Application information for international students

summer semester 2024

Semester begins April 01, 2024 / Lectures start April 02, 2024

Important notice for your visa application: We strongly advise you to apply for a visa as early as possible. The visa process can takes several months. Therefore, you should plan your visa application once you plan to apply for a study program in Germany.

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 Osnabrueck 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, Vietnam and India 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/. 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 database.

1. Application possibilities for the summer semester 2024

For the winter semester you can apply for

1.1 Undergraduate Degrees (Bachelor/Staatsexamen)
1.2 Master’s programs
1.3 Studienkolleg (Preparatory Course)
1.4 Kurzzeitstudium (short-term studies)
1.5 Higher semester

The application period ends on December 15, 2023. (Higher semester January 15, 2024)

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.

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, Uncert, 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 Osnabrucek University.

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

The actual awarding of study places and selection decisions take place at the university.

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.
If you have a German Abitur or a German university degree, you are a "Bildungsinländer" and apply directly to Osnabrueck University.

Graduates of a German Studienkolleg also apply directly to Osnabrueck University (although they are Bildungsausländer*innen).

3. Language requirements

3.1 German language requirements

When applying for studies, applicants have to hand in a recognized German 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.

You can also apply with a B2 certificate. If you do so and you receive a study place a C1-certificate must be handed in for matriculation by the latest.

We would like to bring your attention to the fact that Osnabrueck University does not offer preparatory German language courses. This means that at the time of application you must already fulfil the German language requirements.

We strongly recommend that applicants pass the “Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache (TestDaF)” exam in their 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.)
- Economics (M.Sc.)
- English and American Studies (M.A.)
- Nanoscience – Materials, Molecules and Cells (M.Sc.)
- Physics (M.Sc.)
### 3.3 Foreign language requirements

#### Master’s degree programs

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<td>Computer Science, M.Sc.</td>
<td>English B2</td>
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<td>Conflict Studies and Peacebuilding M.A.</td>
<td>English B2</td>
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<td>Economics, M.Sc.</td>
<td>English B2</td>
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<td>English and American Studies, M.A.</td>
<td>English C1</td>
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<td>European Governance: Market, Power, Community, M.A.</td>
<td>English B1</td>
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<td>European Literature and Culture, M.A.</td>
<td>One modern language B2</td>
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<td>Geoinformatics, M.Sc.</td>
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<td>History, M.A.</td>
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<td>International Migration and Intercultural Relations, M.A.</td>
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<td>Language in Europe, M.A.</td>
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<td>Mathematics, M.Sc.</td>
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<td>Master of Education (Grund- und Hauptschulen), M.Ed.</td>
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<td>Master of Vocational Education, M.Ed.</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>
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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>French, Dual Major Bachelor’s Degree</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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You can find recognized language certificates on the following Website: [https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/universitaet/organisation/sprachzentrum/sprachnachweise/](https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/universitaet/organisation/sprachzentrum/sprachnachweise/)

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](https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/universitaet/organisation/sprachzentrum/sprachnachweise/).

4. **Semester fees**

Semester fees are charged for each semester. The amount for the summer semester 2024 has not yet been set. It is expected to be around 320 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/](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](https://www.bva.bund.de/EN/Home/home_node.html)

Information about BAföG can be found here: [www.bafög.de](http://www.bafög.de). This is a government grant for studying.

5. **Application deadlines and application addresses**

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

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My degree is not from EU/EEA/
Lichtenstein/Iceland/Norway

And I'm applying for...

Studienkolleg
(Preparatory Course)

Short-term Studies

Master

I apply through uni-assist*

My degree is from EU/EEA/
Lichtenstein/Iceland/Norway

And I'm applying for...

Master

I apply through uni-assist*
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* You are married to a German citizen, you are a child of German citizens or receive a DAAD scholarship? You apply directly at Osnabrück University.
- 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 2024 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 the Studienkolleg.
- DAAD scholarship holders
- German nationals always apply directly to Osnabrueck University, even if they have foreign certificates.
- Prospective students who are already successfully studying in Germany

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

The portal is expected to open in mid-December 2023

To apply directly the application address is as follows:

Universität Osnabrück
Studierendenservice
D - 49069 Osnabrück

**Application deadline for uni-assist applications is December 15, 2023**

**Application deadline for university application is January 15, 2024**
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/.

Please include the following documents with your application:

- Digital 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 can be found here https://www.uni-assist.de/en/how-to-apply/assemble-your-documents/certified-copies-and-translations/
- proof of German 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 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. 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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