



Fachhochschule Osnabrück
University of Applied Sciences

Information for foreign applicants

German Language Skills as an admission requirement at Fachhochschule Osnabrück

A good command of the German language, which enables you to follow the lectures and work independently, is an admission requirement.

These are the certificates which are accepted by Fachhochschule Osnabrück as proof of your language skills:

- TestDaF: TDN 4 or TDN 5
- Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang: DSH 2 oder DSH 3
- Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung (ZOP) of the Goethe-Institut
- Goethe Zertifikat B2 oder C1
- telc Deutsch B2 oder C1
- Deutsches Sprachdiplom der KMK Stufe II (DSDII)
- Großes or Kleines Deutsches Sprachdiplom of the Goethe-Institut (GDS or KDS)

We strongly advise you to take the respective examinations in order to acquire one of the above mentioned certificates. If you cannot submit one of these certificates, we would still like to give you the opportunity to study at Fachhochschule Osnabrück.

In that case you need to prove that you have **successfully completed the language level related to the certificates mentioned above** (*¹).

Then, you will be **enrolled for a limited period of one semester**. You will have to **take a German language exam of FH Osnabrück** which will take place at the beginning of the semester. You will receive the invitation to the German language exam of FH Osnabrück together with your admissions letter.

If you pass this examination, the limitation of your enrolment will be abolished.

In case you fail the exam, you will have to resit the exam at the end of the semester. During the semester you will attend the regular lectures of your study programme and additionally take part in a **German language course at FH Osnabrück** alongside your studies. This course is free of charge. It prepares you for the re-examination at the end of the semester. **Passing this exam is the requirement for continuing your studies at FH Osnabrück** in the following semester.

Test example: <http://www.fh-osnabrueck.de/12279.html>

(*¹) The language level can be proven as follows:

Please submit documents stating which language course on which level you have successfully completed. It is not sufficient to hand in documents stating that you registered for or participated in a course. Please submit **all** certificates and not just the most recent one.

Fachhochschule Osnabrück can check in individual cases (in addition to the given documents) the level of German language (eg. by interview or written/oral examination) and decide whether or not the applicant will be invited to the German language test at FH Osnabrück.

Important notes:

Exception for the Bachelor and the Master programme 'Communication Management': For admission into these programmes, language skills at a higher level than those mentioned above are required. Please refer to: <http://www.fh-osnabrueck.de/uploads/media/BA-KuG-Av-Kommunikationsmanagement.pdf>

Exception for all Master programmes in the Faculty of Business Management and Social Sciences: Only the language certificates listed above are accepted. Being enrolled for a limited period of one semester and taking the German language exam of FH Osnabrück is not possible!