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Language competence and academic success
Successful participation in university training programmes places high demands on students’ proficiency in the language of instruction. Their academic success requires highly developed and specialised communicative competence. Students must be able to:
- analyze complex academic texts
- take notes during lectures
- participate actively in discussions on academic subjects
- give presentations on specialist topics and
- write academic papers.

To help international students complete their studies successfully, the Language Center at Osnabrück University offers a broad range of tailor-made courses at basic, intermediate and advanced levels. The courses and outcomes are based on the levels stipulated in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2). Basic courses provide students with the opportunity to develop their general competence in German. Subject-specific courses at intermediate and higher levels address the unique needs of students from a particular field of study and promote the acquisition of subject-specific language and language for academic purposes.

Placement test
All students wishing to enrol for one of the German courses offered by the Center are required to take a placement test (»C-Test«). A demo version of the test is available from the following website: www.ondaf.de
The test is administered during the Welcome Week held at the beginning of the semester. Students do not have to register for the test. Information about the test date and venue can be obtained from the Language Center.

Fees
All German courses presented by the Language Center are free of charge.

Earning credits
The Center applies the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Credits are awarded to students who have successfully passed the exam and who have attended classes regularly (at least 80% attendance).

General courses

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<td>A1</td>
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<td>The course is designed to develop students’ basic competences in German by practising everyday forms of communication on a limited range of familiar topics, e.g. understanding schedules and timetables, conversing with others about family life, nationality, interests and hobbies, writing a friend a short note.</td>
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Niveau A2
Level A2
Overall aim: The course aims to develop students’ basic competences in German by practising everyday forms of communication on familiar topics, e.g. reading short extracts from simple articles and newspaper reports or listening to short radio interviews, participating in casual conversations about current affairs, writing simple instructions.
ECTS: 9
Contact hours per week: 8 x 45 min.

Niveau B1
Level B1
Overall aim: The course is designed to develop and practise competences required in public and academic contexts, e.g. reading newspaper reports, listening to the news, participating in formal discussions on current affairs, writing summaries.
ECTS: 6
Contact hours per week: 4 x 45 min.

Niveau B2
Level B2
Overall aim: The course aims to develop and practise competences required in academic contexts, e.g. reading introductory texts on subject-specific topics, writing handouts, discussing presentations in formal discussions on academic subjects.
ECTS: 6
Contact hours per week: 4 x 45 min.

Niveau C1
Level C1
Overall aim: The course is designed to develop and practise competences required in academic contexts, e.g. analyzing academic/scientific texts, listening to academic/scientific presentations, participating in panel discussions on specialist topics.
ECTS: 6
Contact hours per week: 4 x 45 min.

Each of the courses above is presented on two separate levels (A1.1, A1.2; A2.1, A2.2; B1.1, B1.2, B2.1, B2.2, C1.1, C1.2) depending on the range in the competence levels of the course participants.

Subject-specific courses
Specialised courses are presented for:
- economics students
  (Fachsprache Wirtschaft: Niveau B2 – C1),
- law students
  (Fachsprache Jura: Niveau B2 – C1) and
- humanities and social sciences students
  (Fachsprache Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften: Niveau B2 – C1).
Target group: Students from the different fields of study
Overall aim: The courses aim to develop and practise subject-specific language competences, e.g. analyzing scientific texts, participating in formal discussions on academic subjects, giving presentations, writing academic papers, conducting negotiations (law and economics students), exchanging business correspondence (economics students), writing a legal opinion (law students).
ECTS: 3
Contact hours per week: 2 x 45 min.