

Study in Oldenburg

The university town in Germany's Northwest





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Welcome to the University of Oldenburg!

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We appreciate your interest in studying with us. In this brochure, we would like to introduce our university and give you some support and tips on living and studying in Oldenburg.

The International Student Office (ISO) is your contact point from the beginning on and is there to support you in every phase of your studies. We would love to have you!

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The University of Oldenburg

Promoting talent, inspiring ideas, and aspiring to tolerance – these are major themes at the University of Oldenburg. The university was established in 1973, and is among the youngest universities in Germany. The university is named after the Nobel Prize winner Carl von Ossietzky (1889 – 1938), who was among the most distinguished journalists of the Weimar Republic.

With around 200 professors and over 12,000 students, the University of Oldenburg is a dynamic and ever-developing institution. Over 90 courses of study offer a broad spectrum of educational options, including such areas as the social sciences, economics and business, education, cultural studies and languages, information science, mathematics, the natural sciences, and medicine. As a relatively young institution, the University of Oldenburg is strongly committed to future-oriented research, as well as with promoting interdisciplinary studies and internationalism. Accordingly, the university has around 1,000 international students and cultivates roughly 200 partnerships with universities worldwide. The naming of the university after Carl von Ossietzky emphasises the institution's commitment to the idea that science has a responsibility to society, and should thus take an active role in public discourse.

The students are the heart of the university, and they are involved in carrying out science and research from the very beginning. The university sees itself as a »campus university«

where there is a great degree of close interaction between students and professors, and seminars have the optimal size for this.

It is easy to get to know other students and find your way at the University of Oldenburg. The university itself is divided between two campuses. The natural sciences and medicine are located at the »Wechloy campus« and all other fields can be found at the main »Haarentor campus«. The two locations are about a kilometre apart and can easily be reached with a bicycle, on the bus, or on foot. The city centre is also only about two kilometres away.

The university as a whole is divided into six faculties:

- 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
European Medical School

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Living and studying at the university

Studying is more than just learning. The university also serves as an every-day living space, offering libraries, cafes, and canteens, as well as other amenities and cultural events such as athletic facilities, theatre, and concerts. Would you like to play in the orchestra, show films, participate in the theatre, or play inline hockey?

Library

The university library is located at the centre of the Haarentor campus, and houses over a million books and over 6,000 newspapers and magazines. You can access or borrow all of it free of charge. Furthermore, the library has numerous individual and group workspaces, as well as copiers, scanners, internet access, and a collection of current international newspapers. There is also free wireless internet access in the library and other places on campus.

Athletics

Sport enthusiasts are in their element at the University of Oldenburg. All students can use the university athletic facilities, and there are numerous courses in the most diverse of sports on offer. There is a swimming pool with a sauna, a modern fitness and health centre, a strength training room, sports halls, and beach volleyball and tennis courts. Many activities are free of charge.

International Student Life

The International Student Office (ISO) not only offers advising during the semester, but also maintains an interesting and varied calendar of events with weekend excursions, trips, and visits to cinemas, theatres, and museums. The current calendar of events can be found on the ISO website.

Eating and Drinking

The »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.

Culture

The film programme Gegenlicht at the Unikino (uni cinema) showcases rarities from far outside mainstream cinema, and the student theatre UNIKUM features cabaret, theatre, music, and readings. Students who are interested in film and theatre have the opportunity to become actively involved in these things on campus.

Semester ticket

The semester ticket is valid for unlimited free travel on local and regional public transport networks. You can also discover Oldenburg and the surrounding region at the weekend and during holiday periods for free. Seeing as public transport in Germany is quite expensive, this ticket will save you a considerable amount of money.

Learning management platform

On the learning management platform »Stud.IP«, you can check your email, register for modules and exams, and view your grades. On the »Schwarzes Brett« bulletin board, you can browse offers for things like rooms and flats for rent, used furniture, and bicycles.





Oldenburg – a cosy university town in Germany's Northwest

Student city, bicycle city, city of the future, the capital of curly kale – Oldenburg has many names. The little big-city has around 160,000 inhabitants and is situated in Northern Germany between the North Sea, Hamburg, and the Dutch border. The North Sea strongly influences the climate, and it is neither too hot in summer nor too cold in winter.

With its quarter of a million or so bicycles (1.5 per resident), Oldenburg is a true bicycle city. Roughly 160 km of city bicycle lanes ensure that virtually everything is quickly and easily accessible by bicycle: the large pedestrian zone in the city centre, government offices and public institutions, cultural amenities and meeting points such as the Staatstheater, the Kulturetage, Oldenburg Castle, museums, cinemas, or the many bars and clubs, not to mention the University of Oldenburg itself. Those who prefer not to cycle can comfortably get around town by bus.

Oldenburg is not only ideal for cycling, but its parks and gardens make it a paradise for walkers and runners. There are opportunities for recreational walking and jogging almost everywhere. The Oldenburg Marathon takes place every October, and between May and September, there are monthly bike and inline skating nights.

For those who prefer spectator sports, a home basketball game with the EWE Baskets or the VfL Oldenburg's first Women's Handball Team would be perfect. Both teams offer first class professional sports in the highest

German league. A visit is well worthwhile!

Oldenburg is a green city with many parks and woods in the midst of a rural setting surrounded by villages, small lakes, and bogs. In summer, you will see locals swimming and grilling at the many small lakes in the area, as well as enjoying picnics in the ever-popular Schlossgarten. A special highlight of the warm season is the Oldenburg Kultursommer, a festival of culture that takes place every year in July/August. In the winter, the Oldenburg 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 around Oldenburg. With the semester ticket, students can travel free of cost to the North Sea coast, the Hanseatic Cities of Bremen and Hamburg, and to the Dutch border. Groningen, Oldenburg's Dutch partner city, is just an hour and a half away, and can be reached cheaply and easily on one of the buses that run several times daily.

All of this makes Oldenburg a comfortable place to live, and perfect for your stay abroad!



Studying in Oldenburg – Application

Application for international students

So you would like to apply for a place at the University of Oldenburg? We would be very happy to have you.

If your prior education took place at institutions outside of Germany, you should apply online through our partner organisation uni-assist e.V. (www.uni-assist.de). For some specific courses of study, you can apply directly to the University of Oldenburg; to determine whether this applies, please see the overview in the middle of this brochure. There is a fee for application. You will be informed about the status of your application either by uni-assist or – in case you have been accepted – by the University of Oldenburg.

Application deadlines *

Please note that there are different deadlines for different courses of study. Most bachelor's programmes begin in October, and many master's programmes take students in the summer semester as well (April). You can find the deadlines online through the list of degree programmes on the student portal (www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/students/).

We strongly recommend that you apply at least 3 months in advance of the deadline, as the application and visa application (if applicable) may take some time to process.

Applicants who require a German language course before beginning their regular studies should expect this to take one to two semesters.

Entrance examinations *

Please be aware that in some subjects, you will have to take an aptitude/skills test parallel to your application/enrolment. Different deadlines apply in this case (registration takes place with each programme):

- Art and Media: 1 June
- Material Culture: Textiles: 15 July
- Music: 2 May
- Sport Science: 2 May

Entry requirements *

Information on special entry requirements can be found in the descriptions on the individual courses of study on the University of Oldenburg website.

In order to begin a master's programme at the University of Oldenburg, you require the following:

- a bachelor's degree or comparable qualification: you need to have completed a previous degree, generally a bachelor's degree, in order to begin a master's degree programme.
- evidence of competence in the subject area and personal suitability: in the case of most master's programmes, competence in the subject can be established by demonstrating a solid, relevant knowledge of the subject area.

The specific competencies required for each programme (and how these can be demonstrated) can be found in the admissions regulations for master's degree programmes.

Personal suitability (motivation and personal commitment) is demonstrated in different ways, depending on the subject; this may include a statement of the student's personal and vocational background, a letter of motivation, a recommendation by a professor, or an interview. For further information, please contact the relevant subject-specific student advisory service.

Please note that you should also apply for master's programmes through uni-assist. The admissions committee of the relevant subject area will make the decision regarding your application. Information, admissions regulations, and subject-specific advisory services can be found online at: www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/students/single-subject-master/

Application documents

- Completed and signed application for admission: the form »Application for Admission« can be downloaded from our website.
- Secondary school certificate/diploma
- University degree certificate/diploma and transcripts
- Documentation of German language skills
- Translation of all certificates and documents into German or English

Additional required documents

- Entrance examination certificate (if applicable)
- Original APS Certificate (China/Mongolia/Vietnam)
- Assessment test results (»Feststellungsprüfung«, if applicable)
- If necessary, evidence of personal suitability (for master's programmes, see entrance requirements)

When applying through uni-assist, please upload original documents to the uni-assist portal. You do not need to send any paper documents to the university! (However, uni-assist does accept notarised paper copies.) Exceptions: Iran (verified by the embassy) and China, Vietnam, and Mongolia (Original APS).

Application address:
University of Oldenburg/ Carl von Ossietzky Universitaet
c/o uni-assist e.V.
Geneststr. 5
D-10829 Berlin

You have to provide all original documents and translations at the time of enrolment.

Recognition of credits

Required examinations that have already been completed in your home country do not need to be repeated here. Upon request, the Examinations Office (Prüfungsamt) can evaluate academic achievements from your home country.



How much money will you have to pay for your application?

You will have to pay a processing fee of 75 Euro for the first educational institution you apply to, and 15 Euro for each additional institution. This fee is for the processing of your current application(s). Important: your application will not be processed by uni-assist until the fee is paid.

Where should you send the fee payment?

Please direct your payment directly to uni-assist's account via bank transfer:

Banking Institution (Geldinstitut):
Berliner Bank, Niederlassung der Deutschen Bank
IBAN: DE10100708480523749001
BIC/SWIFT-Code: DEUTDEDB110

Under Note to Payee (Verwendungszweck), please enter: your home country, date of birth (dd.mm.yyyy), family name, first name, semester in which you intend to begin, application number with uni-assist (if available)

Language requirements

Proof of German language skills*

Very good German language skills are required for admission to a course of study:

- Deutsches Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz Stufe II (German Language Certificate of the Education Ministers' Conference Level II)
- TestDaF (with level 4 in all four areas)
- DSH 2
- Kleines or Großes Deutsches Sprachdiplom
- Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung from Goethe Institute
- The higher education entrance exam (Feststellungsprüfung) given at the Studienkolleg fulfils the language requirement.

Preparatory German language courses

The University of Oldenburg does not offer elementary level German language courses. For this reason, only applicants with intermediate German skills (level B1) can be admitted to the preparatory German language courses. A further requirement for participation is the placement test.

The minimum requirement (level B1) for admission to the preparatory German language courses corresponds to:

- Goethe-Zertifikat B1,
- Zertifikat Deutsch/ TELC B1,
- TestDaF level 3333 or,
- evidence of 800 hours of German language instruction

For more specific information, please contact: deutschkurse@uni-oldenburg.de or visit www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/school3/language-centre/german-language-courses/

- * Please be aware that deadlines and entry requirements are subject to change. For up to date information, please check the University of Oldenburg websites.



Also see the TestDaF website www.testdaf.de and the website of Deutsch-Uni Online (DUO) www.deutsch-uni.com

Special admission requirements: Proof of English language skills

As evidence of English skills, we accept:

- IELTS Test, band 6.5 (academic version)
- TOEFL Test 560 (paper based) / 240 (computer based) / 95 (iBT)
- CPE Test Grade C
- CAE Test Grade B
- TOEFL (ITP) = 587 points (only practical at the Language Centre at the University of Oldenburg)

Test results or secondary school leaving certificate/diploma may not be more than two years old at the time of admission. English skills required for economics and business related subjects:

- 3 years of English before leaving secondary school
- TOEFL (internet based: 57 points, computer based: 163 points, paper based: 487 points)
- IELTS (4 points)
- Level B1

Studying in Oldenburg – Preparations

As soon as you receive your acceptance letter, you should take care of the following things:

Visa

If you are not a citizen of an EU or EEA country, then you require a student visa to enter Germany and begin your studies (not a tourist visa!); you will have to apply for a residence permit before you enter Germany. Citizens of countries with which Germany has a bilateral agreement for visa-free travel are exempt from this visa requirement (see www.auswaertiges-amt.de). The German mission in your home country will issue your student visa. The processing of applications can take up to 3 months.

For your application for a student visa, you will need your acceptance letter from the University of Oldenburg, your passport, and proof of financial resources. Please remember to bring a copy of your proof of financial resources to Germany with you.

Health insurance

You need to have health insurance in order to obtain your visa. Travel insurance covering the period from your departure date until the beginning of the semester usually suffices. From the beginning of the semester on, you will need a regular health insurance policy. By the time you begin your studies, you will need to decide for either a public health insurance policy or a private one; switching during your studies is not possible. A private insurance policy must provide coverage equivalent to a public health insurance policy. Prices range from roughly 80 to 150 Euro per month.

Accommodation

Living in a student residence

The Studentenwerk Oldenburg (SWO) operates ten student residences, encompassing several different residence types, standards, and price levels. An overview of the student residences can be found here: www.studentenwerk-oldenburg.de/en/internationale-studierende.html

International students should start looking for accommodation in Oldenburg well in advance (6 months before arrival) from their home countries, as the average waiting time is about 4 months. The cost of living in a student residence ranged from roughly 180 to about 375 Euro a month.

Private accommodation

In addition to rooms in student residences, the SWO also offers a service to help international students locate rooms on the private market: www.studentenwerk-oldenburg.de/en/internationale-studierende/private-accommodation-service.html privatzimmer-vermittlung@sw-ol.de

If you still do not have a room at the time of your arrival, your first option would probably be the youth hostel: <http://oldenburggoldb.jugendherberge.de/en/Portrait>

Living expenses & Financing

The University of Oldenburg itself does not require any kind of proof of finances. However, applicants from outside of the EU will need this for their visa and resident permit in Germany. These students will require either an official statement of financial support/sponsorship (Verpflichtungserklärung) or evidence that they have roughly 8,000 Euro in » Sperrkonto« (a restricted bank account, from which only a limited amount may be withdrawn monthly). In 2013, the average monthly cost of living in Oldenburg was 670 Euro.

Students in full time study may work 120 days or 240 half days per year. Students enrolled in a German language course may only work during semester holidays.

Tuition fees and scholarships

The University of Oldenburg is a state financed institution, and most courses of study do not require tuition fees. However, all students do have to pay semester fees, among other things for the semester ticket. For 2014, these come to 315 Euro per semester.

Information on scholarships can be found online in the DAAD scholarship database (www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/en/) or at the BMBF (www.stipendienlotse.de).



Support

International Student Office

The International Student Office (ISO) team will help you with all questions dealing with studying and living in Oldenburg. iso@uni-oldenburg.de

Tutors

The ISO tutors support all international students with practical, every-day, and organisational issues concerning their studies in Oldenburg, and to help them take care of formalities. Up to date contact information can be found on the ISO website: www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/iso/studieren/service/tutoren/

Facebook

International students can join our Facebook group: »International Students in Oldenburg«

International orientation week

In the week prior to the beginning of lectures, the ISO organises its own orientation week for international students. This serves to help international students become acquainted with the university, their course of studies, the city of Oldenburg, and other students. For an up to date event schedule for International Orientation Week, please see: www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/iso/news/



Checklist First few steps in Oldenburg

Registration with the city of Oldenburg

You will have to register with the City of Oldenburg within a week after your arrival. You will need your passport and visa (if applicable). NOTICE: Please keep your registration form!

Bank account

In order to open a bank account at a bank in Oldenburg, you will need your passport/ID and your residential registration form from the City of Oldenburg. Accounts are usually free for students up to 27 years of age.

Health insurance

Health insurance is mandatory in Germany, and students cannot be enrolled without valid health insurance.

Enrolment

As soon as you arrive in Oldenburg, you can visit the International Student Office during office hours to enrol. The requirements for enrolment are included in your admission letter.

A few days after enrolment, you will receive your semester documents (Leporello) by post. These documents include your semester ticket, email/Stud.IP user name and password, student ID, and enrolment certificate.

Residence permit

Students from non-EU/EEA countries require a residence permit for their stay in Germany. Students must apply for their residence permit at the Foreigners' Office of the City of Oldenburg at least two months before their visas expire. The International Student Office offers support for students as they take care of formalities with the Foreigners' Office.

You will require the following documents for your residence permit:

- Copy of your passport (photo page)
- Copy of your current health insurance policy
- Copy of your proof of financial resources (8,000 Euro)
- Enrolment certificate
- Passport photo

Newsletter

To be sure that you do not miss anything during your studies here, you should sign up for the ISO email newsletter with information on scholarships, deadlines, events, etc.: www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/iso/news/newsletter/

Studienangebot in Oldenburg – Degree courses offered in Oldenburg

FACH-BACHELOR – Single Subject Bachelor

BWL mit juristischem Schwerpunkt

Business Administration and Law

Biologie Biology

Chemie Chemistry

Comparative and European Law

Engineering Physics 📌

Informatik Information Science

Interkulturelle Bildung und Beratung (nicht zum WiSe 2014)

Intercultural Education and Counselling (not offered in winter 2014)

Mathematik Mathematics

Pädagogik Education

Physik Physics

Sozialwissenschaften Social Sciences

Umweltwissenschaften Environmental Sciences

Wirtschaftsinformatik Business IT

Wirtschaftswissenschaften Business Administration

ZWEI-FÄCHER-BACHELOR – Dual Subject Bachelor

Anglistik English Studies

Biologie Biology

Chemie Chemistry

Elementarmathematik Elementary Mathematics

Ev. Theologie und Religionspädagogik

Lutheran Theology and Religious Education

Französisch/Frankoromanistik (HB) French Studies

Gender Studies

Geographie (HB) Geography

Germanistik German Studies

Geschichte History

Informatik Information Science

Interdisziplinäre Sachbildung Interdisciplinary Education

Kunst und Medien Art and Media

Materielle Kultur: Textil Material Culture: Textiles

Mathematik Mathematics

Musik Music

Niederlandistik Dutch Studies

Ökonomische Bildung Economics Education

Pädagogik Education

MASTER PROGRAMMES

Biologie Biology

Chemie Chemistry

Deutsch als Fremdsprache German as a Foreign Language

Eingebettete Systeme und Mikrorobotik

Embedded Systems and Microrobotics

Engineering Physics

English Studies

Erziehungs- und Bildungswissenschaften Educational Science

Europäische Geschichte European History

European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations 📌

EUREC – European Master Renewable Energy 📌

Germanistik German Studies

Hörtechnik und Audiologie Hearing Technology and Audiology

Informatik Information Science

Integrated Media: Audiovisuelle Medien in Praxis, Theorie & Vermittlung Integrated Media – Audiovisual Media in Practice,

Theory & Instrumentality

Kulturanalysen Cultural Analysis

Kunst- und Medienwissenschaft Art and Media Studies

Landschaftsökologie Landscape Ecology

Management Consulting

Marine Sensorik Marine Sensor Technology

Marine Umweltwissenschaften Marine Environmental Sciences

Mathematik Mathematics

Microbiology

Museum und Ausstellung Museum and Exhibition

Musikwissenschaften Music Science

Neurocognitive Psychology

Niederlandistik Dutch Studies

Ökumene und Religionen Ecumenism and Religion

Philosophie Philosophy

Physik Physics

Postgraduate Programme Renewable Energy

Slavische Studien Slavic Studies

Sozialwissenschaften Social Sciences

Sport und Lebensstil Sports and Lifestyle

Sprachdynamik: Erwerb, Variation, Wandel

Dynamics of Language: Acquisition, Variation, Change

Sustainability Economics and Management

ENGLISH-TAUGHT DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Engineering Physics BSc 📌

(Please note that modules are being taught increasingly in German starting after the third semester)

European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relation MA 📌

EUREC – European Master Renewable Energy

European Wind Energy Master MSc 📌

Microbiology MSc

Neurocognitive Psychology MSc

Postgraduate Programme Renewable Energy MSc 📌

Water and Coastal Management MSc

Neurosensory Science and Systems PhD

Environmental Sciences and Biodiversity PhD

Renewable Energy PhD

Interface Science PhD

PROMOTION/ PhD PROGRAMMES

Environmental Sciences

Interface Science

Kulturwissenschaftliche Geschlechterstudien

Cultural and Gender Studies

Neurosensory Science and Systems

Berufsbegleitende und weiterbildende Studiengänge – *Extra-occupation and Continuing Education Programmes*

BWL für LeistungssportlerInnen (BA) Business Admin. for Top Athletes

Business Administration in mittelständischen Unternehmen (BA)

Business Administration for Small and Mid-Sized Enterprises

Bildungs- und Wissenschaftsmanagement (MA)

Educational and Scientific Management

Informationsrecht (MA) Law and Information Systems

Innovationsmanagement (MA) Innovation Management

Risikomanagement für Finanzdienstleister (MA)

Risk Management for banks and insurance companies

Philosophie / Werte u. Normen Philosophy
Physik Physics
Politik-Wirtschaft Politics-Economy
Slavistik Slavic Studies
Sonderpädagogik Special Needs Education
Sozialwissenschaften Social Studies
Spanisch/Hispanistik (HB) Spanish Studies
Sportwissenschaft Sports Sciences
Technik Technology
Wirtschaftswissenschaften Business Administration

Transnational Law
Umweltmodellierung Environmental Modelling
Water and Coastal Management
Wirtschaftsinformatik Business IT
Wirtschafts- und Rechtswissenschaften
 Business Administration, Economics and Law

LEGENDE/ LEGEND

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 Bewerbung direkt bei der Universität Oldenburg
Application directly to the University of Oldenburg
- (HB)** Kooperationsstudiengang mit der Universität Bremen
Cooperation with University of Bremen

Näheres zu allen angebotenen Abschlüssen und Studiengängen erfahren Sie auch im Internet unter www.uni-oldenburg.de/studium/studienangebot

Further information on degrees and subjects can be found at www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/students/degree-programmes/

STAATSEXAMEN – State Examination

Humanmedizin Human Medicine
 (www.uni-oldenburg.de/medizin/)

MASTER OF EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

Master of Education (Grundschule)
Master of Education (Haupt- und Realschule)
Master of Education (Gymnasium)
Master of Education (Sonderpädagogik)
Master of Education (Wirtschaftspädagogik)

Das akademische Jahr

Wintersemester

1. Oktober – 31. März

Orientierungswoche für Internationale Studierende:
Anfang Oktober

Vorlesungszeit: Mitte Oktober – Mitte Februar

Sommersemester

1. April – 30. September

Orientierungswoche für Internationale Studierende:
Anfang April

Vorlesungszeit: Mitte April – Mitte Juli

Academic Calendar

Winter semester

October 1st– March 31st

Orientation week for international students:
beginning of October

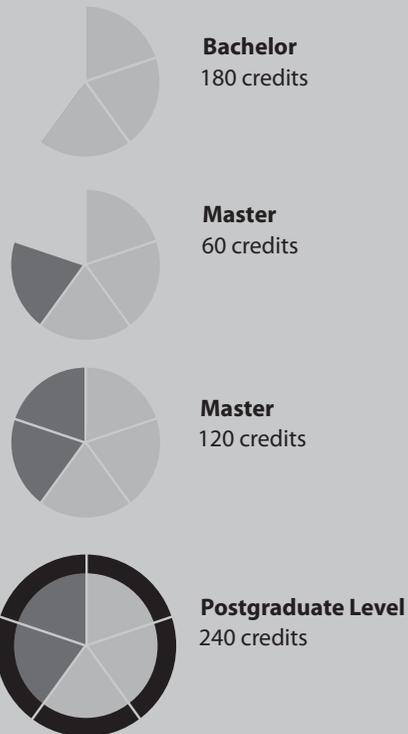
Lectures: Mid October – Mid February

Summer semester

April 1st – September 30th

Orientation week for international students:
beginning of April

Lectures: Mid April – Mid July



Ein Bachelorstudium umfasst 180 Kreditpunkte (KP), ein Masterstudium umfasst 120 KP. Die KP geben den durchschnittlich erforderlichen Arbeitsaufwand an (Veranstaltungen sowie Vor- und Nachbereitung). Ein Kreditpunkt entspricht 30 Arbeitsstunden.

A Bachelor's degree consists of 180 credit points (KP), a Master's Degree consists of 120 KP. KP indicate an average workload including courses, preparations and homework. One KP corresponds to approximately 30 working hours.