



Faculty of Business Management and Social Sciences (BMSS) International Faculty Office (IFO)

Block week



Once every semester, regular lectures are suspended during one week at the Faculty of Business Management and Social Sciences (BMSS). Teachers of our faculty as well as international visiting lecturers hold a special type of class instead which is called block week. Here the key data at a glance:

- **Type of events:** Seminars, projects, simulation games at the faculty or study trips in Germany, Europe or overseas
- **Topics:** Wide range of topics with a particularly practical orientation, often suitable for any discipline, some are subject-specific. You can choose between an international or national event, depending on your personal interest and language skills.
- **Aims:** Students are better able to assess the possibility of transferring theoretical knowledge to practical circumstances. They train their ability to analyze and work on situations with a highly practical relevance. They improve their interdisciplinary knowledge, practice working in groups and utilize presentation techniques.
- **Dates:** Winter semester: end of October, summer semester: beginning of May
- **Duration:** Monday to Friday, ca. 9.00 a. m. to 3.30 p. m., 0.5 hour break, 1 hour lunch time. Some events, like the study trips, can have other time slots or are offered outside the block week periods.
- **Costs:** The events held at our faculty are mostly free of charge. For the study trips, travelling expenses, accommodation costs, entrance fees, etc. can arise.
- **Group size:** 10 to 30 persons
- **Languages of instructions:** Mostly German and English
- **Compulsory attendance:** To pass the block week, a continuous, regular attendance is required. If you cannot avoid your absence, please immediately contact the teacher.
- **Examination, depending on the respective lecturer:** Presentations, practice/project reports, group work or the like – no final exam.
- **Assessment:** Pass/2.5 ECTS credits or fail/0 credits. Visiting students may attend one block week event per semester only.

The block week offer is not compulsory for visiting students. If you do not want to attend any of these events, you will have a free week without lectures. **Not all of the study trips are open to visiting students or have free places.** Best ask in advance if you may join an excursion. This and other questions can be answered by: blockwoche-wiso@hs-osnabrueck.de

Registration process and periods

Details on the registration process and periods can be gathered from the Intranet as soon as you have been enrolled and received the user ID and password:

[Information desk > Faculty WiSo > International > Incoming > Block week](#)

Academic writing seminars

Visiting students are expected to complete one of the following elective options:

- a semester module that deals with "Academic Writing/Wissenschaftlichem Arbeiten"
- the English Academic Writing Seminar, organized by the International Faculty Office (IFO) at the start of the semester, alternatively a similar German seminar at the BMSS faculty

These form the basis for the successful completion of all your classes.

Dates and venues of the **IFO seminar** will be communicated to you once available. **Prior registration by e-mail** is required: incoming-wiso@hs-osnabrueck.de



In contrast to the semester modules, you will not get any ECTS credits for the IFO seminar, but you will learn about the academic writing techniques as they are practiced at our faculty, such as:

- How to write an assignment, an essay or a report?
- How to prepare a presentation?
- What are the quotation rules?

Guidelines for academic writing and AI citation recommendations are also available on the Intranet: [Information desk > Faculty WiSo > Studies > Academic writing](#)

Further seminars of this kind or trainings and workshops are offered by the **Learning Center** of our university. If you are interested, please directly inquire there:

Internet: <https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/de/learningcenter/>

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