



Fachhochschule Osnabrück  
University of Applied Sciences

## **18<sup>th</sup> International Summer Language School of Fachhochschule Osnabrück**

**Culture and Society, Business and Technology in Germany**

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## THE CITY OF OSNABRÜCK

The city of Osnabrück, with its 1200-year old centre is grouped around the imposing structure of the cathedral. The idyllic market place and the many half-timbered houses in narrow alleyways are an open invitation to stroll around. Osnabrück city and its surrounding area with around 250,000 inhabitants offer everything that can make life in a university town so pleasant. With over 400 pubs, beer gardens and restaurants to choose from, there is something to suit every taste and pocket. Just as diverse is the range of cultural experiences on offer, ranging from cinemas, theatres and museums to international events and traditional festivals.

## FACHHOCHSCHULE OSNABRÜCK – University of Applied Sciences

The Fachhochschule was founded in 1971. Around 7,800 students are presently enrolled in three faculties, two departments and the academy of music. Fachhochschule Osnabrück is spread over three locations and offers over 50 Bachelor and Master degree courses. These are thematically arranged in the fields of engineering and computer sciences, agricultural sciences, landscape architecture, business administration/management, health care and nursing sciences, social work, music and theatre. Not only with regard to the international degree programmes where students have to spend a year abroad does Fachhochschule Osnabrück attach importance to the acquisition of foreign languages. Especially today it is very important to be able to communicate across borders. And this is not only a question of understanding foreign languages but also different mentalities and attitudes. One way in which FH Osnabrück contributes to the education of internationally mobile students is to offer the International Summer Language School.

## THE SUMMER LANGUAGE SCHOOL

By taking part in the International Summer Language School you will

- train and strengthen your ability to communicate in German
- gain an insight into the social and economic structures of the Germany of today
- learn more about Germany and the Germans
- have fun while spending your leisure time together with German and international students.

All lessons are run by experienced teachers of German as a Foreign Language who enjoy their job. They use modern teaching methods (like audio/video tapes, all kinds of media etc.) while working with their small groups of students.

The course comprises 90 hours of lessons (5 lessons daily, 1 lesson = 45 minutes), mainly from 9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The teaching material is handed out at the beginning of the lessons.

The language programme consists of two modules:

♦ **Module 1: Grammar (length: 75 minutes)**

Grammar modules are offered at different levels. With a language assessment test at the beginning of the course we will help you to find the most suitable group.

♦ **Module 2: Language Training (length: 150 minutes)**

In the Language Training Section, which is also offered at different levels, you will actively practise your oral and writing skills through, for example, discussions, role plays, games, telephone conversations, presentations, writing letters for business and private purposes, training of negotiations and job interviews. You will work on a variety of up-to-date topics taken from society, economy, culture and technology.

As part of the language training and according to your individual interests and your language level you will, furthermore, participate in one of the following work groups:

- Society in Germany - General language training
- Business and economics in Germany - Business language training
- Technology in Germany - Training in technical German

Speaking, reading and writing will be trained by mainly working on special topics related to the chosen field of interest:

In the 'Society' work group you will deal with different aspects of social and cultural life in Germany and work on topics like living and studying in Germany, the image of Germany and the Germans, political parties, etc.

In the 'Business and Economics' work group you will mainly work on business related topics such as Germany as an industrial location in Europe, economy and ecology, marketing strategies, etc. You will train your language skills in business situations and expand your business vocabulary.

In the 'Technology' work group you will mainly work on topics taken from industry and science such as renewable energy, the internet or car industry. You will learn technical vocabulary and thus prepare yourself for studying or working in the engineering field.

As part of the language training in the modules at the higher levels you will work in small teams (2 – 4 persons) on a specific topic. During this project work you will come into contact with Osnabrück companies, institutions and citizens.

Apart from the lessons there will be talks and discussions on current topics held by different speakers. Through visiting manufacturing and service companies in and around Osnabrück you will gain an insight into the practical aspects of management and technology.

## CULTURAL PROGRAMME

It's not alone in the lessons where you learn German. A variety of activities during the afternoon, evening and weekend guarantees that you will get to know your fellow students and have fun during your stay in Osnabrück. 2 day trips, visits of museums, film shows, sporting events, games, pub crawls and parties are part of the programme. The highlight and at the same time the end of the course is the 4-day trip to Berlin and Potsdam. Osnabrück students will join you in your leisure time activities.

## PARTICIPANTS

- ♦ everybody who wants to improve his/her German language skills and is interested in social, cultural and economic matters of the Germany of today
- ♦ everybody who wants to improve his/her knowledge of terminology for business or engineering purposes
- ♦ for example students or graduates of all subject areas, especially of economics or engineering courses and employees in related occupations
- ♦ requirements: a good basic knowledge of German is desirable but we always offer one class at beginner's level

## CERTIFICATES

Every participant will receive a certificate of attendance provided the lessons are regularly attended. Furthermore, we offer a final examination based on the course contents.

Students of our partner universities who will be enrolled as guest students in the field of business management or electrical engineering/computer science at FH Osnabrück can obtain 5 credits.

## DATES

August 23<sup>rd</sup> to September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>: arrival, settling into the rooms

Tuesday morning, August 24<sup>th</sup>: welcome, language assessment test, detailed information on the course and the programme, choice of work groups

Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>: lessons begin

Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>: final examination

Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>: lessons end

Friday to Monday, September 17 -20: Excursion to Berlin and Potsdam

## FEES

Course fee: 550.00 € per person

This includes tuition and teaching material, company visits and lectures, various free time activities, 2 day trips, four-day trip to Berlin/Potsdam (including trip, accommodation, breakfast, dinner, city tours)

Not included: expenses for accommodation, meals, travel costs, extra expenses

The course fee includes a registration fee of 100.00 €, which will be forfeited in case of withdrawal of the registration after June 30, 2010. If you cancel your registration before June 30, we will refund the whole amount of the course fee.

## FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OF FH OSNABRÜCK AND FOR STUDENTS OF OUR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

A reduced course fee applies for international students of Fachhochschule Osnabrück and for students of our partner universities: 250.00 € per person.

This fee includes tuition and teaching material, company visits and lectures, various free time activities and 2 day trips

It does not include expenses for accommodation, meals, travel costs and extra expenses

In case of participation in the four-day trip to Berlin/Potsdam an additional amount of 120.00 € is charged which covers the costs for trip, accommodation, breakfast, dinner and city tours.

The course fee includes a registration fee of 100.00 €, which will be forfeited in case of withdrawal of the registration after June 30, 2010. If you cancel your registration before June 30, we will refund the whole amount of the course fee.

## REGISTRATION

As the number of participants is limited, we recommend an early registration. In order to register please adhere to the following 2 steps:

### 1<sup>st</sup> step:

[www.io.fh-osnabrueck.de/german\\_language.html](http://www.io.fh-osnabrueck.de/german_language.html)

This is where you may register online. Or you can download the registration form, fill it out, sign it and send it to us. Please use the following address for your entire correspondence:

Fachhochschule Osnabrück  
International Office  
Postfach 19 40  
D-49009 Osnabrück

### 2<sup>nd</sup> step:

Having received your application form, we will send you a confirmation of admission. The course fee is then due within 14 days. It is possible to pay by

- cheque, made out to Fachhochschule Osnabrück and sent to the above address by registered mail.
- postal money order:

recipient: FH Osnabrück, International Office, Caprivistr. 30a, D - 49076 Osnabrück

- bank transfer:

Recipient: Fachhochschule Osnabrück  
Account-No.: 615690  
Bank: Sparkasse Osnabrück  
Bank-Code: 265 501 05  
BIC: NOLADE22XXX  
IBAN: DE52265501050000615690

important: please note on the transfer from: **Sommersprachkurs, KSt. 68010006**

Please make sure that Fachhochschule Osnabrück receives the full amount (550.00 € / for international students of FH Osnabrück and its partner universities: 250.00 or 370.00 €) and that possible bank fees are borne by the participant.

Together with the confirmation of admission we will send you some pre-departure information with further details on the programme, tips for travelling to Osnabrück and finding your way around in Osnabrück.

## ACCOMMODATION and MEALS

We will arrange accommodation for you either in a the International Guest House of FH Osnabrück or in a flat shared with other students. Most of the rooms are single rooms with a shared kitchen and bathroom. We will endeavour to fulfil your wishes concerning accommodation and inform you in detail about your room in July. (In order to receive this information please make sure that you put down also your summer address on your registration form). The cost for accommodation varies between 175.00 € (for a double room) and up to approx. 230.00 € (for a single room) for the length of the course. In most cases, you will have to submit a deposit of 50.00 €. The rent has to be paid upon arrival in cash to the International Office The deposit will be refunded at the end of the course provided that no damages occurred.

Important notice for exchange students of Fachhochschule Osnabrück:

The Central Housing Office of FH Osnabrück will arrange accommodation for those participants of the Summer Language School who will study at FH Osnabrück afterwards during the winter semester 2010-11.

Here are the contact details:

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<http://www.wiso.fh-osnabrueck.de/unterkunft.html>  
 Email: [housing@wi.fh-osnabrueck.de](mailto:housing@wi.fh-osnabrueck.de)

#### Meals:

Meals can be prepared in the kitchen of the International Guest House. In case you have a room in a shared student flat, you can use the kitchen there. Lunch is available in the student refectory (approx. 3.00 € per meal). Snacks are on offer in the student cafeterias. Both are open from Monday to Friday.

### HOW TO GET TO OSNABRÜCK

You can reach Osnabrück by plane or train. There are connecting flights from all international airports in Germany (such as Hamburg, Frankfurt, Berlin, Munich) to Osnabrück (Flughafen Münster-Osnabrück) or you can take the train. You may want to check out train connections within Germany: [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de)

### MISCELLANEOUS and CONTACT

Please be aware that as a participant of the Summer Language Course you are not insured by Fachhochschule Osnabrück. FH Osnabrück is not liable for any damages and accepts no legal responsibility. Therefore, we strongly advise you to take out health insurance and possibly other insurances (accident or liability insurance) which cover your entire stay in Osnabrück/Berlin.

Do not forget to have an International Student I.D. issued to you by your home university. Public Transportation in Osnabrück and many museums, cinemas and theatres offer reduced student rates.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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