

A photograph of two young women walking along a paved path in a lush green park. They are both smiling and looking towards each other. The woman on the left is wearing a light blue button-down shirt under a black leather jacket and black pants. The woman on the right is wearing a dark green long-sleeved top and blue jeans. They are each pushing a bicycle. The background is filled with vibrant green trees and foliage, suggesting a sunny day. The image is partially covered by a blue banner at the top and two white text boxes at the bottom.

# Study in Oldenburg

Exchange studies in Germany's Northwest

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## Oldenburg

### A lively university town in Germany's Northwest

Oldenburg is a good place to be. We have more than 166,000 inhabitants and are situated in Germany's Northwest between the North Sea, Hamburg, and the Dutch border. The North Sea strongly influences the climate, and it is therefore neither too hot in the summer nor too cold in the winter.

"Oldenburgers" are true bicycle enthusiasts. Not only do we ride for fun, but we use bikes as our main vehicle for transportation. Nearly everything is easily accessible by bike.

Our city looks back on more than 900 years of history and is a centre of cultural, scientific and economic life in the region. A mix of entertainment and culture – bars, restaurants and trendy venues as well as theatres and a number of museums – create a big-city feeling. Yet it is a safe place where you can get around easily on your bicycle, as most students do.

Oldenburg is not only ideal for cycling, but our parks and gardens make it a paradise for fresh air enthusiasts. Between May and September there are monthly bike and inline skating nights.

If you prefer spectator sports, a home basketball game with our first-league team "EWE Baskets" will be perfect. If you prefer soccer, Oldenburg's soccer clubs are looking forward to welcoming you for a match. It will be worthwhile!

Oldenburg is a green city with many parks and woods in the midst of a rural setting surrounded by villages, small lakes, and moor. In the summer, you will see us locals swimming and having a barbecue at the many small lakes in the area, as well as enjoying picnics in the ever-popular Schlossgarten. A special highlight of the summer is the Oldenburg Kultursommer, a festival of culture that takes place every year in July and August. In winter, our Christmas Market attracts crowds, and Oldenburg's legendary "national dish" of curly kale and sausage lends strength and warmth during the cold months.

There is a great deal to discover in and around Oldenburg – come and see for yourselves!

Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg

# Open to new approaches

Open to new approaches – this is our philosophy. We are a young German university, founded in 1973. Named after Carl von Ossietzky (1889–1938), one of the Weimar Republic's most renowned journalists and Nobel Prize winner, we are strongly committed to future-oriented research, as well as promoting interdisciplinary studies and internationalisation.

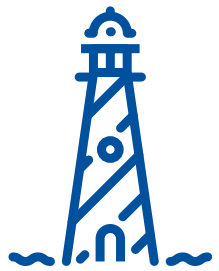
**Environment and Sustainability, Humans and Technology, Society and Education** – these are the key topics at our university. They cover eleven focal points, where research and teaching are carried out interdisciplinary– for example in the marine sciences, energy research, hearing research and computer sciences.



**“Our aim is to work with our students to find answers to the major societal questions of the 21st century.”**

University president Prof. Dr. Dr. Hans Michael Piper

## Marine Sciences



Oldenburg marine and biodiversity research regularly embarks on new ways. It connects approaches from biology, chemistry and physics.

Recently the Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity (HIMFB) began operations at our university. The institute allows our university and the Alfred-Wegener-Institute (AWI) in Bremerhaven to pool their internationally renowned research excellence. Wilhelmshaven, the outpost of our Institute for Chemistry and Biology of the Marine Environment (ICBM) will increase its scope with the completion of the Lower Saxony Center for Marine Sensors in 2020. Among other things, the ICBM is home to **Sonne**, the world's most high-tech research ship.







# Hearing research and Human medicine

Hearing research is a prime example of cutting-edge research at our university. Comprising the cluster of excellence **Hearing4all**, it occupies a leading international position. In a world in which almost a fifth of the population suffers from hearing loss, hearing research is medically and socially vital. With our research, we have contributed to almost 80 percent of all hearing aids in use today.

Our Model Programme in Human Medicine is unique in Europe. It is offered in cooperation with our Dutch partner university, the University of Groningen. Alongside sound medical training the transnational medical studies programme of the European Medical School Oldenburg-Groningen (EMS) also provides insight into a second health system, confers intercultural competence and specialises in a particularly high level of practical training. Established in 2012 our medical faculty practices university medicine in conjunction with four local hospitals.



## Teacher training and Entrepreneurship



Teacher training at our university looks back on a long tradition. We are the only university in Lower Saxony to train teachers for all types of schools and are currently developing what will be Germany's largest centre for special needs education. Our university is also a champion of life-long learning, paving the way for new target groups to benefit from university education.

Academics at Oldenburg are internationally connected and cooperate with over 250 universities around the world. With around 15,000 students and more than 210 professors we are the largest educational institution in North-West Germany – and one of the largest employers.

Open to new approaches – our university's motto also reflects the entrepreneurial culture on campus. Students, employees, scholars and alumni are given tremendous levels of support to realize their own ideas and to consider self-employment as a potential professional path. This commitment is bearing fruit: We have been named one of the six best entrepreneurial universities in Germany by the Federal Ministry of Economics.

## Schools

- I. School of Educational and Social Sciences
- II. School of Computing Science, Business Administration, Economics, and Law
- III. School of Linguistics and Cultural Studies
- IV. School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- V. School of Mathematics and Science
- VI. School of Medicine and Health Sciences

# What is it like to study in Oldenburg?



Studying is more than just learning. It is on our campus where you spend most of your time: at one of the libraries, in one of the cafes or canteens, using one of our athletic facilities, or attending one of our many cultural events.

## Accommodation

Our Student Service Organisation **Studentenwerk Oldenburg** offers accommodation in student residences and provides a database with options for private accommodation. All student residences are situated close to the university or the city centre. There are single and double flats with their own kitchens and bathrooms, larger flats for several students, and rooms in residences where you share a kitchen.

You will be offered furnished or partially furnished rooms. Every student residence has washing machines and drying areas, lockable bicycle storage, cable-TV connections, and internet access. Residences are quite affordable compared to the private housing market.

## Athletics

Sport enthusiasts are in their element at the University of Oldenburg. You can use the university's athletic facilities, the swimming pool, or participate in one of numerous courses in the most diverse of sports. There is a modern fitness and health centre, a strength training room, a climbing area, sports halls, and beach volleyball and tennis courts. Many activities are free of charge.

## Campuses

Our two campuses are a bike-ride away from the city centre and within walking distance from each other. The natural sciences and medicine are located at **Wechloy campus**, all other fields of study can be found at our main **Haarentor campus**.

## Eating and Drinking

Our **Mensa** or main canteen offers a variety of inexpensive food options. Many of these are derived from organic agriculture or sourced from farmers in the region. The various cafes offer drinks, snacks, and a variety of coffees, many of which are fair trade.

## Getting around

One of the most popular ways of getting around Oldenburg is by bike. Oldenburg has a well-developed network of bike paths



which makes biking a safe means of transportation. As our city is quite flat, you can get around easily.

Your public transport ticket ("Semesterticket") allows you to travel freely within the region for the full six months of the semester. It is valid for all public transport in Oldenburg and Bremen as well as for regional trains all over Lower Saxony. You can even go for a trip to Oldenburg's twin town Groningen in the Netherlands.

## International Orientation Week

In the week prior to the beginning of courses, we organise an orientation week for international students. Familiarise yourself with our university, your course of study, the city of Oldenburg, and meet other students! For an up-to-date schedule of events, please see our webpage [www.uol.de/international-orientation](http://www.uol.de/international-orientation)

## Internet

All students are provided with wireless internet access in public university areas (lecture halls, seminar rooms, main library, and cafeterias) via eduroam. If your home university also provides eduroam, you can use our wifi with the login data of your home university.

## Intercultural Meet Up

Participate in our International Dinner, join the Board Game Night, sing karaoke, watch or present movies, make country presentations or meet local students at our

Intercultural Meet-Up. An up-to-date calendar of events is available on our website.

## Leisure Activities

Our International Student Office organises weekend and day trips to German highlights. You can also visit a play of the university's student theatre or join the university's choir or the orchestra.

## Library

Libraries are located on both campuses. Our main university library at the centre of the Haarentor campus houses over a million books and over 25,000 newspapers and magazines. You can access all of them free of charge. We provide numerous individual and group workspaces, as well as photocopying machines, scanners, internet access, and a collection of current international newspapers.





## Costs

You should expect to spend about 720 EUR per month.

### Estimated monthly expenses

- Student residence: 170 to 250 EUR
- Health insurance: approx. 90 EUR
- Food: 150 to 200 EUR
- Broadcasting fee: 17,50 EUR
- Miscellaneous expenses (e.g. leisure, books, materials, etc.)

### Additional expenses

- Semester fees, including a semester ticket for unlimited use of the public transport network in Oldenburg and Lower Saxony: 302 EUR per semester
- Residence permit for students from non-EU countries: 110 EUR
- Excursions and trips: 60 to 110 EUR
- German intensive course in the semester break: 250 EUR

Students are permitted to work alongside their studies. If you are a student from a non-EU country, you are allowed to work 120 full or 240 half workdays per year.



# What to study in Oldenburg?



Study your subject either in German or English or choose one of our semester programmes.

## Courses taught in German

You can choose from the entire list of courses on offer. For an overview of study fields, see the next pages.

## Courses taught in English

Study fields in which English-taught courses are offered include

- Water and Coastal Management
- Microbiology
- Renewable Energy
- Migration and Intercultural Relations
- Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience
- Sustainability Economics and Management
- English Studies
- Computing Science
- Engineering Physics
- Business Administration, Economics and Law, and more.

## European Studies

Like to learn more about Europe and to deepen your knowledge on its many different and diverse societies, economies, languages, and cultures? Our semester programme European Studies in Global Perspectives is taught in English. Depending on your individual preferences, you can opt for courses in one out of two thematic areas: Society, Economy, and Politics or Languages, Cultures, and Education. Additionally you will study an introductory module, which consists of a German language course and a seminar on Germany.

## Wadden Sea

Are you interested in getting to know a unique and fascinating marine as well as terrestrial ecosystem? Our semester programme **Wadden Sea – Dynamic System and Cultural Heritage** covers various aspects of the oceanography, microbiology and biodiversity of this very special coastal area influenced by a large tidal range. If you are studying environmental or marine sciences or an environmental management related programme (advanced students) this English-taught programme might be the right choice.

## Learn German!

We offer intensive German language courses on various levels during the weeks leading up to the start of the semester. Course fee is 250 EUR, credit points to be obtained: 6 ECTS. Duration of the intensive course: 4 weeks with 5 hours instruction per day (100 hours in total).

During each semester, we offer German courses at all levels. You will take a language placement test during Orientation Week to determine which course level suits you best. These German courses comprise 6 classroom hours per week, cover 9 ECTS, and are free of charge. We also offer theme-based courses for learners at upper intermediate and advanced level (e.g. grammar course, creative writing, Business German).

You may also want to participate in a language tandem. You are matched with a suitable conversation partner based on your language learning goals. Both language partners improve their language skills by practising each other's native language.

## Short stay: Summer Course

Our summer course on German language and culture is designed for students learning German.

The intensive language course stretches over 4 weeks in mid-July until mid-August and includes excursions and many opportunities for immersion into German culture. The course comprises 100 hours of instruction in which you will be able to deepen your knowledge of German significantly. You will further immerse into German life and become part of the university community. If you'd like to stay on after the course you are of course welcome to continue your studies at our university as an exchange student.





## Formalities



### Credit points / ECTS

We use 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. The workload which regular students aim for is 30 ECTS per semester. An individual course can be worth anything between 3 and 10 ECTS.

### Language Requirements

Students who want to attend German-taught courses are required to have a minimum language proficiency of level B1 (Common European Framework of Reference).

Students who are planning on taking only English-taught courses are exempt from the German proficiency requirement. Instead they need to have an equivalent proficiency in English; the minimum level required is B1.

### Application

Would you like to join us as an Erasmus+ or exchange student? If so, we will be happy to have you!

Please visit the international office at your home university to check if there is a partnership with the University of Oldenburg. They will advise you on how to apply for the exchange programme.

### Academic calendar

Each semester comprises 14 weeks of courses. After courses end, there is an examination period of two to three weeks. Before the beginning of each semester, the International Student Office organises an international orientation week for new exchange students.

# Studienangebot in Oldenburg | Degree programmes offered in Oldenburg

## Bachelor

### Fach-Bachelor

**BWL mit juristischem Schwerpunkt**

Business Administration and Law

**Biologie** Biology

**Chemie** Chemistry

**Comparative and European Law**

**Engineering Physics**

**Informatik** Computing Science

**Mathematik** Mathematics

**Nachhaltigkeitsökonomik** Sustainability Economics

**Pädagogik** Education

**Pädagogisches Handeln in der Migrationsgesellschaft**

Pedagogic acting in migration society

**Physik** Physics

**Physik, Technik und Medizin**

Physics, Engineering and Medicine

**Sozialwissenschaften** Social Studies

**Umweltwissenschaften** Environmental Science

**Wirtschaftsinformatik** Business Informatics

**Wirtschaftswissenschaften** Economics and Business Administration



## Dual-Subject Bachelor

### Zwei-Fächer-Bachelor

**Anglistik** English Studies

**Biologie** Biology

**Chemie** Chemistry

**Elementarmathematik** Elementary Mathematics

**Ev. Theologie und Religionspädagogik**

Protestant Theology and Religious Education

**Gender Studies**

**Germanistik** German Studies

**Geschichte** History

**Informatik** Computing Science

**Interdisziplinäre Sachbildung**

General Education

**Kunst und Medien** Art and Media

## Master Programmes

**Biologie** Biology

**Chemie** Chemistry

**Deutsch als Fremdsprache / Deutsch als Zweitsprache**

German as a Foreign Language / German as a 2nd Language

**Engineering of Socio-Technical Systems**

**Engineering Physics**

**English Studies**

**Erziehungs- und Bildungswissenschaften**

Educational Science

**Europäische Geschichte** European History

**European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations**

**EUREC – European Master in Renewable Energy**

**Germanistik** German Studies

**Hörtechnik und Audiologie**

Hearing Technology and Audiology

## English-taught Programmes

**Engineering Physics BSc** (modules are being taught increasingly in German starting after the 3rd semester)

**Engineering of Socio-Technical Systems MSc**

**European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations MA**

**EUREC – European Master Renewable Energy MSc**

**European Wind Energy Master MSc**

**Microbiology MSc**

**Neurocognitive Psychology MSc**

**Neuroscience**

**Postgraduate Programme Renewable Energy MSc**

**Water and Coastal Management MSc**

**Neurosensory Science and Systems PhD**

**Environmental Sciences PhD**

**Renewable Energy PhD**

**Interface Science (Molecular and Nanoscale Science) PhD**



**Materielle Kultur: Textil**

Material Culture: Textiles

**Mathematik** Mathematics**Musik** Music**Niederlandistik** Dutch Linguistics and Literary Studies**Ökonomische Bildung** Economic Education**Pädagogik** Education**Philosophie / Werte u. Normen** Philosophy / Values and Norms**Physik** Physics**Politik-Wirtschaft** Politics-Economics**Slavistik** Slavic Studies**Sonderpädagogik** Special Needs Education**Sozialwissenschaften** Social Studies**Sportwissenschaft** Sport Science**Technik** Technology**Wirtschaftswissenschaften**

Economics and Business Administration

**Informatik** Computing Science**Integrated Media – Audiovisuelle Medien in Praxis, Theorie und Vermittlung**

Integrated Media – Audiovisual Media in Practice, Theory and Instrumentality

**Kulturanalysen** Cultural Analysis**Kunst- und Medienwissenschaft** Art and Media Studies**Landschaftsökologie** Landscape Ecology**Management Consulting****Marine Sensorik** Marine Sensors**Marine Umweltwissenschaften**

Marine Environmental Sciences

**Mathematik** Mathematics**Microbiology****Museum und Ausstellung** Museum and Exhibition**Musikwissenschaften** Music Studies**Neurocognitive Psychology****Neuroscience****Niederlandistik** Dutch Linguistics and Literary Studies**Ökumene und Religionen** Ecumenism and Religion**Philosophie** Philosophy**Physik** Physics**Physik, Technik und Medizin**

Physics, Engineering and Medicine

**Postgraduate Programme Renewable Energy****Rehabilitationspädagogik****Slavische Studien** Slavic Studies**Sozialwissenschaften** Social Sciences**Sport und Lebensstil** Sport and Lifestyle**Sprachdynamik: Erwerb, Variation, Wandel**

Language Dynamics: Acquisition, Variation, Change

**Sustainability Economics and Management****Transnational Law****Umweltmodellierung** Environmental Modelling**Water and Coastal Management****Wirtschaftsinformatik** Business Informatics**Wirtschafts- und Rechtswissenschaften**

Business Administration, Economics and Law



## Semesterzeiten

**Wintersemester**

01. Oktober–31. März: 14 Wochen Veranstaltungen, 2–3 Wochen Prüfungsphase

Internationale Orientierungswoche: Anfang Oktober

Lehrveranstaltungen: Mitte Oktober–Mitte Februar

**Sommersemester**

01. April–30. September: 14 Wochen Veranstaltungen, 2–3 Wochen Prüfungsphase

Internationale Orientierungswoche: Anfang April

Lehrveranstaltungen: Mitte April–Mitte Juli

## Bewerbungsfristen

Für das Sommersemester (April–Juli): 15. Januar

Für das Wintersemester (Oktober–Februar): 15. Juli

## Master of Education

**Master of Education für:**

Grundschule

Haupt- und Realschule

Gymnasium

**Sonderpädagogik** Special Needs Education**Wirtschaftspädagogik** Vocational and Business Education

## PhD | Promotion

Environmental Sciences

Interface Science (Molecular and Nanoscale Science)

Kulturwissenschaftliche Geschlechterstudien

Cultural and Gender Studies

Neurosensory Science and Systems

## Academic Calendar

**Winter semester**

October 1–March 31: 14 weeks of lectures, 2–3 weeks examination period

Orientation week for international students: beginning of October

Lectures: Mid October–Mid February

**Summer semester**

April 1–September 30: 14 weeks of lectures, 2–3 weeks examination period

Orientation week for international students: beginning of April

Lectures: Mid April–Mid July

## Application deadlines

For the summer semester (April to July): January 15

For the winter semester (October to February): July 15