

University of Oldenburg

Factsheet for exchange partners for the academic year 2026/27

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Academic calendar		Winter semester 2026/27	Summer semester 2027
	Intensive German courses	(August) September 2026	(February) March 2027
	Welcome Week for international students	29 September–02 October 2026	31 March–02 April 2027
	General Orientation	05–09 October 2026	--
	Lectures begin	12 October 2026	05 April 2027
	Lectures end	29 January 2027	09 July 2027
	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 https://uol.de/p53280en</p> <p>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 co-ordinator), 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, (Engineering) Physics and Social Sciences.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>https://uol.de/p42231</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: uol.de/p21039en</p>		
Language requirements	<p><u>German-taught courses:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum language proficiency of level B1 (preferably B2) • B2 is mandatory for German Studies/Germanistik (Common European Framework of Reference). This requirement has to be confirmed by the sending institution as part of the application. <p><u>English-taught courses:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 		

	<p>This requirement has to be confirmed by the sending institution as part of the application; the Institute for English and American Studies requires an official certificate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who are planning on taking only English-taught courses are exempt from the German proficiency requirement.
Language courses	<p>Intensive German Courses during semester break: various levels (A1.1 up to B1.1., course offer depends on demand) before the start of the semester in August/September and February/March. The course is free of charge for exchange students, 6 ECTS. Duration: 4 weeks. Online registration is required in advance: uol.de/p77144en</p> <p>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</p> <p>Summer course on German language and culture: 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: https://uol.de/p20984en</p> <p>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: https://uol.de/p96092en</p>
Nomination/ Application	<p>Please nominate your students by e-mail (exchange@uol.de). We require the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> full name of student e-mail address study cycle (i.e. bachelor, master, doctorate) field of academic study length of study period (i.e. winter/ summer semester, full academic year) <p>The deadline for nominations and the submission of completed applications is July 15 for the winter semester or the full academic year and January 15 for the summer semester: uol.de/p21038en</p>
Accommodation	<p>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</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 140 per month: uol.de/p54744en</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 350 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</p> <p>Students in Oldenburg need around EUR 1,000 per month for living costs: uol.de/p52851en</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). They have to demonstrate a minimum of EUR 992 per month for the residence permit. This amount might be reduced if students can prove that the rental and incidental rental costs of their accommodation are lower than EUR 360. uol.de/p54744en</p>
Travel instructions	<p>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).</p>
Arrival	<p>The expected arrival date for exchange students is, at the latest, the day before Welcome Week. We strongly recommend attendance: https://uol.de/p53864en</p>
Studying and living in Oldenburg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our two campuses are a bike-ride away from the city centre and within walking distance from each other • Students get a campus card which serves as a student ID and library card; they also receive a digital transportation ticket for regional public transport in Germany • Students are welcome to join our Facebook group International Students in Oldenburg and follow our tutors for international students on Instagram: international.tutors. <p>There is also a self-organized WhatsApp group for all international students.</p>

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