WELCOME TO THE CARL VON OSSIETZKY UNIVERSITY OF OLDENBURG

2.1 CARL VON OSSIETZKY UNIVERSITY OF OLDENBURG: OPEN TO NEW APPROACHES

Promoting talent, inspiring ideas, and openness towards others – these are the University of Oldenburg’s guiding principles. Founded in 1973, it is one of Germany’s newer universities and takes its name from the pacifist and Nobel Peace Prize recipient Carl von Ossietzky (1889-1938), a well-known and prolific journalist during the Weimar Republic.

The University of Oldenburg considers itself a campus university – something that not every German university can claim to be. This ensures close, open interaction between students and professors and seminars with an optimal number of students.

There are more than 98 degree programmes at the University of Oldenburg, including teacher training, social sciences, IT, business and economics, law, linguistics, cultural studies, human sciences, mathematics, and the natural sciences. The University currently has 14,600 students, 220 professors and 2,200 staff members.

A major task for the coming years will be to continue establishing, developing, and achieving top-level scientific performance, as well as outstanding teaching and academic results. The foundations for doing this have already been laid through high-profile, internationally visible interdisciplinary research, competitive PhD programmes and the complete conversion of the University to a Bachelor’s/Master’s track of study.

The University of Oldenburg is an institution that provides the northwest region of Germany with economic and cultural impulses. Naturally, the University is also networked at both the national and international levels and beyond academia through its co-operations and achievements in the fields of research, education, culture, and business and industry. And with 200 partner universities around the world, its activities are undisputably on a global scale.

FURTHER INFORMATION
www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/international/
www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/iro/internationalisation-strategy/
The University of Oldenburg is a research hub with an excellent national and international reputation. Interdisciplinarity and social responsibility are key hallmarks of the “research made in Oldenburg”, fostering scientific excellence and high quality standards. All academic fields at the University have developed and apply concise criteria for research excellence, in compliance with international standards and organised to ensure quality, effectiveness, efficiency and originality. Interdisciplinary research facilities enable intense scientific networking at the University, within the academic realm and beyond it. The University’s comprehensive concept for research-oriented teaching and learning systematically introduces students in Oldenburg to cutting-edge research at an early stage in their academic career.

Top-level research is conducted at all of the University’s six faculties. Eleven major research areas currently share an outstanding reputation and form part of the ongoing institutional Development Planning process. These research focus areas are defined as:
1. Biodiversity and Marine Sciences
2. Cooperative Critical Systems
3. Diversity and Participation
4. Education and Social Participation
5. Future Energies
6. Health Care Systems and Patient-Centredness
7. Hearing Research
8. Professionalisation Processes in Teacher Education
9. Sensory Neuroscience
10. Social Transformation and Subjectivation
11. Sustainability

The University of Oldenburg has been extraordinarily successful in securing third-party funding to further its
research achievements in the academic fields listed above. Oldenburg is home to

• a Cluster of Excellence on “Hearing4all”
• three long-term Collaborative Research Centres entitled “Automatic Verification and Analysis of Complex Systems”, “The Active Auditory System” and “Roseobacter”
• two coordinated Research Units, “Individualized Hearing Acoustics” and “Horizontal Europeanization”

All these research groups are funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). Research at the University also benefits from our excellent research infrastructure, which includes two subject-specific research centres and thirteen scientific centres.

http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/academic-research/

The University has successfully institutionalised its cooperation with supra-regional research institutions by establishing five joint professorships, one each with the Helmholtz Alfred-Wegener-Institute, the Senckenberg Society, the Max-Planck-Institute, the Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Ecology and the German Aerospace Centre. Furthermore, three Fraunhofer Working Groups are pursuing applied research on a) manufacturing technology and advanced materials, b) hearing, speech and audio system technology, and c) wind energy and energy system technology in Oldenburg. A Max-Planck Junior Research Group is also based at the University and focuses its research on marine biogeochemistry, inorganic biochemistry, and the corresponding methods of analysis.

http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/academicinstitutions/
The Graduate Academy, which celebrates its fifth anniversary in 2016, is the central support unit for doctoral candidates, postdocs, and junior professors of all disciplines at the Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg. A general qualification programme which is open to all early career academics offers transferable skills courses in four core areas:

- Professional and Career Development
- Management and Leadership
- Communication and Presentation
- English for Academic Purposes.

This qualification programme encourages researchers to develop skills and gather experiences that enhance their career prospects inside and outside academia. Furthermore, two exclusive six-month programmes for (1) postdocs at the start of their career and (2) for established postdoctoral researchers, aim to support members of the University at these stages of their careers by offering the aforementioned workshops and coaching sessions.

The Graduate Academy cooperates closely with the University’s faculties and its two graduate schools: the 3GO Graduate School for Social Sciences and Humanities and the OLTECH Graduate School for Science and Technology. These graduate schools provide room for collaboration, exchange and joint activities among researchers from different disciplines, and offer subject-related training courses close to field requirements. The Graduate Academy also devises and ensures quality standards in academic training and supports the development of university-wide guidelines for doctorate studies.

http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/graduate-academy

The HWK is a non-profit foundation jointly run by the state of Lower Saxony and the cities of Bremen and Delmenhorst. Founded in 1995, the HWK supports outstanding scientists in their research interests and facilitates an intense interdisciplinary dialogue between its fellows and neighbouring universities and research institutions in the region. Its primary goal is to strengthen the Northwest of Germany as a renowned location for science and research. The HWK concentrates on four broad areas of research: energy research, marine and climate research, neurosciences and cognitive sciences, and social sciences.

http://www.h-w-k.de/en/

Oldenburg’s position as a major research location has been consolidated by the successful establishment of several institutes affiliated to the University, including the OFFIS Institute of Information Technology, the Hörzentrum Oldenburg, NEXT ENERGY – EWE Forschungszentrum für Energietechnologie, the Institute for Economic Education and the Federal Institute for Culture and History of the Germans in Eastern Europe (BKGE). In addition, the Karl-Jaspers-Haus offers academics ideal conditions for conducting research on Karl Jaspers, an important historical figure. It also provides the framework for a long-term project aimed at publishing an edition of Jaspers’ works funded by the Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities and other institutions.

http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/forschung/transfer/an-institute/
2.3 THE UNIVERSITY AT A GLANCE: FACTS AND FIGURES

- opened in 1973
- approximately 14,600 students
- of whom about 1,100 are international students
- from around 100 countries
- a network of 200 partner universities worldwide
- almost 2,200 staff members including
  - more than 200 professors
  - more than 200 visiting scientists every year

AWARDS RECEIVED
- Family-friendly University
- EXIST-Initiative of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy to support the culture of entrepreneurship
- ERASMUS-Mundus University
- HRK-Audit: Internationalisation of Universities

FACULTIES

Faculty I
Educational and Social Sciences

Faculty II
Computing Science, Business Administration, Economics, and Law

Faculty III
Linguistics and Cultural Studies

Faculty IV
Humanities and Social Sciences

Faculty V
Mathematics and Science

Faculty VI
Medicine and Health Sciences

RESEARCH FOCUS AREAS

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PhD PROGRAMMES

- The active auditory system
- CRC Roseobacter
- Self-Making: Practices of Subjectivation in Historical and Interdisciplinary Perspective
- Models of Gravity
- SCARE - System Correctness under Adverse Conditions
- Molecular basis of sensory biology
- Lernprozesse im Übergangsraum (LÜP) [German]
- Signals & Cognition
- System integration of renewable energy
- Kulturen der Partizipation [German]
- Interdisciplinary approach to functional biodiversity research (IBR)
- Nano Energy Research
- Safe Automation of Maritime Systems (SAMS)
- Identitätskonstruktionen junger Erwachsener in einer postsozialistischen Transformationsgesellschaft: der Fall Belarus [German]
- Queer Studies und Intermedialität: Kunst - Musik – Medienkultur [German]
- OLCRYPT
- Dimensionen der Sorge [German]