Studying at Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences during the Winter Term 2021/22
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Please also check the information on the Corona website of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences regularly. There, you will also find specific information for international students.

Semester Period Winter Term 2021/22
- International Summer Language School, Intensive German: September 1 – 28, 2021
  The course is planned to take place on-site. During the week of July 19-23 we will decide whether the actual Corona-situation allows for an on-site program or whether we have to cancel the course.
- Orientation days before the start of the lecture period are planned for September 30 and October 1, 2021.
- Start of lectures: October 4, 2021
- End of lectures: January 21, 2022
- Start of exam period: January 22, 2022
- End of exam period: February 19, 2022*
  *Note: Due to the pandemic it is possible that the end of the exam period for students of the Faculty of Business and Social Sciences will be extended until February 26, 2022.

Forms of Instruction during the Winter Term 2021/22
At this point, Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences is planning to resume to on-campus teaching with the start of the winter semester 2021/22. In case of increasing infection rates and restrictions, teaching would relapse to on-campus teaching with strict hygiene regulations in place (minimum distance of 1.5m and small classroom groups).

Enrollment - Health insurance
International students who do not travel to Germany to study at Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, but study online from their home country / home university for the entire semester, do not have to prove that they have health insurance to enroll at Osnabrück UAS. However, the health insurance obligation comes into effect as soon as the student enters Germany. In that case, health insurance contributions for the time between the start of the semester and the date of arrival in Germany may be waived by the health insurance company on a case-by-case basis.

Hygienic Standards
To enable limited on-site instruction, the Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences has established the following regulations:
- Access to university buildings is only permitted for:
  - Employees
  - Students who are attending a classroom instruction session on that day
  - Individual visitors who are attending scheduled appointments with university lecturers / employees
- In face-to-face sessions, the contact details of all participating students and teachers are collected to enable contact tracing in case of infections. The data is kept for three weeks and then automatically destroyed. Contact data is registered by scanning a QR code at the workstation or seat.
- Mouth-and-nose coverings and distance rules:
  Outside: There is no obligation to wear a mask outside but a distance of 1.5 meters must be ensured.
Inside: It is obligatory to keep a distance of 1.5 meters and to wear a mask covering the nose and mouth (surgical mask or FFP2 mask).

- Depending on the size of the room, the maximum number of people allowed in the room is determined (minimum of 6.5 m² per person, minimum distance between individuals of 2.5 m). This also applies to open self-study zones and PC pools.
- In the case of practical laboratory training with several workplaces and/or workstations, only one student at a time may work at one workplace / station.
- Devices and work surfaces are to be disinfected appropriately after each change of group or station (e.g. wiping with disinfectant wipes).
- Seminar and laboratory rooms are to be aired several times a day, at least every 45 minutes, during every break and before every event. Ventilation systems, where installed, are pre-set accordingly.
- Attendance lists are to be kept for all courses. In self-study zones, voluntarily attendance lists are provided.
- Hand disinfectant dispensers are distributed throughout the buildings.

Services
All service facilities (library, cafeteria, advisory services and university administration, university sports, etc.) are in operation. You can contact us at any time by phone or e-mail. However, in some cases, the service facilities can only be reached personally to a limited extent or have restricted their offerings (e.g. library: limitation of the maximum number of visitors, shortened opening hours, limited access to reading/working rooms; cafeteria: prior seat and time slot reservation OR takeout by prior order; university sports: small program of outdoor and livestream offerings)

Technical Equipment
Bring with you all the technical equipment you will need to participate in online courses (laptop or tablet including microphone, loudspeaker and camera).

Important General Information
- Bring along plenty of flexibility and openness for different teaching methods as well as the willingness to adapt to different models even at short notice. As soon as you are enrolled as a student and have registered for courses, the instructors will keep you regularly informed about when, where and in what form the respective courses and examinations will take place.
- Keep in mind that the conditions for studying and living in Osnabrück can change at any time, as they are adapted to the prevailing situation.
- Also keep in mind that travel possibilities to Germany and back to your home country can change any time, that train or flight connections might be cancelled and that entry restrictions might be in place.
- Be aware that your stay in Germany takes place at your own risk and in your own responsibility.

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