Application information for international students

Summer semester 2022

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Consultation hours international applicants: Until further notice no personal consultation hours are possible due to the covid pandemic
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Dear applicant,

We are happy about your interest in Osnabrück University. It is our pleasure to inform you about important details of the application process.

In order to be admitted to study at Osnabrück University, applicants must hold an educational certificate equivalent to the German “Abitur” (educational requirements). For direct admission, advanced German skills are required as well.

Certain programs of study may also require knowledge of further languages.

Applicants from China and Vietnam should note that they have to follow some special regulations.

We also want to draw your attention to the websites https://www.study-in-germany.de/en/ and the database ANABIN (www.anabin.kmk.org). They provide you with information about studying in Germany and important general application information.

To obtain information if you have access to higher education in Germany with your educational qualifications you can use the "Check University admission" tool from uni-assist. Furthermore, the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) offers information on the general rules for the recognition of non-German educational certificates in its admission data base.

1. Application possibilities for the summer semester 2022

For the summer semester you can apply for

1.1. Master’s programs
1.2. Studienkolleg (Preparatory Course)
1.3. Kurzzeitstudium (short-term studies)
1.4. Higher semester

The application deadline is January 15, 2022.

Please note: You can only apply for undergraduate studies (Bachelor’s degree/state examination) for the winter semester. Information on undergraduate programs can be found at http://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/studieninteressierte/studiengaenge_a_z.html and in the document undergraduate studies.

1.1 Master’s programs*

A suitable undergraduate degree is required.

All international students with foreign certificates, including EU citizens, apply for the Master’s programs via the uni-assist service center.

Please refer to the respective Master’s admission regulations (Zugangsordnung – mostly in German) for information on the subject-related and language-related admission requirements.

You can apply for the following master’s degree programs for the summer semester 2022:
- Arts and Communication (M.A.), an **aptitude test** may be required,
- Business Administration (M.Sc.),
- Cognitive Science (M.Sc.),
- Computer Science (M.Sc.),
- Economics (M.Sc.),
- Economic and Social Geography (M.A.),
- Education Science (M.A.),
- English and American Studies (M.A.),
- Environmental Systems and Resource Management (M.Sc.),
- European Governance: Market, Power, Community (M.A.),
- European Literature and Culture (M.A.),
- Geoinformatics (M.Sc.),
- German (M.A.),
- History (M.A.),
- Information Systems (M.Sc.),
- Islamic Theology (M.A.),
- Language in Europe (M.A.),
- Master of Education (Gymnasium) (M.Ed.),
- Master of Education (Grund- und Hauptschule) (M.Ed.),
- Master of Education (Realschule) (M.Ed.),
- Mathematics (M.Sc.),
- Musicology (M.A.),
- Physics (M.Sc.),
- Sociology: Dynamics of Social Change (M.A.),
- Theology and Culture (M.A.).

* There may still be changes to the study programs offered. Please inform yourself in time.

If you would like to apply for a master’s degree in teaching (Master of Education) with foreign certificates, please contact the Admissions Office (studentsoffice@uni-osnabrueck.de) before applying.

### 1.2 Studienkolleg (Preparatory Course)

Under certain circumstances, applicants whose school-leaving certificate is not equivalent to the German Abitur can acquire a subject-related university entrance qualification at a Studienkolleg (preparatory course) in Germany.

There is no Studienkolleg at the Osnabrueck University, we refer for G/S- (humanities and language courses), W- (economics, law and social science courses), M- (biological courses) and T-courses (for technical courses) to the [Studienkolleg Hannover](#).

For admission to the Studienkolleg, you must prove German language skills at level B1. The following certificates are accepted as proof:
- Onset, TestDaF, DSH, DSD I, DSD II, Telc, Telc Hochschule, Goethe certificates, ÖSD, Unicert, IB German.

In the Osnabrueck region there is also the [Studienkolleg in Mettingen](#). You can apply there directly.

### 1.3 Kurzzeitstudium (Short-term studies)

In general, you may apply for short-term studies (studies without the intent of graduation) for
our undergraduate programs; information about exceptions can be acquired at the Admissions Office.

Applicants for short-term studies must hold a suitable university entrance qualification, **German language skills at level B2** and, if applicable, other required language skills (see point 3). Short-term studies are usually approved for one semester.

EU citizens apply directly to the Osnabrueck University for short-term studies. All others apply for short-term studies via uni-assist.

### 1.4 Higher Semester

In general, applications from abroad for a higher semester are not possible. A decision on the recognition of academic achievements can only be made once the studies have been taken up at the Osnabrueck University.

International students with foreign certificates who are already studying successfully in Germany and would like to transfer to a higher semester at Osnabrueck University can apply directly to the University with the usual application documents.

### 2. General application information

Osnabrück University is a member of the Application Services for International Students (uni-assist). Part of our international applications are pre-checked by uni-assist.

uni-assist checks whether the applicant meets all the formal qualifications required for the desired university course and holds a suitable educational certificate. If the result is positive, uni-assist forwards the application documents and the result of the pre-check to us. We then carry out the selection and admission procedure at Osnabrueck University.

Applicants will be informed by uni-assist whether their previous educational qualifications allow formal access to the desired higher education program.

**All internationals with foreign certificates, including EU citizens, apply for the Master's programs through uni-assist.**

**German citizens** with foreign educational certificates always **apply directly to the University of Osnabrück**.

### 3. Language requirements

#### 3.1 German language requirements

When applying for studies beginning in a summer semester applicants have to hand in a recognized language certificate, e.g.:

- Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache (TestDaF) or
- Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang (DSH) or
- Goethe Certificate C2 or
- Deutsches Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz (DSD II) with the result C1 in all parts of the exam or
- TELC C1 Hochschule

Should you have a different German language certificate on advanced level please contact us.

We would like to bring your attention to the fact that Osnabrueck University does not offer preparatory German language courses as part of the general application process. This means that at the time of application you must already fulfil the German language
We strongly recommend that applicants pass the “Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache (TestDaF)” exam in their home country before applying. Please see www.testdaf.de for further information.

The TestDaF exam can also be taken at the Language Center (Sprachenzentrum) of Osnabrück University.

The TELC C1 Hochschule exam can be taken at the University of Applied Sciences Osnabrück. Moreover, the TELC C1 Hochschule can be taken at the Bildungswerk der Niedersächsischen Wirtschaft, the Sprachschule inlingua and the Volkshochschule Osnabrück.

Applicants for short-term studies (studies without graduation) are required to prove German language knowledge equivalent to B2 level.

3.2 Master’s taught in English

The following masters are taught in English. You do not need to prove German language skills for them
- Cognitive Computing (M.Sc.)
- Cognitive Science (M.Sc.)
- Conflict Studies and Peacebuilding (M.A.)
- English and American Studies (M.A.)
- Nanoscience – Materials, Molecules and Cells (M.Sc.)
- Physics (M.Sc.)

3.3 Foreign language requirements

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<td>Biology – From Molecules to Organisms, M.Sc. – various core subjects</td>
<td>English B1 (z.B. IELTS 3.5)</td>
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<td>Cognitive Computing, M.Sc. (extra-occupational)</td>
<td>English B2 (e.g. IELTS 6.0)</td>
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<td>English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.0)</td>
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<td>English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.5)</td>
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<td>English and American Studies, M.A.</td>
<td>English C1 (e.g. IELTS 7.0)</td>
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<td>Environmental Systems and Resource Management, M.Sc.</td>
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<td>European Literature and Culture, M.A.</td>
<td>One modern language B2 Additional modern language B1</td>
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<td>Geoinformatics, M.Sc.</td>
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<td>History, M.A.</td>
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<td>Language in Europe, M.A.</td>
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<td>Mathematics, M.Sc.</td>
<td>English B1 (e.g. IELTS 3.5)</td>
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<td>Nanoscience Science - Materials, Molecules and Cells, M.Sc.</td>
<td>English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.5)</td>
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<td>Physics, M.Sc.</td>
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<td>Sociology: Dynamics of Social Change, M.A.</td>
<td>English B1 (e.g. IELTS 3.5)</td>
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<td>Third subject, teaching at Gymnasium, secondary post-graduate program</td>
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Bachelor's degree programs (only applies to short-term studies in the summer semester)

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<td>Economics and Business Administration, B.Sc.</td>
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<td>English, Dual Major Bachelor’s Degree</td>
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<td>French, Dual Major Bachelor’s Degree</td>
<td>French B2 (e.g. DELF-Diplom B2/Abibac/ Test de connaissance du francais B2)</td>
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<td>Latin, Dual Major Bachelor’s Degree</td>
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<td>Psychology, B.Sc.</td>
<td>English (e.g. IELTS 5.5/ TOEFL ibT 72)</td>
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The IELTS test can be taken at the Language Center of Osnabrueck University (https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/universitaet/organisation/zentrale-einrichtungen/sprachenzentrum/tests-und-pruefungen/). The TOEFL test at the Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences.

The required foreign language skills must also be proven for short-term studies!

Please inform yourself in detail about the admission requirements of your desired study program. Information is available from the Study Counseling Service.

4. Semester fees

Semester fees are charged for each semester. The amount for the summer semester 2022 has not yet been determined. It is expected to be around 370 euros.

Information about funding options for foreign students at Osnabrück University is available here: https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/prospective-students/international-prospective-students/fees-and-financing/

Under specific conditions, international students may also be eligible for a study loan or educational loan: https://www.bva.bund.de/EN/Home/home_node.html

Information about BAFöG can be found here: www.bafög.de. This is a government grant for
5. Application deadlines and application addresses

5.1 Which applications have to be sent to uni-assist?

- You have a nationality from outside the EU/EEA/Lichtenstein/Iceland or Norway? Then ALWAYS apply via uni-assist. (preparatory course, short-term study, bachelor, state examination)*.
- You are a citizen of an EU/EEA state or of Iceland, Lichtenstein or Norway and would like to apply for a Master? Then send your application to uni-assist*.

* You are married to a German citizen, you are a child of German citizens or receive a DAAD scholarship? You apply directly at Osnabrueck University

Please use the online application at https://my.uni-assist.de/. Further information about the online application at uni-assist can be found here in the document "Information on the uni-assist application procedure".

**ATTENTION:** Please note that the application procedure for the summer semester 2022 at uni-assist is exclusively digital. You only have to upload documents online! However, all documents submitted online must be translated into English or German and certified.

Please note that uni-assist can only process your application once the fee has been paid. You can pay by prepayment, credit card, Sofortüberweisung or Giropay.

5.2 Who applies directly to Osnabrueck University?

- PhD students (please refer to the information on our website), exchange students from partner universities and students already enrolled at Osnabrueck
University.

- EU citizens for undergraduate studies, short-term studies and for attending the Studienkolleg.
- DAAD scholarship holders
- German nationals always apply directly to Osnabrueck University, even if they have foreign certificates.
- Family members of Germans living in Germany as well as family member of persons with EU/EEA citizenship (who are employed in Germany) can also apply directly to Osnabrueck University.
- Prospective students who are already successfully studying in Germany

Please use the online application athttps://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/studieninteressierte/bewerbung/online_bewerbung.html.

The portal is expected to go live in mid-November 2021

For a complete application, please submit your printed application form along with your certificates etc. to the university by the end of the application period. If you only submit your application online, it will not be processed!

To apply directly the application address is as follows:

Universität Osnabrück
Studierendenservice
D - 49069 Osnabrück

Application deadline for all applications is January 15, 2022

6. Application documents

You apply through Uni-assist: Please remember that you are applying purely digitally via uni-assist. You simply upload the listed documents at https://my.uni-assist.de/. Should you receive a study place, we will ask you to send us certified copies of your educational certificates and language certificates by mail or bring them to our office in person.

You apply directly to Osnabrueck University: All listed documents must be sent to us by post or brought to our office in person. Please be sure to read the information on the application portal regarding this matter.

Please include the following documents with your application:

- Printed online application form with signature (only if applying directly to the university).
- Certified copies of school and university education (secondary school leaving certificate / university entrance examination / subject and grade overviews - transcripts) in the home language and German or English translation. Standards for translation and certified copies can be found here https://www.uni-assist.de/en/how-to-apply/assemble-your-documents/certified-copies-and-translations/
- curriculum vitae in table form
- simple copy of the page of your passport with name and passport picture
- proof of German language skills (see point 3)
- if necessary: certificate of university graduation (certified copy)
- if required: proof of English and possibly other language skills (certified copy), letter of motivation
- for Cognitive Science (Bachelor and short-term studies): proof of knowledge of mathematics
- for Master's degree programs in teaching: Proof of completed internships
- additionally for the uni-assist application procedure: Proof of payment of the processing fee

**Special requirement Cognitive Science**
A separate form is available on the department's website for the Cognitive Science master's program. You must submit this with your application. https://www.ikw.uni-osnabrueck.de/fileadmin/public/media/pdf/applicationMasterAbroad.pdf

7. **Information concerning the Coronavirus (Covid-19)**

The Covid 19 pandemic poses challenges for all of us, which we can only overcome together. To help in the fight against the coronavirus, the university is taking various measures that may also affect courses. Please check back regularly for the latest regulations at https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/information-about-corona-virus/

Stay Healthy!

8. **You have questions or need help?**

Of course, we are at your side. Do not hesitate to contact us with further questions.

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