (winter semester)	October 1 <sup>st</sup> – March 31 <sup>st</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester (summer semester)	April 1 <sup>st</sup> – September 30 <sup>th</sup>

### 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](mailto:incoming@uos.de) from:  
 April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup> for the following winter semester and  
 October 1<sup>st</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup> for the following summer semester  
 Please nominate students according to the contracts concluded with UOS.

### Application deadlines

July 1<sup>st</sup> for the following winter semester  
 January 1<sup>st</sup> 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



<https://osnabrueck.moveon4.de/form/586e3a0583fb963a4ffa3f17/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



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**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/fileadmin/documents/public/2\\_studieninteressierte/2.05\\_studieninteressierte\\_ausland/austauschstudierende/Semesterprogramm\\_Austauschstudierende\\_2022.pdf](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/fileadmin/documents/public/2_studieninteressierte/2.05_studieninteressierte_ausland/austauschstudierende/Semesterprogramm_Austauschstudierende_2022.pdf)

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**Can exchange students attend the university for just one semester?**

Yes

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**Do you offer short-term summer programmes?**



Yes, please check the following link:  
[www.uos.de/?id=130](http://www.uos.de/?id=130)

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**Grading system**

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

**Credit point system**

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## 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/prospective-students/international-prospective-students/service/welcome-week-and-pick-up-service/](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/prospective-students/international-prospective-students/service/welcome-week-and-pick-up-service/)



- **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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## How and When Should Students Apply for Accommodation?

### Online application:

[www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/prospective-students/international-prospective-students/exchange-and-erasmus-students/nominations-and-admission/](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/prospective-students/international-prospective-students/exchange-and-erasmus-students/nominations-and-admission/)



### Application deadlines:

January 1<sup>st</sup> for the following summer semester

July 1<sup>st</sup> 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/prospective-students/international-prospective-students/fees-and-financing/cost-of-living/](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/prospective-students/international-prospective-students/fees-and-financing/cost-of-living/)



### ■ 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/prospective-students/international-prospective-students/international-mentoring-course-imcourse/](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/prospective-students/international-prospective-students/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/university/service-facilities/zentrale-einrichtungen/language-center/](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/university/service-facilities/zentrale-einrichtungen/language-center/) -> Kursangebot -> German courses

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/prospective-students/international-prospective-students/pre-sessional-german-language-course](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/prospective-students/international-prospective-students/pre-sessional-german-language-course)



### ■ Tandem Language Learning

[www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/university/service-facilities/language-center/learning-languages/independent-language-learning/](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/university/service-facilities/language-center/learning-languages/independent-language-learning/)







### **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](http://www.osnabrueck.de/english)



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