

University of Oldenburg

**Factsheet for exchange partners for the academic year 2023/24**

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Academic calendar		Winter semester 2023/24	Summer semester 2024
	Preparatory German courses	September 2023	March 2024
	International Orientation	2–6 October 2023	25–29 March 2024
	General Orientation	09–13 October 2023	--
	Lectures begin	16 October 2023	2 April 2024
	Lectures end	2 February 2024	5 July 2024
	Examination period	2–3 weeks after lectures end	2–3 weeks after lectures end
Course catalogue	<p>Our current course catalogue and courses offered in English are available online at <a href="http://uol.de/exchange-studies/courses">uol.de/exchange-studies/courses</a></p> <p><b>Note:</b> 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.</p>		
Courses taught in English	<p>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, Neuroscience, (Engineering) Physics and Social Sciences.</p> <p>2.) Our English-taught programme <b>European Studies in Global Perspectives (EuGI)</b> 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: <a href="http://uol.de/eugl">uol.de/eugl</a></p>		
Credit system and workload	<p>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: <a href="http://uol.de/p21039en">uol.de/p21039en</a></p>		
Language requirements	<p><b>German-taught courses: minimum language proficiency of level B1 (preferably B2), B2 for German Studies</b> (Common European Framework of Reference). This requirement has to be confirmed by the sending institution within the application for registration as an exchange student (see page 2 of the form).</p> <p><b>English-taught courses: minimum language proficiency in English of level B1 (preferably B2) resp. 4.0 (IELTS), 42 (TOEFL-iBT) or 550/120/120 (TOEIC), B2 for English Studies, European Studies in Global Perspectives (EuGI) and Education.</b> Students who are planning on taking only English-taught courses are exempt from the German proficiency requirement.</p>		

Language courses	<p><b>Preparatory intensive German Courses during semester break:</b> various levels (A1.1 up to B1.1., not all levels are always offered), before the start of the semester in September and March. Course fee is EUR 250, 6 ECTS. Duration: 4 weeks. Sign up online: <a href="http://uol.de/p77144en">uol.de/p77144en</a></p> <p><b>German courses during the semester/ lecture period:</b> 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 International Orientation Week: <a href="http://uol.de/p42694en">uol.de/p42694en</a></p> <p><b>Summer course on German language and culture:</b> designed for students with no prior knowledge of German, primarily for students from our partner universities, four weeks in mid-July until mid-August, including excursions: <a href="http://uol.de/en/summercourse">uol.de/en/summercourse</a></p>
Nomination/ Application	<p>Please nominate your students by e-mail (<a href="mailto:exchange@uol.de">exchange@uol.de</a>). The deadline for nominations and the submission of completed applications is <b>July 15 for the winter semester</b> or the full academic year and <b>January 15 for the summer semester</b>: <a href="http://uol.de/p21038en">uol.de/p21038en</a></p>
Accommodation	<p>The International Office assists in finding accommodation. In cooperation with our Student Service Organisation and other local housing companies there is a variety of options, e.g. single or shared rooms, non- or fully furnished. The rent ranges from EUR 200 to 450 per month and must to be paid in advance for 6 months. Usually a deposit is required as well. <a href="http://uol.de/p54744en">uol.de/p54744en</a></p>
Health insurance	<p>German law requires every student to have health insurance. We strongly recommend to opt for a public health insurance (statutory health insurance), which costs about EUR 120 per month : <a href="http://uol.de/p54744en">uol.de/p54744en</a></p>
Fees and costs	<p>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 320 that covers the transportation ticket (semester ticket) and some of the campus facilities. Students should transfer the fee 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: <a href="http://uol.de/p21039en">uol.de/p21039en</a></p> <p>Students in Oldenburg need around EUR 950 per month for living costs: <a href="http://uol.de/p52851en">uol.de/p52851en</a></p>
Visa information	<p>Exchange students from the European Union, the EFTA (Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein) and a number of other countries such as the United States, Canada, Australia, Japan and Chile can enter Germany without a visa. Students from non-EU countries require a residence permit to study in Germany (either prior or after their arrival, depending on the country of origin).</p> <p>Students from Non-EU have to demonstrate a minimum of EUR 934 per month for the residence permit. This amount can be reduced if students</p>

	can prove that the rental and incidental rental costs of their accommodation are lower than EUR 360. <a href="https://www.uol.de/p54744en">uol.de/p54744en</a>
<b>Travel instructions</b>	Germany has a well-developed public transportation system. If you travel by train, make sure to book train connections to <b>Oldenburg (Oldb)</b> (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).
<b>Arrival</b>	The expected arrival date for exchange students is, at the latest, the day before International Orientation Week. We strongly recommend attendance: <a href="https://www.uol.de/en/international-orientation">uol.de/en/international-orientation</a>
<b>Studying and living in Oldenburg</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• our two campuses are a bike-ride away from the city centre and within walking distance from each other</li> <li>• students get a campus card which serves as a student ID and library card; it also works as a transportation ticket to travel around for free in Oldenburg, Lower Saxony and even to the Netherlands</li> <li>• students are welcome to join our Facebook group <a href="#">International Students in Oldenburg</a>.</li> </ul>

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