A two-year, research-based international graduate program offering systematic coverage of the major fields in psychology as well as in-depth training in cognitive neuroscience.

As a graduate student, you will be able to choose from a variety of applied and/or research modules, spanning cutting-edge topics such as:

- multisensory integration
- brain oscillations and behaviour
- cortical plasticity
- computational neuroscience
- brain-machine interfaces
- pharmaco-neuroimaging

Modern tools and labs allow you to gain hands-on experience in magnetic resonance imaging, magnetoencephalography, high-density electroencephalography, eye-tracking, transcranial magnetic and electric stimulation, and psychophysics.

The Department of Psychology in Oldenburg is among the best-equipped in the country and characterised by its unique decision to dedicate its resources to this Master's course. Clinical experience is provided in several of our applied modules in collaboration with local hospitals and rehab centres.

Does it matter if I don’t speak German?

The Masters course is taught in English and, if you wish to either start learning or improve your German, the university offers free language courses. These range from beginner level to academic writing classes for more advanced speakers.

“I really enjoyed this course. Not only did I learn a lot and gain a perspective on different topics but I also got to know great people.”
- Shabnam, Iran

What can I do with the degree?

Depending on the chosen modules, the programme either prepares you for a career in research or for employment in applied settings (such as hospitals or industry). Several of our research based modules prepare students in depth for entering a PhD programme in the area of cognitive neuroscience. Our applied modules additionally guarantee basic training in the areas of clinical neuropsychology and human computer interaction.

“Oldenburg University’s Neuropsychology program not only gives me the opportunity to investigate the latest scientific research in neuroscience, but it also allows me to explore the German countryside and culture around me. I am able to learn the German language (or at least give it my best shot), while making friends from all around the world!”
- Taylor, USA
Further information is available on the Neurocognitive Psychology website:
http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/psychologie/studium-lehre/master/

International Students and Travel

International students are welcome in Oldenburg and are supported by the International Student Office (ISO). The ISO runs an orientation week at the beginning of each semester, in addition to numerous social events throughout the year. They provide advice on getting settled in Oldenburg and cultural aspects of living in Germany, as well as study facilities, support services and societies.

Travel opportunities are varied- Oldenburg is situated in the northwest, approximately one hour from the Netherlands by car. Using their “Semesterticket”, students can travel free of charge locally and to nearby cities such as Bremen, Hannover and Hamburg (all of which are home to international airports).

“The program in Oldenburg is a great combination of clinical neuropsychology and academic research. The students get the possibility to get their hands on the innovative methods used in human neurocognitive research and as the teams are small and supportive, there is always someone around to help you out if there’s a need for it. I had no idea there are so many cool ways to explore the human mind before I started to study in Oldenburg!”
– Liisa, Estonia

“I could not be happier with my time spent in Oldenburg – this is a challenging, varied course and staff have always been on hand every step of the way. I was also thrilled to find such an active international student community, great nightlife and beautiful surroundings.”
– Emma, UK

Course Fees and Term Dates

There are no tuition fees at German universities; students only pay a contribution of approximately €300 per term, which covers extras such as the "Semesterticket" for public transport.

Unlike institutes in many other countries, German universities run on a winter/summer schedule. The course runs from the start of the winter semester, on October 1st.

How to Apply

Applicants are eligible if they have completed a Bachelor’s degree in the fields of psychology, cognitive science or a related field. Applicants whose mother tongue is not English must produce a proof of English proficiency.

The degree of eligibility depends upon the grade average of qualified Bachelor’s degree and additional qualifications. Further details on admission can be found in the “Admission Regulations” on our webpage.

The application period runs from 1st June-15th July. Students who have completed a Bachelors degree outside of Germany should apply through www.uni-assist.de (and are advised to submit their documents early, by 15th April)