

Guidance for learning agreements for visiting students at the Faculty of Business Management and Social Sciences (BMSS)

Periods for composing the learning agreement



First learning agreement before the mobility (first selection of modules)

Winter semester: 1 to 15 June
Summer semester: 15 to 30 November

Final learning agreement during the mobility (confirmation or change of first choice)

Winter semester: 5 to 20 October
Summer semester: 15 to 30 March

Before composing the learning agreement

Please first check with your university

- which modules you must take at Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences (OS UAS)
- in which field you must do your internship
- how many credits you must attain during your stay abroad

How to fill in the learning agreement and next steps

One learning agreement per semester

For every semester at our university, a separate learning agreement has to be composed, i. e.:

- You shall enter only those modules in **our form** which you want to study in the upcoming semester. At the start of the lecture period, you can change your initial choice once more, if necessary, and finalize your learning agreement. You can still decide at a later date not to take the examination for any of your modules, if your university agrees, but on the other hand you may not sit for an examination of a subject if it is not part of your final agreement.
- You intend to spend a whole year in Osnabrück: Please do not list the modules of both semesters in **our template**. The **modules for the second term** need to be filled into a **new form** at the start of the second semester only, after we have asked you by e-mail to do so.

Own learning agreement of home university

Especially ERASMUS students shall exactly follow the instructions given by their university, i. e.:

- Your university has an **own form or online version**: Please only use that one **instead of the template of our university** – provided it is in English language. In the end, one agreement containing all signatures is enough – priority is given to the version of your university so that you can get the full course recognition.
- You will join us for two semesters and your university must have the **modules of both semesters in their form**: Enter the modules in line with the requirements of your university and e-mail this document to us so that we can check and approve it.

Learning agreement of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences

The IFO will e-mail you an Excel template before the mentioned periods. Since you must forward the agreement for approval to your university, we use a mere English version. Proceed as follows, please:

1. Enter your full name, your home university and the country.
2. Click in the fields under “Module title” and choose the modules from the drop-down lists. The modules are stated in alphabetical order within the categories “Language modules”, „English/German Bachelor/Master modules“ and “Internships”. Repeat the ECTS credits in the right column so that they can be summed up. Copy or delete rows if you need more or not all of them resp.
3. Please type modules, that are not included in the module lists but which you have found on the homepages of our degree programs (<https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/en/university/faculties/wiso/degree-programs/#c344946>), manually with all indications in the field „Other module“. Also state in which degree program you have found the module. We will check if you are eligible for these subjects, if they are supposed to be taught in the next semester and if they are open to visiting students. Copy or delete this row if you want to enter several or no modules of this category resp.
4. Save the Excel document and e-mail it first without signatures to your IFO coordinator. We will verify your selection as quickly as possible and inform you if any module has to be replaced.
5. If we can confirm the learning agreement, we will e-mail you a PDF file which you shall pass on for approval to your home university. Subsequently, return the document to us by e-mail – signed by you and your coordinator. We do not require an original document, a PDF will do.

Please note: Do not submit the agreement to the IFO and to your university at the same time – that doubles the work as then your choice has to be checked several times.

Further information and instructions

Workload, module requirements and descriptions

We recommend to study in one semester modules with **maximally 30 ECTS credits**, or 32.5 ECTS if you choose a block week event. We allow you to select another **4 subjects as reserve in the first learning agreement (i. e. 50 ECTS in total)**, in case you might face schedule conflicts at the start of the lecture period. As far as possible, your final agreement shall not show more than 32.5 ECTS though.

The total duration of one semester is 6 months, incl. the semester break, the lecture period lasts 14 to 15 weeks, the exam period 3 weeks. More details:

Workload: <https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/en/university/faculties/wiso/international/incoming/#c10189520>

Module requirements: <https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/en/wiso/international/incoming/#c209982>

Module descriptions: <https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/en/wiso/international/incoming/#c209983>

Internship

If you plan to do an internship (e. g. in business and management, occupational therapy, midwifery, nursing, social work), you may additionally attend classes at our faculty (e. g. language courses, courses of your study area or classes in Business and Management) – provided that your home university, the internship institution and schedule allow this and that the requirements for the single modules are met. In this case, please select the respective internship module from the drop-down list and enter the other modules in the learning agreement, too. Only the internships in this list will be assessed or certified by our university.

Students who will do a self-organized internship and who will not additionally study any module at our faculty, do not have to submit a learning agreement. This applies to internships which are not organized, assessed or certified by OS UAS. Just give us a quick note about it so that we do not wait in vain for your learning agreement.

Master modules

Before you choose any Master modules, the IFO must first check your eligibility! Otherwise, these modules will not be assessed and not included in your final certificate.

Admission criteria:

- Language skills of min. CEFR B2
- Previous studies of min. 4 semesters (2 years)
- Min. 180 ECTS or equivalent credit points or a first Bachelor degree in Business Management or Economic Sciences resp.

Placement tests and language certificates

For the **advanced language modules**, a **prior test is mandatory or an appropriate language certificate** must be submitted resp., unless you have proved your proficiency already upon your application. The IFO will send detailed instructions by e-mail when the registration for the placement tests begins. In the meantime, you can inform yourself here:

Handbook for international students – placement tests:

<https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/wiso-incoming-en>

Faculty webpage – relevant information for visiting students under “placement tests English/other languages, registration, results”:

<https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/en/wiso/degree-programs/freshmen/placement-tests/>

German courses offered by CIM (before start of lecture period)

The **Winter/Summer Language Schools German offered by the Center for International Mobility (CIM) shall NOT be added to your learning agreement** as they may not be approved by the IFO. But the course will automatically be listed in your final transcript, if possible.

After the CIM Language Schools, you may only continue with a semester course with the level which will be confirmed to you by the CIM. In case of any query, please directly address to your German teacher or to Beate Buczkowski: b.buczkowski@hs-osnabrueck.de, phone 0541/969-3229, room AB 0004

Summer Language School German: 5 ECTS

If you study a **German semester course at our faculty with the same level as in the CIM Summer School**, you will **not find the course a second time with 5 ECTS on your final transcript**. It is different if you study the next higher level course at the Center for International Students (CIS).

Examples:

Summer Language School German before start of lecture period (5 ECTS)	Afterwards German semester course at faculty (5 ECTS)	ECTS
German A1.1	German 1 (A1)	5 ECTS only once
German A1.1	German 2 (A2)	5 ECTS each = 10 ECTS
German B1.1 or B1.2	German 3 (B1)	5 ECTS only once
German B1.1 or B1.2	German 4 (B2)	5 ECTS each = 10 ECTS
Summer Language School German before start of lecture period (5 ECTS)	Afterwards German semester course at CIS (5 ECTS)	ECTS
German B1.1	German B1.1	5 ECTS only once
German B1.1	German B1.2	5 ECTS each = 10 ECTS

Winter Language School German: 2.5 ECTS

Due to the shorter duration, only 2.5 ECTS can be attained for the CIM Winter School. If you study afterwards at our faculty a semester course with the same level, we would advise you to take the final exam for it in any case. Thus you can increase your total number of credits for this level to 5 ECTS. Your final transcript will however list only the course with the higher ECTS credit points.

Examples:

Winter Language School German before start of lecture period (2.5 ECTS)	Afterwards German semester course at faculty (5 ECTS)	ECTS
German A1.1	German 1 (A1)	2.5 or 5 ECTS only once
German A1.1	German 2 (A2)	2.5 + 5 ECTS = 7.5 ECTS
German B1.1 or B1.2	German 3 (B1)	2.5 or 5 ECTS only once
German B1.1 or B1.2	German 4 (B2)	2.5 + 5 ECTS = 7.5 ECTS
Winter Language School German before start of lecture period (2.5 ECTS)	Afterwards German semester course at CIS (5 ECTS)	ECTS
German B1.1	German B1.1	2.5 or 5 ECTS only once
German B1.1	German B1.2	2.5 + 5 ECTS = 7.5 ECTS

German courses offered by CIS (during the semester)

During the study semester at our faculty, please give preference to our courses with the levels 1 to 5. Should you have **schedule conflicts or if any level course is not offered** by us, you may alternatively choose one of the **German semester courses of the Center for International Students (CIS)**.

The IFO can confirm these in your final learning agreement and they will be included in your final transcript. This applies to all courses from A1 to C2 for which 5 ECTS are granted. All other courses, e. g. grammar courses or language cafés, will not be approved in the learning agreements and transcripts. You may however take them out of personal interest as additional courses to improve your knowledge of German. You can clear further details with Beate Buczkowski (contact details: see above "German courses offered by CIM").

Modules failed in first semester

You can retake failed exams during the exam period of the following term. If the modules are taught, you can also repeat the classes again. If not, please only register for the exams. **However, please do not enter these subjects once again in your learning agreement for the following semester as they have already been part of your first agreement.** Select only new modules for the next term. Of course, you can get the ECTS credits for one subject only once, i. e. you may not repeat a passed module, not even to achieve a better result.

Further information on examinations:

<https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/en/wiso/international/incoming/#c209986>

Module registration on the Intranet/eCampus

Only submitting a learning agreement does not suffice. Before the start of the semester, you must sign up for your subjects on the Intranet of our university to get a place in the single lectures and to compose your individual timetable. The IFO will inform you in time about the procedure. The module registration cannot previously be done by the IFO as visiting students have very differing module compilations.

You bear the responsibility for selecting the correct modules in your learning agreement and on the Intranet, for meeting the module prerequisites and the language requirements as well as for keeping the registration deadlines.

No guarantee can be given that the modules may not be altered, cancelled or otherwise amended on short notice. Schedule conflicts cannot be avoided at any time, either, since visiting students may choose subjects from different degree programs and semesters. Therefore, please be flexible and open for alternative courses.

Some modules require a minimum or maximum number of students resp. For this reason, you must be flexible enough to switch to alternative modules at the beginning of the lecture period. Regular attendance of all classes is expected.

IFO contacts

In case of any query, please contact your IFO coordinator:

<https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/en/university/faculties/wiso/international/incoming/#c215864>