

University of Oldenburg

Factsheet for exchange partners for the academic year 2027/28

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Academic calendar		Winter semester 2027/28	Summer semester 2028
	Intensive German courses	(August) September 2027	(February) March 2028
	Welcome Week for international students	28 September–01 October 2027	11 – 13 April 2028
	General Orientation	04–08 October 2027	--
	Lectures begin	11 October 2026	18 April 2027
	Lectures end	04 February 2028	21 July 2027
	Examination period	2–3 weeks after lectures end	2–3 weeks after lectures end
Course catalogue	Our current course catalogue and courses offered in English are available online at uol.de/p53280en Note: Courses for future semesters are available only shortly (approx. 6 weeks) before the semester starts. For a general overview of what will be offered please check current or former semesters. When admitted, every exchange student will be assigned an academic advisor (departmental coordinator), who will help the student put together a suitable curriculum.		
Courses taught in English	1.) Within our six different schools exchange students can study various subjects. Possible areas are for example: Business Administration, Chemistry, Computing Science, Education, English Studies, History, (Engineering) Physics and Social Sciences. 2.) Our English-taught programme European Studies in Global Perspectives (EuGI) for exchange students can be studied for one or two semesters. It comprises key issues and various aspects of European societies, economies, and cultures, both present and past: uol.de/p42231		
Credit system and workload	The University of Oldenburg uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). One ECTS credit point translates into roughly 30 hours of work, of which only a part is spent in the classroom. Regular full-time study is 30 ECTS per semester: p21039en		
Language requirements	The main teaching language at the University of Oldenburg for most bachelor study programmes is German. Thus, most courses are taught in German. There is a growing variety of English master programmes and also a few bachelor programmes partly taught in English. The students' language proficiency has to be confirmed by the sending institution as part of the application. <u>German-taught courses:</u> • Minimum language proficiency of level B1 (preferably B2) (CEFR). • B2 is mandatory for German Studies/Germanistik <u>English-taught courses:</u> • Minimum language proficiency of level B1 (preferably B2) resp. 4.0 (IELTS), 42 (TOEFL-iBT) or 550/120/120 (TOEIC) • B2 is mandatory for courses offered by the Institute for English and American Studies, European Studies in Global Perspectives (EuGI), Education and English international master programmes. • For English Studies, the Institute for English and American Studies requires an official certificate. They do not accept Duolingo.		

Language courses	Intensive German Courses during semester break: various levels (before the start of the semester in August/ September and February/ March A1.1 up to B1.1., course offer depends on demand). The courses are free of charge for exchange students, 6 ECTS. Duration: 4 weeks. Online registration is required in advance: uol.de/p77144en German courses during the semester/ lecture period: on levels A1.1 to B2.2, 6 hours per week, 9 ECTS, free of charge. We also offer theme-based courses for learners at upper intermediate and advanced level (e.g. grammar course, creative writing, conversation course). A placement test takes place during the Welcome Week. Online registration is required in advance: uol.de/p42694en German Taster Course ("Schnupperkurs"): Free online course for students with no prior knowledge of German, primarily for students from our partner universities, 15 lessons within one week, July/August: uol.de/p96092en
Nomination/ Application/ Enrolment	Nominations • 01 April to 31 May for the winter semester or the full academic year • 01 October to 30 November for the summer semester Please nominate your students by e-mail (exchange@uol.de). We require the following information: 1. full name of student, 2. the student's official email address at the home university, 3. study cycle (i.e. bachelor, master, doctorate), 4. field of academic study, 5. length of study period (i.e. winter/ summer semester, full academic year). Applications: • 15 April to 15 June for the winter semester or the full academic year • 15 October to 15 December for the summer semester Step 1: Online Registration via "Mobility Online": We will contact all nominated students with the link to our online application "Mobility Online" and include instructions how to register successfully. Step 2: Online application via "Mobility Online" After submitting the complete online application and the approval by the University of Oldenburg, students will receive an "Admission Letter" which is needed for the visa application (if a student visa to enter Germany is required) Enrolment To complete their enrolment, students have to accept the study place, pay the semester contribution (see below) and submit proof of health insurance (see below). uol.de/p21038en
Accommodation	The International Office assists in finding accommodation in cooperation with our Student Service Organisation (Studierendenwerk). Students can apply for partly furnished single rooms in shared apartments. The rent ranges from EUR 200 to 450 per month and must to be paid in advance for 6 months. A deposit is required as well. uol.de/p112735en
Health insurance	Exchange students are required to have a valid health insurance that is equivalent to the German statutory health insurance, i.e. unlimited coverage of all treatments (incl. dental, psychological and pregnancy care) for the entire semester(s) of their stay. We strongly recommend to opt for a public health insurance (statutory health insurance), which costs about EUR 145 per month. Students who

	have a European Health Insurance Card / EHIC and students who are not subject to compulsory health insurance on the basis of corresponding social agreements are exempt from compulsory statutory health insurance: uol.de/p54744en
Fees and costs	Students at the University of Oldenburg do not pay tuition fees. What they do need to pay is a semester contribution (administrative fee) of around EUR 380 that covers the transportation ticket (semester ticket) and some of the campus facilities. Students need to transfer the contribution to the university's bank account before the start of their exchange semester and keep a proof (screenshot, printout, etc.). The proof is needed for the enrolment procedure: uol.de/p21039en Students in Oldenburg need around EUR 1,000 per month for living costs: uol.de/p52851en
Visa information	Non-EU nationals have to apply for a student visa at the nearest German Embassy or Consulate before entering Germany. Entry without a visa is possible from certain countries (such as the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Australia, Japan). However, a residence permit must then be applied for in Germany. For this, students have to demonstrate a minimum of EUR 992 per month for the residence permit. Students from EU countries, Norway, Iceland, Switzerland or Liechtenstein neither need a visa nor a residence permit auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/231148-231148 uol.de/p54744en
Travel instructions	Germany has a well-developed public transportation system. Students who travel by train need to make sure to book train connections to Oldenburg (Oldb) (not Oldenburg in Holstein). It is easy to reach Oldenburg by train from any of the northern German airports such as Hamburg (HAM), Bremen (BRE) and Hannover (HAJ) or even Frankfurt (FRA). All exchange students receive a digital transportation ticket for regional public transport in Germany valid from 1 October / 1 April.
Arrival	The expected arrival date for exchange students is, at the latest, the day before Welcome Week. We strongly recommend attendance: uol.de/p53864en
Studying and living in Oldenburg	• Our two campuses are a bike-ride away from the city centre and within walking distance from each other • Students are welcome to join our Facebook group International Students in Oldenburg and follow our tutors for international students on Instagram: international.tutors. • There is also a self-organized WhatsApp group for all international students

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!