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**WELCOME TO OSNABRÜCK UNIVERSITY!**



## TAKE A FEW MINUTES ...

... and get an impression of what you might expect from your ERASMUS or exchange study period in Osnabrück!



» **Maxime (France):** I found the quality of courses and teaching at Osnabrück University incredible! On top of that, I enjoyed meeting people from all over the world. Everyone had their own culture and habits but we got to know each other and had a great time together. I guess that is what made my stay in Osnabrück so valuable! «

» **Andrés (Spain):** The city of Osnabrück is great – not too small, not too big – it has the perfect size to feel comfortable as a student without having to miss out on fun activities. The people here are very kind, open minded and happy to discover new cultures, so when I return home, I will have made friends for life. «

» **Madina (Russia):** I loved my stay in Osnabrück! It is such a beautiful city! After my semester at Osnabrück University, I can say that I particularly liked the German mentality. The people here are very friendly and open minded, which is why I plan on coming back to pursue my studies. Thank you Osnabrück for your hospitality! «





# OSNABRÜCK UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1974, Osnabrück University (UOS) is a young and lively university which is well known for its research and teaching programs in the Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Law and Business. It offers an ideal learning and research environment to its 13,000 full-time students (including 800 international students and almost 800 PhD candidates). Maintaining more than 250 partnership agreements with universities in over 50 countries, Osnabrück University cultivates internationality and multiculturalism in all respects.

Small classes provide students with a maximum opportunity for individual guidance from their lecturers. In addition, UOS students have access to the latest literature and research through numerous libraries. Excellent food at low prices is offered at the award-winning university canteens and rooms in student dormitories are available at affordable rates.



Other factors making Osnabrück an attractive place to study are the safety and cleanliness of the city, as well as the low cost of living. While the city's beautiful surroundings offer nature lovers ample opportunities to spend time outdoors, the array of pubs, clubs, restaurants, cultural events and institutions ensures a wide variety of leisure activities in the city.

# APPLYING

## Application

Before applying as an ERASMUS or exchange student, please make sure that your university and Osnabrück University maintain a student exchange agreement. In addition, you need to be formally nominated by your home university to apply as an ERASMUS or exchange student at UOS.

**To complete your application as an ERASMUS or exchange student, you should hand in the following documents:**

- the completed application form
- a passport photo
- the enrollment certificate of your home university

## Application Deadlines:

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







# ARRIVING

## Entry Requirements

If you are a citizen of an EU country, an EFTA country or of those countries that have signed agreements with the Federal Republic of Germany (including Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea and the USA) you do not require a visa to enter Germany. After your arrival in Osnabrück, you can apply for a residence permit directly from the Foreigners' Office. Proof of your financial means is required for this (at least € 735 per month; only for non-EU-students).

All other ERASMUS and exchange students require a visa to study in Germany. You should therefore apply at the German embassy or consulate in your home country well in advance (approx. two to three months before your planned departure).



### Getting Here

Located in the north-west of Germany, you can easily reach Osnabrück by bus or train from several smaller (Münster/Osnabrück, Bremen, Hannover) or major (Frankfurt, Düsseldorf, Hamburg and Amsterdam) airports.

### Pick-Up Service

The pick-up service is integrated into the Welcome Week and is usually provided on October 1 and April 1. You will be picked up by a student tutor from the train station and taken to your student dormitory.





### Academic Calendar

1st semester (winter semester): October 1 – March 31

2nd semester (summer semester): April 1 – September 30

### Lecture Period

winter semester: mid of October until mid of February (approx.)

summer semester: beginning of April until beginning of July (approx.)





# LANGUAGE

As most of the lectures are held in German, it is necessary that you have sufficient knowledge of German (at least B1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). In case you are studying Cognitive Science or English and American Studies, you are required to have good knowledge of English as courses are held in German and English.

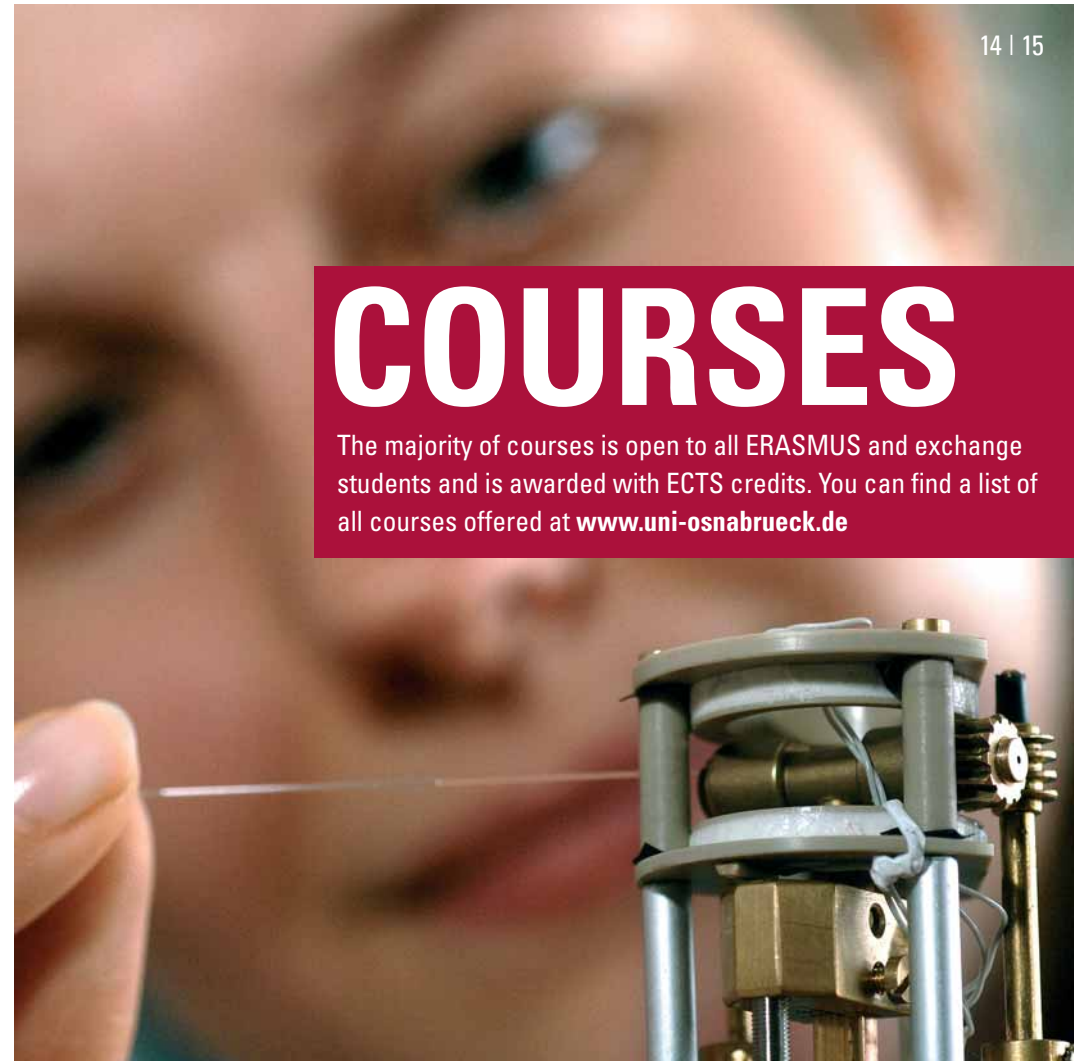
Please note that the Language Center offers German courses for international students free of charge:

**[www.uni-osnabrueck.de](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de)**

Moreover, it also offers special subject-specific language courses for international students studying Law, Business, Humanities or Social Sciences. A four-week intensive German language course is offered by the Language Center before the lecture period starts (winter semester only).

# COURSES

The majority of courses is open to all ERASMUS and exchange students and is awarded with ECTS credits. You can find a list of all courses offered at **[www.uni-osnabrueck.de](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de)**







# SCHOOLS/ CAMPUS

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

Furthermore, most of the institutes or schools have their own branch library. Student dormitories are located all over the city, in the center as well as in several suburbs. You can find cafeterias and canteens at both university locations.

# LIVING

## CITY

Osnabrück, also called the City of Peace, is the third largest city in Lower Saxony with 164,000 inhabitants. It is the only German city which is situated in a nature reserve – the »UNESCO Geo park TERRA.vita«, including the Teutoburg Forest and the »Wiehengebirge« (a low mountain range stretching from Minden to the vicinity of Osnabrück).



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

The diocesan city of Osnabrück and its university are committed to promoting peace. This tradition already started in 1648 when after 5 years of negotiations the »Peace of Westphalia« was proclaimed on the steps of the Town Hall, ending the Thirty Years' War. Today, the tradition lives on in numerous activities, such as the Osnabrück Peace Forum. Osnabrück is also home to the »Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt«, the German Foundation for Peace Research and the German agency of Terre des Hommes International Federation.





# ACCOMMODATION



**As an ERASMUS or exchange student, you can apply for a furnished room in a student dormitory.**

Please apply online until January 1 (for accommodation in the subsequent summer semester) or July 1 (for accommodation in the subsequent winter semester).

If you prefer private accommodation, you can check the university's online bulletin board (»Schwarzes Brett«):

[www.uni-osnabrueck.de](http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de)

# SERVICES FOR ERASMUS AND EXCHANGE STUDENTS

## Welcome Week

At the start of each semester, the International Office organizes a Welcome Week for ERASMUS and exchange students in order to facilitate their first weeks in Osnabrück. The Welcome Week includes:

- **a pick-up service:** You will be picked up by a student tutor from the train station and led to your student dormitory.
- **assistance with administrative matters:** We will help you with taking out health insurance, opening a bank account, paying the semester fee and enrolling at the university.
- **an introduction to the university and city:** You will be welcomed by staff of the International Office and will be introduced to the university's service and counseling facilities (library, canteen, Admissions Office, International Office etc.). There will also be a guided tour through the city of Osnabrück. At night, a pub crawl will introduce you to the Osnabrück nightlife.
- **an international breakfast:** We will host a breakfast exclusively for ERASMUS and exchange students so that you will get the opportunity to socialize with fellow international and German students.

## LINK-OS Program

We offer a buddy program for all international students who wish to get in touch with local students. If you apply for the program, we will put you in contact with a German »buddy« who will introduce you to daily life in Germany, take you to student parties and let you meet his or her friends. This way, you get first-hand experience of German culture and customs.

## International Cultural Program JOIN-OS

The »Joint Cultural Program for International Students in Osnabrück«, initiated by the International Office, offers a varied cultural program for international students. This includes day trips to cities such as Köln, Hannover and Düsseldorf but also going ice skating, visiting the local theater etc. or simply partying together.

## Tandem Language Learning

Learn German and teach your native language at the same time! In the Tandem Language Learning Program you will be matched with a fellow German student, who is eager to learn your native language. That way, both of you will benefit from meeting each other, as you will be able to improve your German skills while your tandem partner gets the chance to advance in your native language.

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