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

<p><b>Lecture period</b></p> <p>Winter semester Summer semester</p> <p><b>Arrival days</b></p> <p>Winter semester Summer semester</p> <p><b>Orientation and welcome week</b></p> <p>Winter semester Summer semester</p> <p><b>Holidays</b></p>	<p>Mid-October until mid-February (approx.) Beginning of April until beginning of July (approx.)</p> <p>Beginning of October End of March / beginning of April (exact dates will be communicated to nominated students and announced on our website)</p> <p>First or second week in October Last week in March / first week in April (exact dates will be communicated to nominated students and announced on our website)</p> <p>October 3<sup>rd</sup> (Day of the German Reunification) October 31<sup>st</sup> (Reformation Day) December 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> (Christmas) January 1<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Day) Good Friday Easter Monday Whit Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> (Labour Day) Ascension Day</p> <p>Christmas holidays between Christmas and New Year</p>
<p><b>University's website</b></p> <p><b>Website for exchange information</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de">www.uni-osnabrueck.de</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/?id=36">www.uni-osnabrueck.de/?id=36</a></p>
<p><b>Nominations</b></p> <p><b>Application Deadlines</b></p> <p><b>Documents required for exchange application</b></p> <p><b>Application material is available online</b></p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> April to 15<sup>th</sup> June for following winter semester 1<sup>st</sup> October to 15<sup>th</sup> December for following summer semester</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> July for the following winter semester 1<sup>st</sup> January for the following summer semester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Printed application form</li> <li>• Passport photo</li> <li>• Transcript of records</li> <li>• Copy of passport or identity card</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/?id=113">www.uni-osnabrueck.de/?id=113</a></p>

<p><b>Other application requirements (level, language, etc.)</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>An English level of B2 (according to the CEFR) roughly translates to:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="579 427 1522 790"> <tr> <td>IELTS</td> <td>TOEIC (R&amp;L) Total</td> <td>TOEFL iBT</td> <td>TOEFL PBT</td> <td>Global Scale of English (Pearson)</td> <td>Cambridge University – Cambridge English Language Assessment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.5-6.5</td> <td>785-940</td> <td>72-94</td> <td>543-626</td> <td>59-75</td> <td>Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE)</td> </tr> </table> <p>A German level of B2 (according to the CEFR) roughly translates to:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="579 864 1522 1099"> <tr> <td>Deutsches Sprachdiplom DSD</td> <td>Test DaF</td> <td>DSH</td> <td>TELC</td> <td>UNICERT</td> <td>Goethe-Institut</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DSD II</td> <td>TDN 3/4 (Niveaustufe)</td> <td>DSH-1</td> <td>TELC B2</td> <td>UNICERT II</td> <td>B2</td> </tr> </table>	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)	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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<p><b>Programs/courses available for exchange students</b></p> <p><b>Are students required to register for courses before their arrival or upon arrival?</b></p> <p><b>Web address with information on courses</b></p>	<p>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 maintain a core curriculum of courses taught at the faculty their home university has an agreement with.</p> <p>Students register for the courses after arriving in Osnabrück.</p> <p><a href="http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de">www.uni-osnabrueck.de</a> -&gt; Veranstaltungsverzeichnis (Quicklinks at the bottom of the website) (in German)</p>																								
<p><b>Can exchange students attend the university for just one semester?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>																								
<p><b>Do you offer short-term summer programs?</b></p>	<p>Yes, please see <a href="http://www.uos.de/en/prospective_students/summer_schools.html">www.uos.de/en/prospective_students/summer_schools.html</a> for details.</p>																								
<p><b>Grading system</b></p>	<p>Maximum grade: 1,0 Minimum grade: 4,0 (&lt; 4,0: fail)</p>																								

<p><b>Credit point system</b></p>	<p>ECTS</p>
<p><b>Services available for exchange students</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>• <b>Information packages</b>  The International Office sends two information packages to all future exchange students:  The first package is sent when the application documents have arrived at the International Office. It includes the admission letter, general information about Osnabrück and the university, dates of arrival and Welcome Week, admission documents as well as information about accommodation.</p> <p>The second information package is sent approximately one month before the students' arrival, in August for the following winter semester, and in February for the following summer semester.</p> <p>More detailed information about the Welcome Week and other cultural and leisure activities are provided in this package.</p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>Welcome week</b>  Pick-up service from the train station  Tutorial program in student housing  Assistance with bureaucratic procedures  Presentation of university and town  International breakfast  <a href="http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/?id=116">www.uni-osnabrueck.de/?id=116</a></p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>LINK-OS contact program</b>  The aim of this project is to ease the integration of international students into life at Osnabrück University and to enable contact with German students.  Students from different faculties provide new international students with assistance by showing them the city, providing them with practical advice to ease them into life here and by introducing them to their friends. In other words, they make starting student life much easier.  The tutorship begins with a first contact (phone, e-mail) before each student arrives in Osnabrück.  For more information please see  <a href="http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/?id=118">www.uni-osnabrueck.de/?id=118</a></p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>International cultural program JOIN-OS</b>  Each semester the International Office offers a varied culture program together with the International Office at the University of Applied Sciences Osnabrück. We offer several day trips to cities in the region as well as visits to the theatre, Christmas dinners, etc.  More detailed information is available at the following website:  <a href="http://www.join-os.de">www.join-os.de</a></p> </li> </ul>



- **German language courses**

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

[www.uni-osnabrueck.de/sprachenzentrum](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/sprachenzentrum) -> 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.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/prospective\\_students/intensive\\_german\\_prep\\_course.html](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/prospective_students/intensive_german_prep_course.html)

- **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.

**Is university accommodation available for exchange students?**

**How and when should students apply for accommodation?**



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

Online application:

[www.uni-osnabrueck.de/?id=646](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/?id=646)

Application deadlines:

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

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

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](http://www.studentenwerk-osnabrueck.de/en/student-accommodation.html)

**Private accommodation**

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

[www.studentenwerk-osnabrueck.de/en/student-](http://www.studentenwerk-osnabrueck.de/en/student-)

	<p><a href="#">accommodation/finding-private-rooms-and-apartments.html</a></p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: The International Student Office is not responsible for private accommodation.</p>
<b>What is the cost of accommodation in the students' residences?</b>	Between approx. 170 and 280 EUR per month including bills.
<b>Average living costs per month (food, transportation, etc.)</b>	<p>Approx. 853 EUR (incl. housing)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>More information: <a href="http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/?id=4363">www.uni-osnabrueck.de/?id=4363</a></p>
<b>Are exchange students required to obtain medical insurance?</b>	<p>All students under 30 have to present a valid health insurance when enrolling at the university.</p> <p>It is recommended to take out German health insurance; this costs approximately 90 EUR per month.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Visa / residence permit</b>	<p>Most exchange students who are not from EU countries require a student visa in order to study in Germany.</p> <p>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: <a href="http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de">www.auswaertiges-amt.de</a></p> <p>Students must apply for the student visa at the German Embassy or at the German Consulate in their home country.</p> <p>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</p>

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: 735 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:

Location 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](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de) -> Lagepläne (Quicklinks at the bottom of the website) -> Standort Innenstadt

Location Westerberg

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

[www.uni-osnabrueck.de](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de) -> Lagepläne (Quicklinks at the bottom of the website) -> Standort Westerberg

## City of Osnabrück



The peace city, Osnabrück, is the third largest city in Lower Saxony with 165,000 inhabitants. It is the only German city which is situated in a national park – the 'UNESCO Geo park TERRA.vita', which includes the Teutoburg Forest and the 'Wiehengebirge'.

Osnabrück is a university and diocesan city and both, the German Foundation for the Environment and the German Foundation for Peace Research, are based here. As Osnabrück is the city of the Peace of Westphalia and the home city to painter Felix Nussbaum and writer Erich Maria Remarque, it has committed itself to the idea of peace.

The history of Osnabrück began in 780, when the Emperor Charlemagne founded a mission on the banks of the River Hase. In

1002, the Bishop of Osnabrück was granted a charter to hold a market, mint coins and collect customs dues. Osnabrück developed, as a member of the Hanseatic League from 1412 to 1669, into a cultural and commercial centre open to the world. The city now enjoys both formal and informal links with many parts of the world, including Angers (F), Çanakkale (TR), Derby (UK), Evansville (USA), Gmünd (A), Greifswald (D), Haarlem (NL), Kwangmyong (ROK), Twer (RUS), Vila Real (P) and Hefei (VRC).

For further information please see: [www.osnabrueck.de](http://www.osnabrueck.de)