



# **International Winter School in Osnabrück**

## **Germany in Wintertime – Language, Culture and Traditions**

**December 7-21, 2024**

In this project-based German language course centered around German culture and traditions during winter and Christmas time, students with basic German knowledge (CEFR level A1.1) will improve their German language competency on CEFR level A1.2. Experienced language trainers will supervise and support students in completing projects and provide customised language support throughout the program. This course offers a mix of language classes and cultural experience. Students will have the chance to practise their German in practical contexts, e.g. while baking typical German Christmas cookies or learning about traditions in the winter time.

### **Program outline**

This Winter School offers participants with a basic knowledge of the German language (A1.1) an immersive experience of Christmas time in Germany. Participants will hone their productive and receptive language competencies in German at level A1.2 through participating in authentic German Christmas traditions, such as singing German Christmas carols, baking Christmas cookies, or crafting Christmas tree ornaments. Experienced instructors and student assistants recruited via a dedicated buddy program will guide participants through the different activities and help them improve their German language proficiency.

## Program Details

We aim to offer you a hassle-free experience. Except for your personal living expenses and travel costs, **all essentials are included in the program fee**. Specifically, the **fee of EUR 990** includes

- Language classes, tutorial sessions and learning materials,
- Accommodation,
- All cultural activities and excursions,
- Winter School ID enabling you to eat at Osnabrück University's canteens at reduced rates,
- Bus pass valid for public transportation in Osnabrück,
- Free internet access through Osnabrück University's networks,
- Welcome package with information brochures, emergency information and a few extra goodies,
- Pick-up service from the train station, 24/7 assistance via cell phone.

Students from Osnabrück University's partner universities are eligible for a **EUR 100** discount for a total course fee of **EUR 890!**

## Accommodation

Osnabrück University's International Office will arrange your accommodation, or support you in finding one. All accommodations offered will be single rooms in carefully selected homestays in the city. Hotel rooms can be provided upon request for a surcharge.



## Cultural Program Highlights

As part of this winter school, you will

- be invited to a welcome breakfast and a farewell dinner,
- get the opportunity to experience German customs and cuisine first-hand through our buddy program,
- dive into Osnabrück's medieval history during a guided tour by a night watchman,
- explore different Christmas markets in Lower Saxony,
- learn the history of art and resistance during the Third Reich as part of a guided tour of the exhibition at Felix-Nussbaum-Haus.

## Eligibility

Undergraduate and graduate students from all over the world interested in deepening their knowledge of German are welcome to apply. Applicants are required to provide proof of German language proficiency at CEFR level A1.1. Participants must be over the age of 18.

## Apply now!

Be part of Osnabrück University's Winter School program and experience Germany! We look forward to receiving your application until **September 15, 2024**.

## Where can I find more information?

For further information, including the application form, please visit our website at: [www.uos.de/winterschools](http://www.uos.de/winterschools). We look forward to hearing from you soon!



## Curious?

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## Why Osnabrück University?

Founded in 1974, Osnabrück University offers its 14.000 students an ideally-sized education experience through numerous accredited undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Business and Law. The university is committed to offering its students small study groups and lively interactions between professors and students – our International Short-Term Programs, for instance, seldom feature more than 15 students in class. Award-winning student services, a diverse sports program, and an international atmosphere further enhance the academic experience at Osnabrück University. Osnabrück University has a long history of offering Short Term Programs and we've been hosting Summer and Spring Schools for more than 15 years. With a mixture of well-established programs and innovative courses, our programs represent a unique opportunity to experience student life at a renowned German university. As a participant, you will get to enjoy captivating German lessons taught by highly qualified and motivated teachers, an exciting cultural program as well as an innovative partner program.

- Engage in cutting-edge research
- Discover 800 years of German history
- Experience well-established programs
- Appreciate bustling student life
- Enjoy a safe, manageable and affordable city
- Acquire a unique perspective through local buddies



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