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WELCOME WEEK FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

14-19 OCTOBER 2024

International Office

WELCOME WEEK PROGRAMME

Monday
14 October 2024

09:00–12:00 and 13:00–15:30

Meet & Greet

Drop in at the office of the Student Advisor for International Degree-Seeking Students (Teresa Gehrs) any time between 09:00 and 12:00 or 13:00 and 15:30 to say hello and collect your welcome pack. No appointment needed.

📍 Building 19, Room E07, Neuer Graben 27 (Studios building)

09:00–16:00

Campuscard collection

Provided you have followed the instructions in your enrolment letter about uploading a passport photo, you can collect your Campuscard any time today (or any other day). Your Campuscard, which you will need to validate at a validation point, is your student ID card, semester ticket, library card and canteen payment card all in one! For more information, please visit: <https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/prospective-students/studienbeginn/einschreibung/campuscard/#c16081>

📍 Building 19, Info-Point, Neuer Graben 27 (Studios building)

07:30–15:50 (depending on the time of your individual appointment)

Registration at the Citizens' Office (*Bürgeramt*)

All newcomers to Osnabrück, whether from Germany or abroad, are required to register their new place of residence with the Citizens' Office (*Bürgeramt*) within two weeks of their arrival. To do this, you must book an appointment online as soon as possible at https://timeacle.com/business/index/id/332/row_id/299. Click on "Anmeldung" to book a ticket, then press the "Weiter"/"Next" button. Select an available time for an appointment on 14 October, then click on "Weiter"/"Next". Enter your personal details and click on the two privacy boxes. Then click on "Buchung bestätigen" / "Confirm booking". You will receive an email from [timeacle GmbH Co. & KG](#) with your appointment ticket, which you should keep ready for your appointment.

If you have made an appointment for 14 October, please go to the Citizens' Office at the Stadthaus at the time of your appointment. You will need to show the following documents: your **appointment ticket**, your **ID card** or **passport** and your **Wohnungsgeberbestätigung** (housing provider confirmation – this is a different document from your tenancy agreement). Please note that you cannot register without these documents.

Of course, you can also make an individual appointment with the Citizens' Office at any time before 14 October if you plan to arrive in Osnabrück earlier.

If you cannot make an appointment for 14 October (e.g. because there are no appointments left), or if you cannot attend your scheduled appointment on 14 October (e.g. because you have not yet found accommodation and therefore do not have a *Wohnungsgeberbestätigung*), or if you will be arriving in Osnabrück after 14 October, you will have to make your own individual appointment with the Citizens' Office.

📍 *Bürgeramt*, Stadthaus, Natrufer-Tor-Wall 5

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Tuesday
15 October 2024

10:00–11:30

Welcome and Q&A (virtual session)

Host: Teresa Gehrs (International Office)

Feel free to join this session even if you have not yet arrived in Osnabrück.

📍 **Virtual meeting room:** <https://webconf.uni-osnabrueck.de/b/ter-yr9-f05-5ui>

11:30–12:00

Preparation of the formalities for applying for a residence permit with the Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde)

Hosts: Kathrin Beermann, Teresa Gehrs, Sabine Jones (International Office)

If you enter Germany **without a visa** and your stay exceeds three months, you will have to apply for a residence permit. If you enter Germany **with a visa** and your visa expires before the end of your stay, you will have to apply for a residence permit. Students from EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland do not require a visa or a residence permit, and therefore do not need to attend this session.

The system for applying for an appointment with the Foreigners' Authority has been digitalized. During our group meeting with a staff member of the Foreigners' Authority on Thursday, we will guide you through the process of applying online for an appointment with them. Please bring a laptop or smartphone so that you can store the following documents, ready for uploading on Thursday:

- ✓ passport
- ✓ enrolment certificate
- ✓ proof of health insurance
- ✓ proof of sufficient funding (bank statements, blocked account, declaration of commitment, scholarship)
- ✓ registration confirmation (from the Citizens' Office)

📍 Building 15, Room E16, Seminarstr. 20

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Wednesday
16 October 2024

09:00–10:30

International Mixer

Hosts: Teresa Gehrs (International Office) and AStA

Come along to the iconic Lagerhalle cultural centre for a free coffee or tea and get to know students from other degree programmes and other countries who are also just starting out on their educational journey in Osnabrück. You never know, you may meet friends for life!

Funded by the General Student Committee (AStA) and the DAAD with funding from the Federal Foreign Office

📍 Lagerhalle e.V.: Rolandsmuer 26

10:45–11:30

Presentation of the University Sports Center (virtual session)

Host: Lukas Wulff (University Sports Center)

The University Sports Center (ZfH) offers all kinds of sports, fitness and relaxation opportunities for students and staff, some for free, others for a small fee. Given the popularity of these courses, it's important that you know before the starting date for registration (21 October) how to go about choosing and registering for your chosen sports.

📍 **Virtual meeting room:** <https://webconf.uni-osnabrueck.de/b/ter-yr9-f05-5ui>

12:00–12:45

Presentation of volunteering opportunities

Host: Raphael Dombrowski (Freiwilligen-Agentur Osnabrück)

Even though it might seem a bit early to think about volunteering, it can be an incredibly rewarding experience and increasingly important when applying for scholarships. Many scholarship providers now place great value on candidates who have already engaged in volunteer activities, whether in cultural, political, environmental, religious, or social areas. The opportunities to get involved are almost limitless. By giving back to the community, you not only gain essential social skills and improve your German language abilities, but you also make valuable social connections and get to know the city of Osnabrück better. To give you an overview of the current projects looking for volunteers, Raphael Dombrowski from the Freiwilligen-Agentur Osnabrück will present some of these opportunities.

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Thursday
17 October 2024

09:00–11:00

Online application for an appointment with the Foreigners' Authority (group session)

Hosts: Kathrin Beermann, Teresa Gehrs, Sabine Jones (International Office), Foreigners' Authority

See information under Tuesday, 11:30.

We will help you to apply online for an appointment with the Foreigners' Authority. Please bring a laptop or smartphone so that you upload the documents you prepared on Tuesday.

📍 Building 15, Room E16, Seminarstr. 20

After you have submitted your application for an appointment with the Foreigners' Authority, you will receive an individual appointment.

Please bring the following to that appointment:

- ✓ A biometric passport photo with a light background
- ✓ €100 in cash (with the exception of ERASMUS/DAAD scholarship holders)
- ✓ Your passport

13:00

Placement test for German as a Foreign Language courses

Although your chosen degree programme may be taught entirely in English, you will get much more out of your stay in Osnabrück if you are able to speak at least some German. It will make everyday activities such as shopping, going out, etc. easier and allow you to expand your circle of friends. We therefore strongly recommend that you find the time to attend one of the several German as a Foreign Language courses offered by the Language Center (starting from 4 November).

To ensure that you are placed at the right level, the Language Center will conduct a placement test on 17 October 2024 at the Westerberg Campus (no registration required). If you are a complete beginner, you do not need to take the test. If you have already passed a German language test (e.g. TestDaF, DSH, telc or Goethe-Zertifikat), you will be placed in a course based on your test results, i.e. you do not need to take the placement test. Only students with some previous knowledge of German, without any proof of their level, are required to take this placement test. Based on your test score, you will be placed on the appropriate language course.

For more details, see:

<https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/university/service-facilities/language-center/news-and-events/>

and

<https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/university/service-facilities/language-center/learning-languages/german-as-a-foreign-language/>

📍 Building 94 (Westerberg Campus, Nelson-Mandela-Str. 4), Room E01,

16:00–18:00

City tour

Tour guides: International Office tutors

Get to know more about your new home town: Osnabrück – the City of Peace.

📍 Meeting point: in front of the StudioS building, (Building 19), Neuer Graben 27

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Friday
18 October 2024

09:00–09:45

Introduction to UOS library services (virtual event)

Host: Mathias Laubenheimer

Virtual meeting room: <https://webconf.uni-osnabrueck.de/b/kat-9q4-b9h-sgt>

10:00–10:45

Presentation on working in Germany (virtual event)

Hosts: Rouven Brinkmann (International Office) and Kristin Delfs (Studierendenwerk Osnabrück)

Find out about the legal aspects of working part-time in Germany and how to go about finding a job.

Virtual meeting room: <https://webconf.uni-osnabrueck.de/b/kat-9q4-b9h-sgt>

10:45–11:15

Introduction to psychological and counselling services and courses offered by PSB (virtual event)

Host: Lena Wolfgram, Psychologist, M.Sc. (Psychosoziale Beratungsstelle)

psb is a counselling centre open to all students. The team can help you with psychological issues (e.g. anxiety, learning problems, loneliness) and social issues (e.g. financial issues, studying with children, general support). This semester, we are offering a new course specifically for international students, covering topics such as stress management and dealing with anxiety, based on sharing personal experiences.

Virtual meeting room: <https://webconf.uni-osnabrueck.de/b/kat-9q4-b9h-sgt>

11:30–12:00

Introduction to language courses and services offered by the Language Center plus Q&A session

Host: Dr. Stefan Serwe, Head of the Language Center

In addition to offering German as a Foreign Language courses, the Language Center also enables you to learn a new foreign language or improve your current language skills. There are around 15 languages to choose from! But not only that – there are also workshops, seminars, a Writing Center, and much more besides. Find out how the Language Center can support you!

📍 Building 15, Room E16, Seminarstr. 20

12:00–12:45

Presentation of Meine Bildung und Ich e.V.

Hosts: Simon Ritz & Mahmoud Farrag

Meine Bildung und Ich e.V. is an association established in 2021 by students that offers a wide range of educational and social activities, events and workshops for young people with a migration background. Find out how you can get involved! From gardening to games, from foreign language acquisition to democracy and sports camps. The choice is yours.

📍 Building 15, Room E16, Seminarstr. 20

14:00–15:30

Latecomers' Welcome (Limited to 5 places only. Please reserve a place on back page)

Students who are unable to attend the Welcome Week are invited to join this Latecomers' Welcome session to deal with all the formalities required before starting their studies. Host: Teresa Gehrs (International Office)

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Saturday
19 October 2024

11:00–16:30

Forest hike from Bad Iburg to a Bavarian beer garden & restaurant

Tour guide: Teresa Gehrs (limited to 30 places only)

Just south of Osnabrück lies the Teutoburg Forest with its extensive network of walking trails. Join us in Bad Iburg for a 1.5-hour hike up to Malepatus, a Bavarian beer garden and restaurant. The first non-alcoholic drink will be complements of the DAAD, with funding from the Federal Foreign Office. If you like, you can recharge your batteries with traditional Bavarian food (sausages, pork knuckle, potato salad, dumplings, etc.) before the 1.5-hour hike back down to Bad Iburg.

You will need your Campuscard (bus pass), drinks/snacks, good walking shoes and suitable clothing in case of rain.

- 📍 Meeting point: "Charlottensee" bus stop in Bad Iburg.
To get to the "Charlottensee" bus stop, you can take the **S40 bus to Bad Laer**, which leaves from Neumarkt C1 (at the top of Johannisstraße, opposite Edeka) at **10:27**.
Return buses depart from the "Charlottensee" at 16:33, 17:33, 17:50, 18:33

Additional important dates

Monday, 21 October – Saturday, 26 October 2024: UOS Introductory Week

This is the week when most faculties, departments and programmes provide a subject-specific induction for their students, both German and international. During this week you will learn more about the university, your faculty, the city, how to register for courses, etc. This is your chance to get to know the other students in your programme, as well as more advanced students. Learn from their experiences!

Be sure not to miss the Welcome Event for all new students on Wednesday 23 October in the OsnabrückHalle, next to the Schlossgarten (Schloßwall 1-9). After an official welcome by the President of Osnabrück University at 09:30, you can visit some of the 80 or so stands representing all kinds of student and extra-curricular clubs, initiatives and services.

Thursday, 24 October, 11:00–12:30: Latecomers' Welcome

Students who are unable to attend the Welcome Week are invited to join this Latecomers' Welcome session to deal with all the formalities required before starting their studies. Host: Teresa Gehrs (International Office)

Limited to 5 places only (please reserve a place)

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Thursday, 24 October, 18:00: Job Café City Tour

The Job Café City Tour kicks off this semester's programme, run jointly by the International Office and the Welcome & Connect Center (WCC). The ideal opportunity to find out more about the WCC – Osnabrück's first port of call when it comes to the recruitment and onboarding of international skilled workers – and the Job Café, which offers assistance in writing job applications, meeting potential employers and joining the German labour market.

Meeting point: Heger Straße 34 at 18:00

Monday, 28 October 2024: Lectures begin

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Friday, 1 November, 10:00–11:30: Latecomers' Welcome

Students who are unable to attend the Welcome Week are invited to join this Latecomers' Welcome session to deal with all the formalities required before starting their studies. Host: Teresa Gehrs (International Office)

Limited to 5 places only (please reserve a place)

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Friday, 15 November, 10:00–11:30: Latecomers' Welcome

Students who are unable to attend the Welcome Week are invited to join this Latecomers' Welcome session to deal with all the formalities required before starting their studies. Host: Teresa Gehrs (International Office)

Limited to 5 places only (please reserve a place)

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University site plans

www.uni-osnabrueck.de/universitaet/lageplaene.html



Subject to change. Lasted amended on 11 September 2024.

Information on the Internet

<https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/prospective-students/international-prospective-students/service/welcome-hub/>

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To register, please complete the form overleaf

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Yes, I would like to:

- collect my welcome pack on 14 October
- register at the Citizens' Office (*Bürgeramt*) on 14 October and have the necessary documents to do so (appointment ticket, passport/ID card and *Wohnungsgeberbestätigung* (housing provider confirmation))
- attend the preparatory meeting for applying for an appointment for a residence permit with the Foreigners' Authority on 15 October
- join the International Mixer at the Lagerhalle on 16 October
- attend the meeting for applying online for an appointment for a residence permit with the Foreigners' Authority on 17 October
- attend the Latecomers' Welcome on 18 October
- join the forest hike in Bad Iburg on 19 October
- attend the Latecomers' Welcome on 24 October
- Attend the Latecomers' Welcome on 1 November
- Attend the Latecomers' Welcome on 15 November

Please tick as appropriate and email to teresa.gehrs@uni-osnabrueck.de (Re.: Welcome Week Registration) as soon as you know your date of arrival in Osnabrück

Name: _____
Email: _____
Degree programme: _____
Date of arrival: _____
Languages spoken: _____