Summer semester 2021

Application information for international students

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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, the applicant must have a secondary school diploma that is comparable 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 other languages.

Applicants from China and Vietnam should note that they have to follow some special regulations, please refer to: www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/prospective_students/degree_seeking_students/admission_requirements.html

We would also like to draw your attention to the website https://www.study-in-germany.de/en/ and the database ANABIN (www.anabin.kmk.org), which provides you with information about studying in Germany and from which you can obtain important basic application information.

You can also get information about your university entry in Germany with your level of educational attainment through the tool “Check: university admission” from uni-assist (https://www.uni-assist.de/en/tools/check-university-admission/).
Furthermore, the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) offers information on the general rules for the recognition of non-German proof of education in its admission data base at www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/voraussetzungen/en/6017-admission-requirements/.

1. Possibilities for Application for the Summer Semester 2021

In the summer semester you can apply for
   1.1. Graduate programs (Master)
   1.2. Studienkolleg (Preparatory Course)
   1.3. Higher semesters
   1.4. Kurzzeitstudium (short-term Studies)

Please note: Admittance to undergraduate programs (e.g. Bachelor/state examination) is only possible for a winter semester.
Information on Bachelor’s Programs are available here: www.uni-osnabrueck.de/studieninteressierte/studiengaenge_a_z.html (in German) and in the pdf file undergraduate programs.

The application deadline is January 15, 2021.

1.1. Graduate Programs (Master)
A suitable undergraduate degree is required.

For the Master’s Programs, all international students with foreign certificates, including EU-citizens, must apply via our service centre uni-assist in Berlin.

Please consult to the appropriate Master „Zugangs-/Zulassungsordnung“ (Admission Regulations) to find information about the application requirements.

The Admission regulations (“Zugangs-/Zulassungsordnungen”) are available at: www.uni-osnabrueck.de/studium/im_studium/zugangs_zulassungs_und_pruefungsordnungen.html (in German).
You may apply for the following Master's Programs for the summer semester 2021:

- Arts and Communication (M.A.), an aptitude test may be required, [www.kunstpaedagogik.uni-osnabrueck.de/](http://www.kunstpaedagogik.uni-osnabrueck.de/)
- Art History (M.A.),
- Business Administration (M.Sc.),
- Cognitive Science (M.Sc.),
- Computer Science (M.Sc.),
- Economics (M.Sc.),
- Economic and Social Geography (M.A.),
- Education Science. Education and Social Diversity (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.),
- European Studies (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.),
- Political Science: Democratic Governance and Civil Society
- Sociology: Dynamics of Social Change (M.A.),
- Theology and Culture (M.A.).

1.2. Application for Studienkolleg (Preparatory Course)

Under particular circumstances applicants whose school leaving examination is not equivalent to the German "Abitur", can attend a so-called Studienkolleg (preparatory course) in Germany in order to attain a subject-related university entrance qualification.

Osnabrück University does not have its own Studienkolleg. For the W, (business, law and socially related courses), M (biological related courses), G (courses related to Arts and Humanities) and T courses (mathematically and technically related courses) students are directed to the Studienkolleg in Hannover: [www.stk.uni-hannover.de](http://www.stk.uni-hannover.de).

The following German language requirements must be fulfilled in order to be admitted to a Studienkolleg:
- Goethe certificate B1 or TELC B1 or ÖSD B1 or equivalent

There is a further Studienkolleg in Mettingen ([www.studienkolleg-mettingen.de](http://www.studienkolleg-mettingen.de)), which is a town close to Osnabrück. Here, you may apply directly without having to have applied for studies at a University in Germany beforehand.

1.3. Application for a higher semester

In general, applications for a higher semester from international students are not possible. After you have taken up your studies at Osnabrück University it can be reviewed whether you may be eligible to join a higher semester.
International students with foreign certificates who already successfully study in Germany and wish to transfer to a higher semester may apply directly at Osnabrück University by sending in the usual application documents to the Admissions Office.

1.4. Application for „Kurzzeitstudium“ (short-term studies)
In general, you may apply for short-term studies (studies without the intent of graduation) for our complete Bachelor’s program; information about exceptions can be acquired at the Admissions Office.

Applicants for short-term studies require the same university entrance qualifications and foreign language requirements as regular students (see point 3.2), they must present German language skills on level B2. Short-term studies are usually granted for one semester.

For short-term studies EU citizens may apply directly at Osnabrück University, all other international applicants must apply via uni-assist.

2. General Application Information
Osnabrück University is a member of the Application Services for International Students (uni-assist), see www.uni-assist.de. Along with numerous other German universities part of our international applications are pre-checked externally.

Uni-assist checks if all the formal requirements which are needed for the applicant’s desired course of study have been fulfilled. In the pre-checking process it will be determined whether all the documents are complete and correct, additionally it will be ascertained if the entrance requirements for the desired course of study are fulfilled. It will also be checked if the applicant has the language requirements necessary for admission. If the results are positive, uni-assist will forward them to us. We will then conduct the selection and admission process.

Applicants will be informed as soon as possible by uni-assist as to whether their educational background enables them to be formally admitted for the desired course of study in Germany.

For the Master's program, all international students with foreign certificates, including EU applicants, apply via the service center uni-assist in Berlin.

Applicants with foreign diplomas who have German citizenship should always apply directly to Osnabrück University.

3. Language Requirements

3.1 German language requirements
We would like to bring your attention to the fact that Osnabrück 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 have the 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 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.

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The TestDaF exam can also be taken at the Language Center (Sprachenzentrum) of Osnabrück University: https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/universitaet/organisation/zentrale-einrichtungen/sprachenzentrum/tests-und-pruefungen/

The TELC C1 Hochschule exam can be taken at the University of Applied Sciences Osnabrück: https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/en/study/study-offerings/international/german-as-a-second-language/. 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 Foreign language proficiency

- **Postgraduate programs**

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<td>English B1 (e.g. IELTS 3.5)</td>
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<td>Additional language B1</td>
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<td>Cognitive Science, M.Sc.</td>
<td>English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.0)</td>
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<td>Computer Science, M.Sc.</td>
<td>English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.0)</td>
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<td>Economics, M.Sc.</td>
<td>English B2 (e.g. IELTS academic 6.0)</td>
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<td>Economics and Social Geography, M.A.</td>
<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>
<td>English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.0)</td>
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<td>European Governance: Market, Power, Community, M.A.</td>
<td>English B1 (e.g. IELTS 3.5)</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>
<td>English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.0)</td>
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<td>German, M.A.</td>
<td>One language B1 (e.g. English IELTS 3)</td>
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<td>History, M.A.</td>
<td>English B1 (e.g. IELTS 3.5)</td>
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<td>Islamic Theology, M.A.</td>
<td>Classic Arabic, see admission regulation</td>
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<td>Language in Europe, M.A.</td>
<td>One language B2</td>
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<td>Additional language B1</td>
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<td>Mathematics, M.Sc.</td>
<td>English B1 (e.g. IELTS 3.5)</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>Physics, M.Sc.</td>
<td>English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.0)</td>
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<td>Political Science: Democratic Governance and Civil Society, M.A.</td>
<td>English B1 (e.g. IELTS 3.5)</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 Programs (only relevant for short-term studies in a summer semester)

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<td>Cognitive Science, B.Sc.</td>
<td>English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.5/ TOEFL ibT 72)</td>
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<td>Embedded Software Systems, B.Sc.</td>
<td>English B2 (e.g. IELTS 5.5)</td>
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<td>English, dual-subject Bachelor's Degree</td>
<td>English C1 (e.g. IELTS 7.0 / TOEFL ibT 95)</td>
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<td>French, dual-subject Bachelor's Degree</td>
<td>French B2 (e.g. DELF-Diplom B2/Abibac/Test de connaissance du francais B2)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Latin, Dual Major Bachelor's Degree</td>
<td>Qualifying examination in Latin</td>
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<tr>
<td>Management and Economics, B.Sc.</td>
<td>English B2(e.g. IELTS 5.0)</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 Osnabrück University (https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/universitaet/organisation/zentrale-einrichtungen/sprachenzentrum-tests-und-pruefungen/). The TOEFL test is offered at the University of Applied Sciences (Hochschule) Osnabrück (https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/studium/studienangebot/internationales/).

The foreign language skills also have to be proved for short-term studies (Kurzzeitstudium)! Please observe the admission requirements for your desired course of study. Information is provided by the Central Student Advisory Office (https://www.zsb-os.de/international).

4. Semester Fees
Semester fees are charged for each semester. For the summer semester 2021 they amount to 366.33 €.

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 credit or educational credit: 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.

5. Academic placement procedure

5.1 Academic placement procedure for Master’s Programs
Please refer to the appropriate Master „Zugangs-/Zulassungsordnung“ (Admission Regulations) to find information about the special application requirements: https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/studium/im_studium/zugangs_zulassungs_und_pruefungsordnungen.html (in German)
There you also find information about the placement procedure.

If you have foreign university degrees and plan to apply for a teacher training Master’s program (Master of Education), please contact the Admissions Office before applying: studentsoffice@uni-osnabrueck.de

For all graduate programs all international applicants with foreign certificates, including EU/EEA citizens, are required to apply via the service-centre uni-assist.
6. Application Deadlines and Addresses

Which applications have to be sent to uni-assist?

- For the indirect university entrance qualification via a Studienkolleg (Preparatory course) non-EU citizens must apply via uni-assist.
- For Master courses all international students with foreign certificates (incl. EU) must apply via uni-assist.
- For a Kurzzeitstudium (short-term studies without a degree) non-EU citizens with foreign certificates must apply via uni-assist.

Please use the online application on https://my.uni-assist.de/.

Information about the uni-assist online application is available here: https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/prospective-students/international-prospective-students/application/application-information/ („Information sheet for the uni-assist online application“).

**ATTENTION**: Please note that due to the COVID-19 situation, the application procedure for the 2021 summer semester at uni-assist will only take place **ONLINE. No postal documents are required**! However, all documents submitted online must be translated and certified.

Your application to uni-assist will only be processed when the fee payment has been made. You can pay by Sofortüberweisung (pay now), bank transfer or 3D secure credit card.

For more detailed information please refer to the file “Information sheet for the uni-assist application process” (on our website)

Who may apply directly to Osnabrück University?

- All PhD students apply directly to Osnabrück University (please consult the relevant information on our website). This also concerns exchange students from partner universities, along with those who are already enrolled at this university and desire to change their course of study.
- EU citizens apply for a Kurzzeitstudium (short-term studies) or for the indirect university entrance qualification via a Studienkolleg (Preparatory course) directly to Osnabrück University.*
- Those students who have DAAD scholarships apply (via the DAAD) to Osnabrück University.*
- Applicants with German citizenship apply directly to Osnabrück University, even if they hold foreign certificates.*
- Applicants who live in Germany and are family members of German (or EU/EEA) citizens (who are employed in Germany) may also apply directly to Osnabrück University.*
- A direct application to Osnabrück University is also possible for applicants who already successfully study in an undergraduate or graduate course in Germany.*

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

The portal is expected to go live in mid-November 2020.

For a complete application, please submit your printed application form along with your certificates etc. to the university before 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:

Osnabrück University
Studierendensekretariat
D - 49069 Osnabrück

Application deadline for all applications is January 15, 2020.

7. Application Documents
For the Master program in Cognitive Science a special application form is available on the website of the department.
https://www.ikw.uni-osnabrueck.de/fileadmin/public/media/pdf/applicationMasterAbroad.pdf

Please include your e-mail address, as this will enable us to contact you swiftly if we have any queries.

Please observe our information regarding language proficiency.

Information on study courses is provided by the Central Student Advisory Office (Zentrale Studienberatung), see www.zsb-os.de/international.

Please enclose the following documents along with your application:

- Printed online application form (with signature)
- Certified copies of School and university certificates (secondary school certificates / university entrance exam / transcripts / university degree certificate) in the original language and with an authenticated German or English translation. Standards for translations and certified copies are available here https://www.uniassist.de/en/how-to-apply/assemble-your-documents/certified-copies-and-translations/
- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Photocopy of the page of the passport where your name and picture are stated
- Proof of German language proficiency (see point III.1)
- if present: University degree
- if required: Proof of English language proficiency and/or proof of other language abilities
  - for the Master’s programs: Motivation letter
  - for the Master of Education: Proof of completed internships
- Additionally for EU applicants, if present: Certificates of the final two school years before acquiring your university entrance qualification
- Additionally for the uni-assist application: Enclose a proof of the payment to uni-assist.

Applications that have only been submitted online when applying to Osnabrueck University directly cannot be considered!

All certificates (including proof of language proficiency) must be submitted as officially certified photocopies, see www.uni-assist.de/standards_en.html for more information. Please note that photocopies which are certified by translators cannot be accepted!

School and university certificates are required in their original language and in officially certified translations in German or English.

More detailed application information is available on our website: https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/prospective-students/international-prospective-students/.

By the time of application, changes may occur in course programs. Please inform yourself in due time.
8. Information on the Corona virus (Covid-19)

The Covid-19 pandemic is a great challenge for all of us, which we can only overcome together, even at our university. In order to help fight the corona virus, Osnabrueck University has been offering a hybrid semester for the first time since the winter semester 2020/21. This means that, in addition to digital and hybrid teaching formats, classroom teaching will only take place in defined exceptional cases.

At this point in time, it can be assumed that the summer semester 2021 will also be offered as a hybrid semester. Further information on this is available here: https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/information-about-corona-virus/.

Please also take a look at our FAQs: https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/information-about-corona-virus/#c194805.

Stay healthy!

Also, do not hesitate to contact us if you need further information (E-Mail: studentsoffice@uni-osnabrueck.de, phone: +49 541 969 7777).