Welcome to the Institute for Social Sciences

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Information for Erasmus and Exchange Students:
https://www.sozialwissenschaften.uni-osnabrueck.de/international_students/exchange_and_erasmus_students.html
Introduction Round

- Name
- Home University
- Study Program at your Home University
- The subject(s) you are going to study at Osnabrück
- Knowledge of German
Fachbereiche und interdisziplinäre Institute
Schools and interdisciplinary Institutes

Fachbereich Kultur- und Sozialwissenschaften
School of Cultural Studies and Social Sciences

Fachbereich Erziehungs- und Kulturwissenschaften
School of Educational and Cultural Studies

Fachbereich Physik
School of Physics

Fachbereich Biologie/Chemie
School of Biology/Chemistry

Fachbereich Mathematik/Informatik
School of Mathematics/Computer Science

Fachbereich Sprach- und Literaturwissenschaft
School of Language and Literary Studies

Fachbereich Humanwissenschaften
School of Human Sciences

Fachbereich Wirtschaftswissenschaften
School of Business Administration and Economics

Fachbereich Rechtswissenschaften
School of Law

Institut für Migrationsforschung und Interkulturelle Studien
Institute of Migration and Research and Intercultural Studies (IMIS)

Institut für Kulturgeschichte der frühen Neuzeit
Institute of Early Modern Intercultural Studies (IKFN)

Institut für Kognitionswissenschaft
Institute of Cognitive Science

Institut für Umweltsystemforschung
Institut of Environmental System Research
Fachbereich Kultur- und Sozialwissenschaften
*School of Cultural Studies and Social Sciences*

**Institute**

- Geographie/ *Geography*
- Geschichte/ *History*
- Kunstgeschichte/ *Art History*
- Kunst & Kunstpädagogik/ *Art & Art Education*
- Textiles Gestalten/ *Textile Design*
- **Sozialwissenschaften/ *Social Sciences***

- 30 Professorships
- About 3,000 Students
- 22 Study Programs (10 Bachelor Programs/ 12 Master Programs)
Welcome to the Institute of Social Sciences

Welcome to the pages of the Institute of Social Sciences.

› READ MORE
Exchange and Erasmus Students

The Institute for Social Sciences holds a wide range of international partnerships all over the world and in Europe in the context of the Erasmus program. Bachelor and master students from our partner universities can study at Osnabrück University for one or two semesters within our regular study programs and obtain ECTS points (no degrees will be awarded to exchange students). To come to Osnabrück University please follow the application procedure for exchange and Erasmus students.

Nomination and Application procedure

- First, students need to apply for studying abroad at their home university.
- Before students can directly apply to Osnabrück University they need to be officially nominated by their home university. The international coordinator should send the nomination using the nomination form via email to our International Office to incoming@uni-osnabrueck.de. Please make sure to send the nomination well before the application deadline.
- Nomination Deadline for Partner Universities: 1st April to 15th June for following winter semester, 1st October to 15th December for following summer semester.
- After the nomination information has been sent, exchange and Erasmus students need to complete the online application and send the supporting documents by post.
- Application deadlines for students: 1st July for the following winter semester (beginning in October), 1st January for the following summer semester.

Contact

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Departmental Coordinator for International Affairs

- Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schneckenber
  ulrich.schneckenber@uni-osnabrueck.de
  Office hours: Wednesday 14:00-15:00
Allgemeine Soziologie
*General Sociology*

Prof. Dr. Gertenbach

Mikrosoziologie und qualitative Methoden der empirischen Sozialforschung
*Micro-Sociology & Qualitative Social Research Methods*

Prof. Dr. Maiwald

Quantitative Methoden der empirischen Sozialforschung und Sozialstrukturanalyse
*Quantitative Social Research Methods and Social Structure Analysis*

Prof. Dr. Golsch

Wirtschaftssoziologie
*Economic Sociology*

Prof. Dr. Holst

Migration und Gesellschaft
*Migration and Society*

Prof. Dr. Schwenken
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| Politische Theorie  
*Political Theory*  |
| Prof. Dr. Bohlender |
| Internationale Beziehungen & Friedens- und Konfliktforschung  
*International Relations & Peace and Conflict Studies*  |
| Prof. Dr. Schneckener |
| Europäische Integration  
*European Integration*  |
| Prof. Dr. Lenschow/Dr. Annegret Bendiek |
| Politisches System der BRD im Kontext europäischer Mehrebenenpolitik  
*Political system of the FRG in the context of European multi-level politics*  |
| Prof. Dr. Ruffing |
| Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft  
*Comparative Political Science*  |
| Prof. Dr. De Juan |
| International vergleichende politische Ökonomie  
*International Comparative Political Economy*  |
| Prof. Dr. Mertens |
| Flucht- und Flüchtlingsforschung  
*Forced Migration and Refugee Studies*  |
| Prof. Dr. Krause |
Studiengänge
Study Programmes

- 2-Fächer Bachelor Politik oder Soziologie
  *Dual Subject Bachelor Political Science or Sociology*

- Sozialwissenschaften
  *Social Sciences*

- Europäische Studien
  *European Studies*

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- Conflict Studies and Peacebuilding
- Soziologie: Dynamiken gesellschaftlichen Wandels
  *Sociology: Dynamics of Societal Change*

- Europäisches Regieren: Markt – Macht – Gemeinschaft
  *European Governance: Market – Power – Community*

- Internationale Migration und Interkulturelle Beziehungen
  *International Migration and Intercultural Relations (IMIS)*
## Ansprechpersonen

### Contact

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| **International Office**            | Anna-Julia Toll  
Sabine Jones  
Email: incoming@uos.de  
Phone: +49 541 969 4599 | Administrative matters  
Examination office  
Transcript of records  
Certificate of attendance |
| **Admissions Office**               |                                                          | Enrolment, Registration,  
Semester fees, etc. |
| (Studierendensekretariat “StudiOS”)|                                                          |                                                       |
| **Departmental International**      |                                                          |                                                       |
| Coordinator**                       | Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schneckener  
Email: ulrich.schneckener@uos.de  
Phone: +49 541 969 4697 | Academic matters  
Courses  
Learning Agreements |
| **Office for Study Abroad &**       |                                                          |                                                       |
| International Coorperation**        |                                                          |                                                       |
| **School of Cultural Studies &**    |                                                          |                                                       |
| Social Sciences**                   |                                                          |                                                       |
| **Office for Study Abroad and**     |                                                          |                                                       |
| Internship Office**                 |                                                          |                                                       |
| **Office:** Building 04 Room 211    |                                                          |                                                       |
| **Email:** international@sozialwiss.uos.de  
**Phone:** +49 541 969 4381 | Academic matters  
Courses  
Learning Agreements |
Academic Calendar

Autumn Semester 2023/24

- Start of the Semester: 1 October 2023
- Welcome Period for International Students: 4 – 10 October 2023
- Freshman Week for Degree Seeking Students: 09 – 14 October 2023
- Start of Lectures: 16th October 2023
- Christmas Holidays: 23 December 2023 – 6 January 2024
- End of Lectures: 3 February 2024
- End of the Semester: 31 March 2024
Course lists

- Students enrolled in Social Sciences/ Sociology/ Political Sciences/ International Relations/ European Studies/ Migration Studies are expected to take the majority of courses at the Institute for Social Sciences.

- A few courses (up to 40%) can be chosen from other departments and institutes.

- Courses at the Institute of Social Sciences: [https://www.sozialwissenschaften.uni-osnabrueck.de/international_students/exchange_and_erasmus_students.html](https://www.sozialwissenschaften.uni-osnabrueck.de/international_students/exchange_and_erasmus_students.html)

- The main teaching language for bachelor courses is German!

- Courses in English by Department: [https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/studies/students-from-abroad/study-courses/](https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/studies/students-from-abroad/study-courses/)

- Course Catalogue (all courses): [https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/studium/im_studium/veranstaltungssuche.html#c138923](https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/studium/im_studium/veranstaltungssuche.html#c138923)
German Courses for International Students

Language competence and academic success

Successful participation in university training programs 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
- 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). 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. A demo version of the test is available from the following website: www.onsct.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

Niveau A1 / Level A1
Overall aim: 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.
ECTS: 9
Contact hours per week: 8 x 45 min.

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.

General academic literacy courses

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, listening to and giving presentations, participating 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.

German for Academic Purposes

Various workshops (of approximately 90 minutes each) on topics like: Communicating effectively at university, exploring academic text types, participating in academic discussions, improving academic reading skills, or investigating the grammar of academic language in German.

Objective: Training and improvement of general academic language skills in German.

Target group: International students of all subject areas with a minimum competence level of at least B1/B2.

Registration for Level A1.1 (beginner without prior knowledge) via Stud.IP from 13 Sept-10 Oct 2023

Registration for Level A1.2-C1:
- with proof of prior knowledge of German: Registration via email to: claudia.nathaus@uos.de
- Without proof of prior knowledge: placement test on 6 October 23, at 200pm in room 94/E06
## Important dates and need to knows for enrollment in the university’s language courses in the 2023/24 winter term

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<td>In case of doubt, please contact Jan-Heinrich Brockmann for additional language counseling (contact details: see below).</td>
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<td>A1.1: Students with no prior knowledge of German DO NOT need to complete the placement test. Registration for the courses will take place online via Stud.IP from 13 Sept – 10 Oct 2023. Further information in the course description.</td>
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<td><strong>Degree-seeking students and PhD candidates</strong> with prior knowledge of German but WITHOUT proof of their level of proficiency have to take the placement test on 6 October 23, at 2:00 pm in room 94/E06. You do not need to register for the placement test in advance. For a sample test please go to <a href="http://www.onset.de">www.onset.de</a> and click on &quot;Sample Test&quot; under &quot;Services&quot; at the bottom of the page. We also highly encourage you to create a user account with onSET in advance. If you do so, please bring your username and password with you when you come to our placement test.</td>
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<td><strong>The dates for exchange students will be announced separately.</strong></td>
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<th>Enrollment and Late Enrollment</th>
<th>11 October 2023, 12 noon – 17 October 2023, 12 noon online via Stud.IP</th>
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<td>Late enrollment is possible on the dates given below if</td>
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<td>• students qualify for the desired course (see above) and</td>
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<td>• there are places left on the course.</td>
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<td>Please call Mr. Brockmann on 0541 969 4616 between 23 and 27 October (9 a.m. to 12 noon).</td>
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| Beginning | The language courses will commence on 23 October 2023 (calendar week 43). |
Learning Agreements

- Conclude a Learning Agreement.

- The course selection can still be modified during the first weeks of the semester.

- For **ERASMUS students**: Online Learning Agreement (OLA).

- Responsible person for signature at the receiving institution: Mareike Tudor, Institute of Social Sciences, Office for Study Abroad & International Cooperation, insowiss@uos.de, +49 541 969 4381

- If you are an exchange student outside ERASMUS or if your university doesn’t participate in the OLA you can still use the **paper-based version** and send it via email.
Prüfungsleistungen
Course Examination

- **Studiennachweis**
  Certificate of Participation
  - Usually 4 ECTS
  - Small course assignment like essay, text presentation, group work etc.
  - No grade: pass/fail

- **Leistungsnachweis**
  Course Credit Certificate
  - Usually 6 ECTS
  - Examination like seminar paper, presentation with paper, oral exam, written exam
  - Graded exam

At our Institute for Social Sciences for most courses students can decide if they want to take a course for 4 ECTS (“Studiennachweis”, no grade) or for 6 ECTS (“Leistungsnachweis”, graded exam). For courses from other Schools please ask the lecturer for details about the ECTS points, grades and exams.

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How to study at Osnabrück University

- Registration for courses via Stud.IP (https://Stud.IP.uni-osnabrueck.de/)
  - Contact details of the lecturers
  - Course descriptions
  - Timetables and literature/ reading lists

- First session of a course
  - Information about exams, ECTS, course requirements, literature, presentations etc.
  - Get in touch with the lecturer to introduce yourself as an exchange student (especially if you are a Bachelor student and want to take a course on Master’s level!) and discuss exams and ECTS points if you need to meet special requirements by your home University.

- During the semester
  - At our Institute of Social Sciences we do not control attendance but students are supposed to regularly and actively (!) participate in seminars and lectures.
  - Active participation (especially for seminars) means: be prepared (read required literature at home) and engage in discussions.
How to study at Osnabrück University

- **During the semester**
  - If you have any questions concerning your essay, paper, presentation etc. (e.g. topic, literature, structure…) you are most warmly recommended to make an appointment with the lecturer and visit him or her during consultation hours.

- **End of the semester/ Exam**
  - Please register your exam in HISinOne within the registration period (information on exact dates will follow): [https://hisinone.dienste.uni-osnabrueck.de/](https://hisinone.dienste.uni-osnabrueck.de/)
  - Hand in your assignment or exam in due time.
  - **Please inform the lecturer if you need to have your grades and ECTS points by a certain deadline.**

**Good to know: „Die akademische Viertelstunde“ – The academic quarter**
Courses usually last 1.5 hours and start 15 minutes after and end 15 minutes before the officially stated time. But that doesn't have to apply to talks, exams, or other meetings! Therefore, in case of doubt, it is better to always check in advance!
# How to study at Osnabrück University

| Lecture (Vorlesung) | In a lecture (“Vorlesung”) the subject is conveyed to the students by the lecturer in a presentation. Students are usually only required to listen and take notes. The contents of the lecture must then be worked over at home by the students (or in a special tutorial). Usually a lecture ends with a test/written examination. |
| Seminar | A seminar is a lesson for a limited number of participants, in which academic problems are portrayed and elaborated in detail. Students are expected to actively participate in seminars. Proof of academic achievement is usually given after successful completion of a presentation, essay or seminar paper. |
| Tutorial (Tutorium) | A tutorial is a working group linked to a lecture, seminar or exercise class in which the contents of the classes are prepared or worked over. Tutorials are held by tutors (generally advanced students). |
| Written Examination (Klausur) | A “Klausur” is a written examination to prove a student's academic performance. |
| Seminar Paper (Hausarbeit) | A seminar paper (“Hausarbeit”) is a (short; 12-15 pages) scientific elaboration on a specific topic within a subject area. It deals with a (research)question on the basis of relevant literature and data. Usually students are expected to choose a topic and question by themselves which addresses a problem from the seminar context. The seminar paper should include an introduction part, where the question/problem is presented, a main part, where the problem is discussed on the basis of state of research, and a conclusion, where the results are presented. All used literature and citations need to be indicated directly in the text and listed in the bibliography. |
# How to study at Osnabrück University

| Essay | In an essay students are supposed to focus more on a specific aspect of a wider problem. The aspect can be discussed from a certain angle or different positions can be weighed up. An essay is much shorter than a seminar paper (about 3-6 pages) and does not strictly need to include different chapters. Students also may take up a position in the conclusion. All used literature and citations need to be indicated in the text and listed in the bibliography. |
| Presentation (Referat) | In a presentation (“Referat”) students (single or group) present a topic in the context of a seminar (about 20-30 minutes). The requirements can differ between the courses. In most cases students are required to do literature research on their own to prepare the presentation and give an overview as well as address a concrete question. Usually a written draft of the presentation also needs to be handed in. |

→ Please always follow the individual specifications of the lecturers for the particular examinations.
How to study at Osnabrück University

Libraries

Catalogue, Databanks, Ebooks, Journals, Workplaces
https://www.ub.uni-osnabrueck.de

Bibliothek Alte Münze, Bibliothekszentrale und Bereichsbibliothek Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften (Building 9/10)
Alte Münze 16 / Kamp
49074 Osnabrück

Bereichsbibliothek Heger-Tor-Wall (Building 21/22)
Heger-Tor-Wall 14
49078 Osnabrück

Bereichsbibliothek Westerberg (Building 96)
Nelson-Mandela-Platz 1
49076 Osnabrück

Welcome Week
Introduction to the library (virtual event)
Tuesday 10 October 2023, 15:30
Course Registration

https://studip.uni-osnabrueck.de/

Video Intro to Stud.IP: https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=TLGGUOiVW1jx064xMzEwMjAyMg&v=FBYoMv7_O3E
Your own Osnabrück University E-Mail Address (university login): https://sogo.uni-osnabrueck.de/SOGo/
Practical Information
Thank you very much for your attention!

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Questions?