

University of Oldenburg

Factsheet for exchange partners for the academic year 2021/22

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Academic calendar		Winter semester 2021/22	Summer semester 2022
	Preparatory German courses	September 2021	February/March 2022
	International Orientation	5–8 October 2021	11– 15 April 2022
	General Orientation	11–15 October 2021	--
	Lectures begin	18 October 2021	19 April 2022
	Lectures end	4 February 2022	22 July 2022
	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 uol.de/exchange-studies</p> <p>Note: Courses for future semesters are available only shortly (approx. two months) 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, which are completely taught in English. Possible areas are for example: Business Administration, Chemistry, Computing Science, Education, English Studies, History, Neuroscience, (Engineering) Physics, Social Sciences and more.</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: uol.de/eugl</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>German-taught courses: minimum language proficiency of level B1 (preferably B2), B2 for German Studies (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>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 and Education. Students who are planning on taking only English-taught courses are exempt from the German proficiency requirement.</p>
Language courses	<p>Preparatory intensive German Courses during semester break: various levels (A1.1 up to B1.1.), before the start of the semester in September and March. Course fee is 250 EUR, 6 ECTS. Duration: 4 weeks. Sign up online: uol.de/p77142en</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 International Orientation Week: uol.de/p42694en</p> <p>Summer course on German language and culture: designed for students with no prior knowledge of German, four weeks in mid-July until mid-August, including excursions, free of charge for students from our partner universities: uol.de/en/summercourse</p>
Nomination/ Application	<p>Please nominate your students by e-mail (exchange@uol.de). 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 suitable accommodation. In cooperation with our Student Service Organisation and other local housing companies there is a wide offer of options, e.g. single or shared rooms, non- or fully furnished. The rent ranges from 180 to 380 EUR per month. Please note that students have to arrange accommodation by themselves: uol.de/p54744en</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 110 EUR per month and can be purchased during the International Orientation Week: 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 334 EUR 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: uol.de/p21039en</p>

	Students in Oldenburg need around 850 EUR per month for living costs: uol.de/p52851en
Visa information	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). Students from Non-EU have to demonstrate a minimum of 853 EUR per month for the residence permit. This amount can be reduced if students can prove that the rental and incidental rental costs of their accommodation are lower than 325 EUR. uol.de/p54744en
Travel instructions	Germany has a well-developed public transportation system. If you travel by train, 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).
Arrival	The expected arrival date for exchange students is, at the latest, the day before International Orientation Week. We strongly recommend attendance: uol.de/en/international-orientation
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; it also works as a transportation ticket to travel around for free in Oldenburg, Lower Saxony and even to the Netherlands • students are welcome to join our Facebook group International Students in Oldenburg.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at exchange@uol.de