

Application information for international applicants

Winter semester 2022/23

Semester begins October 01, 2022 / Lectures start October 24, 2022

Important notice for your visa application: We strongly advise you to apply for a visa as early as possible. Experience shows that it can take several months before you receive an appointment at the German diplomatic mission abroad. Therefore, you should already contact the embassy once you start to prepare your application.

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Consultation hours international applicants: Until further notice no personal consultation hours are possible do 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. It is expected that the same regulations will also apply to applications from India starting with the application procedure for the winter semester 2022/23. Please inform yourself in due time.

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. 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**.

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).

2. Application possibilities for the winter semester 2022/23

For the winter semester you can apply for

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

2.1 Undergraduate programs (Bachelor/Staatsexamen)

You need a previous education equivalent to the German Abitur. For most of our undergraduate degree programs, you need a C1 level of German. For some natural science and technology courses, a B2 language level is sufficient for admission. Please refer to our [application information](#) for more details. There you will also see whether further language skills are required.

2.2 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.

2.3 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.

2.4 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.

2.5 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.

3. Language requirements

3.1 German language requirements

When applying for studies, 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.

If applicants do not have a language certificate on a C1 level, they must submit proof of a recognized B2-certificate with their application.

At Osnabrück University the B2-certificate is the requirement for admission to the DSH exam.

After a successful application for studies with a B2-certificate, you will be invited to the DSH exam at Osnabrueck University, which takes place shortly before the beginning of the courses. When you then have passed the DSH exam you can start your studies in October. (Please note: The DSH exam at Osnabrück University can only be taken once a year! Therefore, you can only apply with a B2 certificate or equivalent for a winter semester. It is planned not to offer the DSH exam anymore at Osnabrueck University. Therefore, there may still be changes. Please inform yourself in time.

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 requirements.

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.)
- 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

Postgraduate studies (Master)	Foreign language requirements
Biology – From Molecules to Organisms, M.Sc. – various core subjects	English B1 (z.B. IELTS 3.5)
Cognitive Computing, M.Sc. (extra-occupational)	English B2 (e.g. IELTS 6.0)
Cognitive Science, M.Sc.	English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.0)
Computer Science, M.Sc.	English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.0)
Conflict Studies and Peacebuilding M.A.	English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.0)
Economics, M.Sc.	English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.5)
Economics and Social Geography, M.A.	English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.5)
English and American Studies, M.A.	English C1 (e.g. IELTS 7.0)
Environmental Systems and Resource Management, M.Sc.	English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.0)
European Governance: Market, Power, Community, M.A.	English B1 (e.g. IELTS 3.5)
European Literature and Culture, M.A.	One modern language B2 Additional modern language B1
Geoinformatics, M.Sc.	English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.0)
History, M.A.	English B1 (e.g. IELTS 3.5) Additional language B1
International Migration and Intercultural Relations, M.A.	English B1 (e.g. IELTS 3.5)
Islamic Theology, M.A.	Classic Arabic, additional modern language A2, see admission regulations
Language in Europe, M.A.	One language B2 Additional language B1

Mathematics, M.Sc.	English B1 (e.g. IELTS 3.5)
Master of Education (Grund- und Hauptschulen), M.Ed.	-depends on the subjects-
Master of Education (Realschulen) M.Ed.	-depends on the subjects-
Master of Education (Gymnasium), M.Ed.	-depends on the subjects-
Master of Vocational Education, M.Ed.	-depends on the subjects-
Nanoscience Science - Materials, Molecules and Cells, M.Sc.	English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.5)
Physics, M.Sc.	English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.5)
Sociology: Dynamics of Social Change, M.A.	English B1 (e.g. IELTS 3.5)
Third subject, teaching at Gymnasium, secondary post-graduate program	-depends on subject-

Bachelor's degree programs

Degree program/Subject Undergraduate program (Bachelor/state board examination)	Knowledge of foreign language
Cognitive Science, B.Sc.	English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.5/ TOEFL ibT 72)
Economics and Business Administration, B.Sc.	English B2 + (e.g. IELTS 6.0/ TOEFL ibT 98)
English, Dual Major Bachelor's Degree	English (e.g. IELTS 7.0 / TOEFL ibT 95)
French, Dual Major Bachelor's Degree	French B2 (e.g. DELF-Diplom B2/Abibac/ Test de connaissance du français B2)
Latin, Dual Major Bachelor's Degree	Qualifying examination in Latin
Psychology, B.Sc.	English (e.g. IELTS 5.5/ TOEFL ibT 72)

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/) (<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. Entrance Examination

For the following programs a compulsory aptitude test must be successfully passed:

Music (Bachelor)

Application deadline: May 15, 2022 at the Music department
<https://www.musik.uni-osnabrueck.de/studieninteressierte/eignungspruefung.html> (in German).

Art

Portfolio submission: until May 02, 2022 at the Art department
https://www.kunstpaedagogik.uni-osnabrueck.de/studieninteressierte/bewerbung/bewerbung_bachelorstudiengaenge.html (in German)

You are required to apply for the aptitude test and the study place separately.

Furthermore, we would like to inform you that you have to combine music and art with a second subject (see file "[undergraduate courses](#)").

5. Semester fees

Semester fees are charged for each semester. The amount for the winter semester 2022/23 is 321,03 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 studying.

6. Academic placement procedure

6.1 Academic placement procedure for Undergraduate Programs with restricted access

For foreign students (non-EU citizens) with foreign certificates, the allocation of study places is based on the grade point average of the educational certificates to be used. A corresponding ranking list is formed.

6.2 Academic placement procedure for Graduate Programs

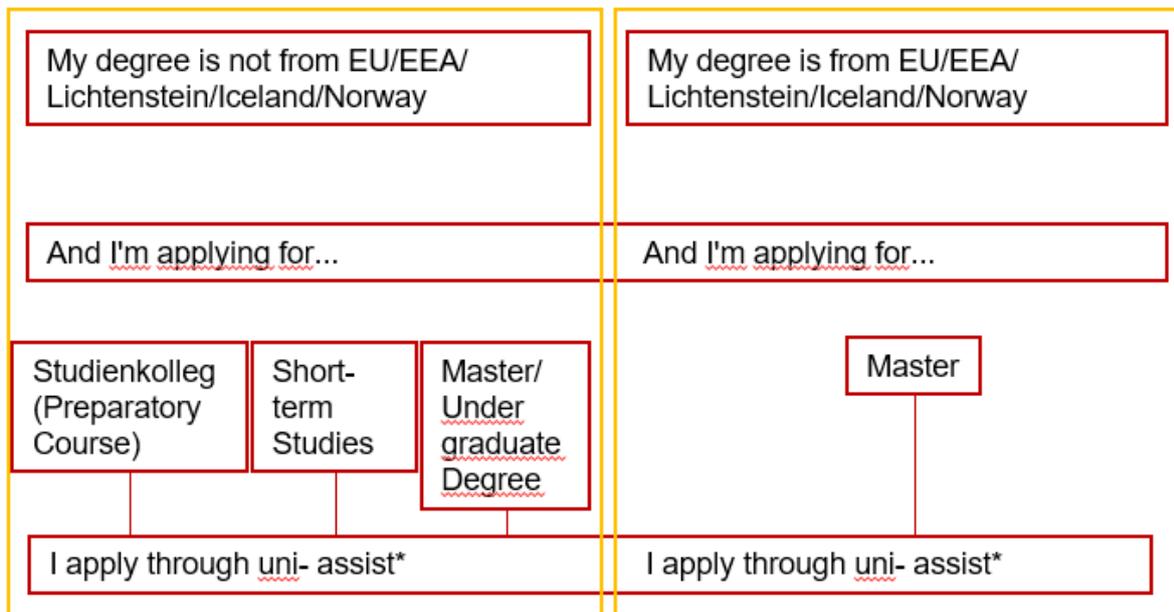
Please refer to the respective [Master's admission regulations](#) for information on the subject-related and language-related admission requirements.

There you will also find information on the allocation of study places.

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

7. Application deadlines and application addresses

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



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

- You have a nationality from outside the EU/EEA/Lichtenstein/Iceland or Norway? Then you 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, you have passed the Feststellungsprüfung 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 uni-assist application procedure 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.

Application deadline uni-assist June 15, 2022
Exception Master's programs July 15, 2022

TIP: Apply as early as possible! It can take up to eight weeks for uni-assist to process your application.

7.2 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 at https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/studieninteressierte/bewerbung/online_bewerbung.html.

The portal will go live May 10, 2022

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 undergraduate and Master's programs is July 15, 2022
Application deadline undergraduate programs without restricted entry September 30, 2022

8. 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/>. Do not send any hard copies by post. 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 send 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
- 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>

9. 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!

10. 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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