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## 1 Useful German Phrases

English	Deutsch (German)
Welcome	Willkommen
Hello	Hallo, Guten Tag, Moin Hallo (on phone)
How are you?	Wie gehts? (inf) Wie geht es dir/Ihnen? (inf/frm)
I'm fine, thanks. And you?	Mir geht es gut, danke, und dir/Ihnen? (inf/frm)
What's your name?	Wie heißt du? (inf) Wie heißen Sie? (frm)
My name is ...	Ich heiße ...
Where are you from?	Woher kommst du? (inf) Woher kommen Sie? (frm)
I'm from ...	Ich komme aus ...
Nice to meet you	Schön, dich kennen zu lernen Sehr erfreut (frm)
Good morning	Guten Morgen
Good afternoon	Guten Tag Guten Nachmittag
Good evening	Guten Abend
Good night	Gute Nacht
Goodbye	Auf Wiedersehen (frm) Tschüss (inf)
See you (later)	Bis dann, Bis bald, Bis später
Good luck	Viel Glück!
Cheers!	Prost!
Have a nice day	Schönen Tag noch!
Bon appetit	Guten Appetit!
I don't understand	Ich verstehe nicht
Please speak more slowly	Können Sie bitte langsamer sprechen?
Please write it down	Können Sie das bitte aufschreiben? (frm) Kannst du das bitte aufschreiben (inf)
Do you speak German?	Sprechen Sie Deutsch (frm) Sprichst du Deutsch? (inf)
Do you speak English?	Sprechen Sie Englisch? (frm) Sprichst du Englisch? (inf)
Yes	Ja
Yes, a little	Ja, ein bisschen
No	Nein
How do you say ... in German?	Wie sagt man ... auf Deutsch?

Excuse me	Entschuldigen Sie! Entschuldigung!
How much is this?	Wieviel kostet das? Was kostet das?
Sorry	Es tut mir leid! Entschuldigung!
Thank you	Danke Vielen Dank
You're welcome	Bitte
Where's the toilet?	Wo ist die Toilette?
Get well soon	Gute Besserung!
Leave me alone!	Laß mich in Ruhe! (inf) Lassen Sie mich in Ruhe! (frm)
Help!	Hilfe!
Fire!	Feuer!
Stop!	Halt!
Call the police!	Ruf die Polizei! (inf) Rufen Sie die Polizei! (frm)
Happy Birthday	Alles Gute zum Geburtstag Herzlichen Glückwunsch zum Geburtstag

(inf) informal  
(frm) formal

If you want to attend a German language course at Oldenburg University, the Sprachenzentrum offers those for international students during the semester or intensive courses prior to semester start (March and August/September). For further information please visit <http://www.sprachenzentrum.uni-oldenburg.de/8420.html>.

## 2 Preparations and Formalities

### 2.1 Scholarship

Students of various sustainability and environment related study programmes at our partner universities can apply for a scholarship, funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) within the Developing Sustainability project, from approximately 750 to 1000 Euro per month plus travel allowance up to 1200 Euro. All scholarships will be calculated individually.

Please contact the project representative and/or supervisor at your university first because he/she needs propose your coming to Oldenburg to us (an informal e-mail will do - information on the project representatives: [www.devsus.uni-oldenburg.de](http://www.devsus.uni-oldenburg.de)). Your flight can be booked and paid directly from the University of Oldenburg in case you are granted the scholarship.

Please send your application to Britta Stigge ([britta.stigge@uni-oldenburg.de](mailto:britta.stigge@uni-oldenburg.de)) or Malve von Möllendorff ([malve.v.moellendorff@uni-oldenburg.de](mailto:malve.v.moellendorff@uni-oldenburg.de)).

### 2.2 Health Insurance

As exchange students and academics, you need to have medical insurance during your study or research visit at Oldenburg University. You have to present a proof of this insurance together with the visa application to the German Embassy in your home country. In some cases we can reimburse or arrange insurance for you so please contact Britta or Malve.

If you are privately covered by insurance you will need a proof of the insurance company showing the actual policy; plus a note from the insurance company that specifies what coverage is provided for your stay in Germany. You should assure that the insurance is valid for the entire duration of your stay and that the coverage is sufficient for your needs.

If the above is not applicable you have to get a health insurance in Oldenburg.

### 2.3 Visa

For your study or research visit at the University of Oldenburg you need to have a visa. All information on visa requirements, you will find on the website of the German Embassy in your home country and on the Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt) website [http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Uebersicht\\_node.html](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Uebersicht_node.html).

The visa fee for international students coming to Oldenburg can be refunded, though it is essential that you hand in a receipt while you are here. Without the receipt a refund is not possible, the money cannot be transferred to your home country or paid in advance.

## 2.4 Accommodation

There are different accommodation options available. You should start looking for a place before coming here. Oldenburg is a "student's city" and therefore, room for living at affordable prices is rare. Most places are usually rented without furniture, so make sure you ask for furniture or get it here (see shopping). In case you cannot find a place, please ask Britta and Malve to help you.

As an international student you may apply online at the student service (Studentenwerk) for a place in one of the student halls. You can only apply for a room if you are enrolled at the University of Oldenburg and if you stay for 6 months or longer. The rooms for the exchange students are single ones in a shared apartment and fully furnished. For those rooms the monthly rent is between 150 and 190 Euro. For 12 Euro a month you will find internet in every room. If possible, make sure you apply 3 to 6 months prior to your arrival! Otherwise it may be difficult to get a suitable room or apartment in time for the beginning of your studies, as there are waiting lists for all the halls of residence that range from at least 2 to 6 months. More information on the student halls: <http://www.studentenwerk-oldenburg.de/internationale-studierende/wohnen-in-oldenburg.html> or contact them via e-mail at [wohnen@sw-ol.de](mailto:wohnen@sw-ol.de). The application form can be found at the website of the ISO <http://www.iso.uni-oldenburg.de/en/28746.html> "Application for Accommodation". After you applied and got an approval/offer from the Studentenwerk, make sure you reconfirm the booking, otherwise it will not be fixed.

Alongside managing the halls of residence the student service also runs a private accommodation service for foreign students, where you can submit a request for a room in a shared flat or a resident owner's home. Further information on <http://www.studentenwerk-oldenburg.de/internationale-studierende/privatzimmervermittlung.html>, or contact Michelle Houlihan, e-mail address: [privatzimmer-vermittlung@sw-ol.de](mailto:privatzimmer-vermittlung@sw-ol.de).

You can find privately rented rooms in numerous sizes and at different price levels. A room in a joint residence may cost you usually between 150 and 300 Euro. Single rooms as well as single apartments are often more expensive. There are several boards for announcements on campus in central areas such as the cafeteria – sometimes there are so many offers of student apartments or rooms in joint residence the boards almost collapse.

Due to the steady exchange with students and researchers within the project in the past, we have useful contacts to hosts and other supplier of accommodation (especially for short time stays) and can help you. Please ask Malve and Britta.

There are also nationwide agencies for rooms and shared apartments ("WG") on the web such as: [www.wg-welt.de](http://www.wg-welt.de), [www.studenten-wg.de](http://www.studenten-wg.de), [www.studenten-wohnung.de](http://www.studenten-wohnung.de), [www.wg-gesucht.de](http://www.wg-gesucht.de).

If you are in Oldenburg, you can also look for rooms in the regional daily newspaper called NWZ (Nordwestzeitung). There you will find announcements for housing in the so called „Kleinanzeiger“ on Tuesdays and Saturdays. This paper can be purchased for about 1 Euro at the train station or any kiosk.

In case you arrive in Oldenburg and do not have a room yet, this is the first thing you should care about. At German universities there are no housings for students available on campus. So you might at first book a room in the youth hostel for a few days, they charge about 16 Euro per night including breakfast. Coming from the train station the youth hostel is about 15 minutes by foot.

- Youth hostel (Jugendherberge)  
Alexanderstr. 65, Oldenburg  
Phone: +49 (0)441 87135  
E-Mail: [jh-oldenburg@djh-unterweser-ems.de](mailto:jh-oldenburg@djh-unterweser-ems.de)

## 2.5 Semester tuition fees

As exchange students within these projects (Postgraduate and PhD students) you do not need to pay tuition fees. If you stay for one entire semester or longer, you do need to pay a contribution of around 200 Euro per semester that is used to fund the public transport ticket, the student's parliament and some of the campus facilities. Semester start in October and April and you have to enrol a few weeks prior to semester start (exact dates vary and depend on program).

## 2.6 Registration at Oldenburg Citizen's Office

Important: Anyone who moves to Oldenburg for more than 3 months has to register at the citizen's office, Pferdemarkt 14, within one week after your arrival in Oldenburg. Please bring your passport, visa and your new address in Oldenburg. You will receive a confirmation of registration, which you have to keep with your documents.

If you change address in Oldenburg you will have to inform the citizen's office within one week of your change of residence ("Ummeldung"). In case you stay in another municipal you will have to care for all formalities with the particular community. If you move to another city or leave Germany please inform the citizen's office.

## 2.7 Getting or renewing your residence permit

If you are from a country that is not a member of the European Union or the EFTA (Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein), you need a residence permit for staying in Germany as a student. You need to have it before your entry visa expires. If you did not need a visa to enter Germany for the purpose of studying (this concerns citizens of the countries that are marked with the number 3 or 4 on [http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht\\_node.html](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht_node.html)), you need to obtain the residence permit within three months of entering the European Union.

You have to apply for the residence permit prior to the expiring of your visa, at latest three months after your arrival in Germany at the office for foreigners. The Foreigners' Office is situated in the New Town Hall building at Pferdemarkt 14; students are attended to in room A 103.

The International Student Office can support you with all formalities concerning your residence permit. Please keep the following documents ready:

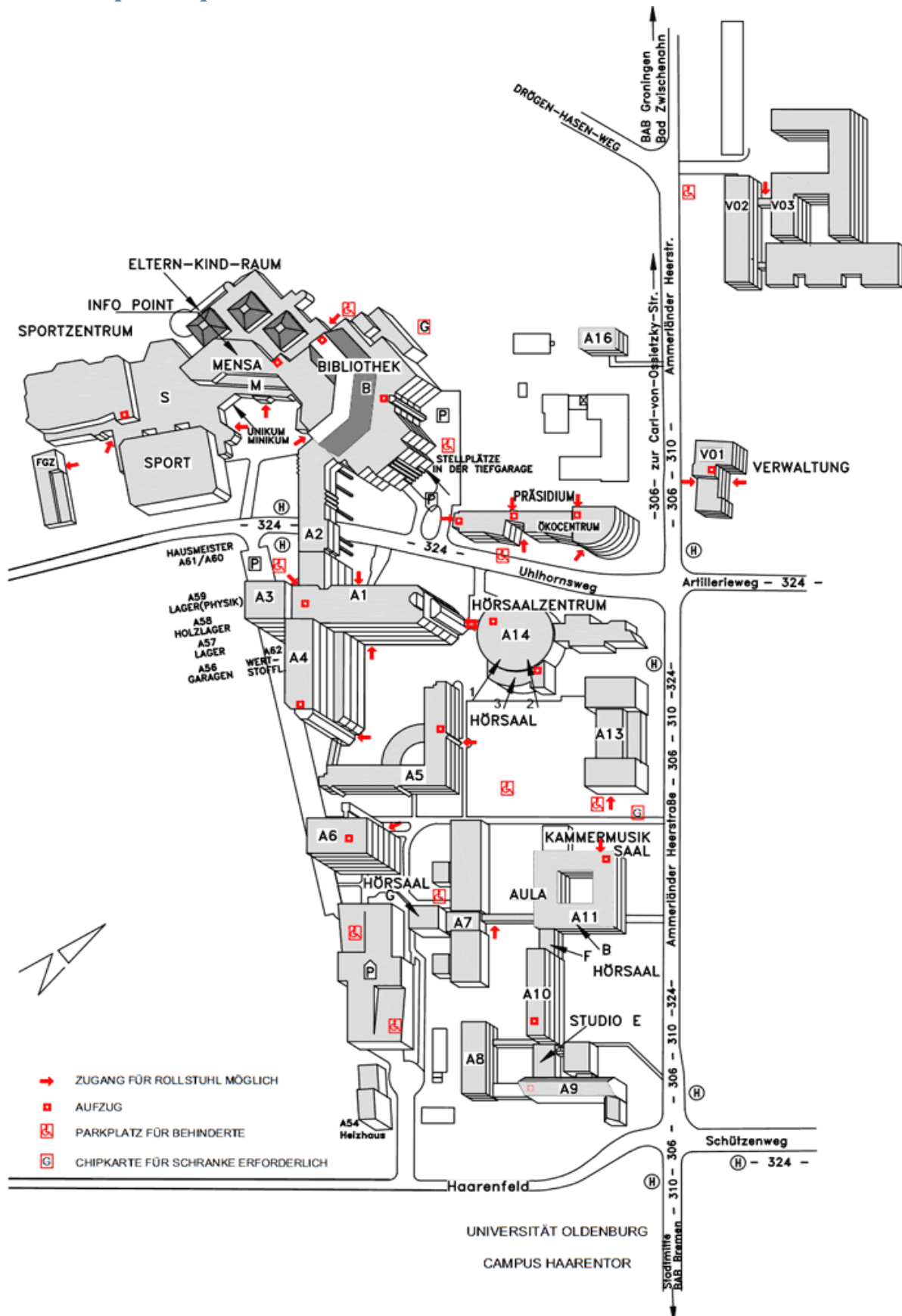
- Copy of passport (page with the picture)
- Copy of current health insurance
- Copy of proof of financial means
- Confirmation of enrolment
- A biometric photograph



### 3 Oldenburg University

Welcome to Oldenburg University!

#### 3.1 Campus Map



### 3.2 How to find Britta and Malve

Britta and Malve have their office in building A5, ground floor, room number A5-0-032. If you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact Britta and Malve.

They are happy to help you arrange your stay at the University of Oldenburg.

### 3.3 Cafeteria

There is a cafeteria (called "Mensa", in building M, upstairs) offering lunch from 11.30 a.m. to 2.15 p.m. (Monday to Friday). In the same building there is a small cafeteria offering coffee, drinks, sweets, cake and small dishes from 8 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. (Monday to Thursday, Friday only until 4 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.). Please note that there are different opening hours during the semester break.

For daily menu please visit <http://www.studentenwerk-oldenburg.de/gastronomie/speiseplaene/uhlhornsweg-ausgabe-b.html> (only in German).

### 3.4 Access to the Library

To borrow books or videos in the library ("Bibliothek", BIS) you need a user's card. You will get this card at the service desk near the entrance of the library. You will have to bring your passport, your confirmation of the citizen's office ("Meldebestätigung vom Bürgeramt"), and your student card. The library card costs 5 Euro. Please find further information on: <http://www.bis.uni-oldenburg.de/fag/index.php#21> (only in German).

But you can also use books inside the library without registration and you can search for available books online on [http://katalog.bis.uni-oldenburg.de/cgi-bin/frameset?starten=orbis\\_eingangsseite&TERM=31145&MODUS=0&INP=&la=2&AKTIV=1](http://katalog.bis.uni-oldenburg.de/cgi-bin/frameset?starten=orbis_eingangsseite&TERM=31145&MODUS=0&INP=&la=2&AKTIV=1).

### 3.5 Internet on Campus

If you enrol at Oldenburg University, you will receive an e-mail address (firstname.surname@uni-oldenburg.de). You will have to pick up your access authorisation (user name, password) at the computer lab management (Hochschulrechenzentrum, HRZ) in room A 2 3-301. With your authorisation you may use the study management system StudIP, all public computers on campus as well as wire and wireless Internet accesses. If you have any questions in this concern you will get answers at the HRZ.

If you are visiting Oldenburg for a shorter period of time and are not going to be enrolled, please ask Britta or Malve for internet access. They will provide you with login data.

The wireless internet on campus is called "eduroam". You can connect with this network with your user name and password. If you have problems with the connection, you can ask the IT-support in the library (if you enter the library, take the stairs to your left and you find the IT-support upstairs to your right).

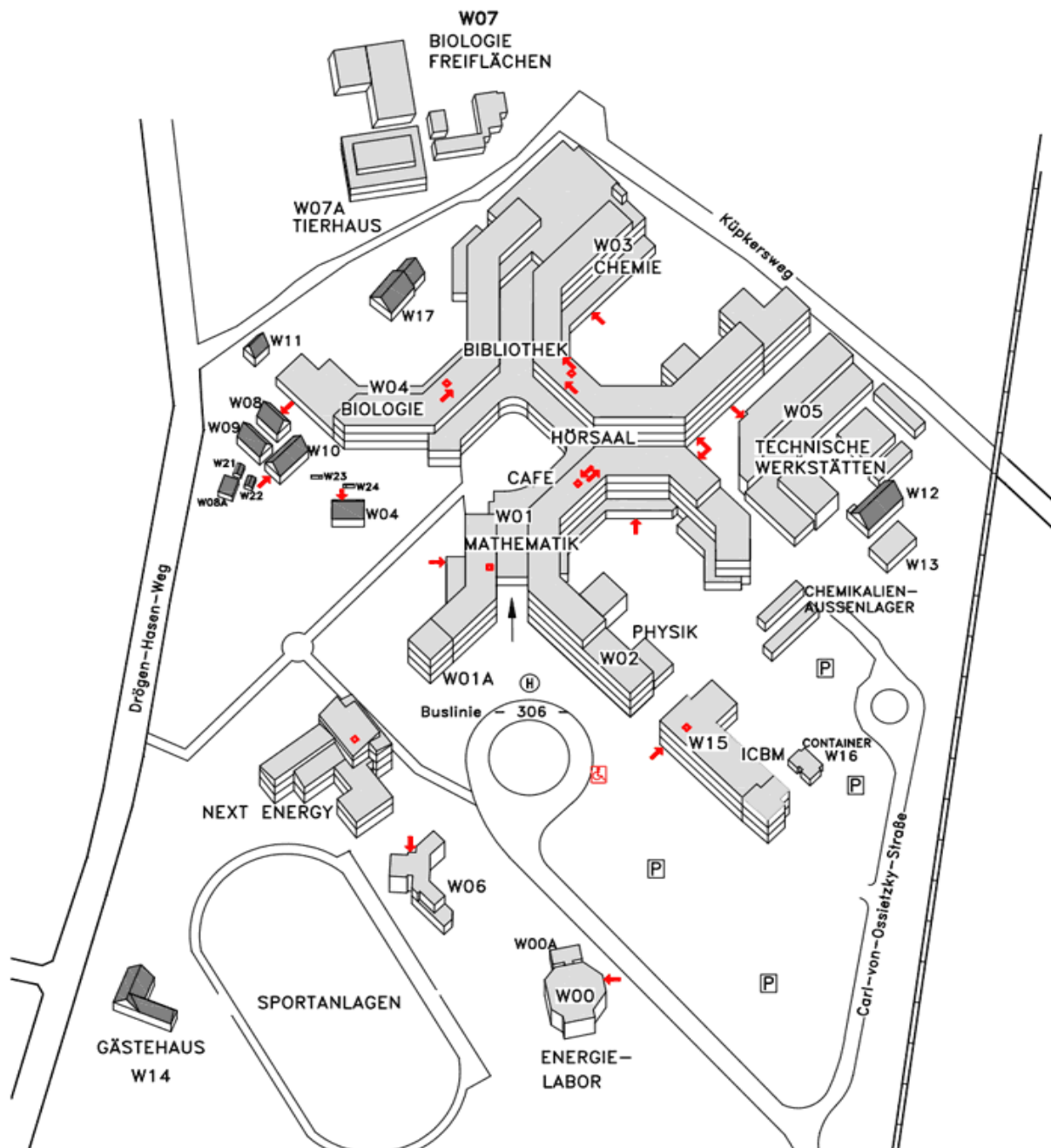
### 3.6 International Student Office

The International Student Office (ISO) at Oldenburg University can assist you with any questions regarding visa, residence permit, health insurance etc. if you stay in Oldenburg for one entire semester. You can find their offices in building A5, first floor. Their office hours are Tuesday: 10.00 - 12.30 a.m. and 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. and Thursday: 10.00 - 12.30 p.m.

Further information on: <http://www.iso.uni-oldenburg.de/en/index.html>.

### 3.7 Campus Wechloy

There is another campus of the University of Oldenburg, about 10 minutes walking distance from the main campus, called Campus Wechloy. Here, most natural sciences and mathematics departments are situated as well as a small library and cafeteria. You can also reach this campus by bus 306, heading out of town in direction of "Universität".



## 4 Living in Oldenburg

### 4.1 Living Expenses

Students in Oldenburg need around 750 Euro per month to get by comfortably.

### 4.2 Getting Around Oldenburg

#### 4.2.1 Bike

Most people get around town by bike. In Oldenburg everything is in close range and luckily northern Germany is pretty flat. Usually taking the bike is even faster than taking the bus, often you can use extra lanes for bikes on the street or the sidewalk.

If you are lucky, your host can provide you with a bike. You can also rent bikes at the self-help workshop “Fahrradselbsthilfewerkstatt” at the University (5 Euro per week, 14 Euro per month, check online <http://asta-oldenburg.de/fahrradselbsthilfe/#fahrradverleih>). There you can also repair your bike for free, and buy spare parts at reasonable prices. There is always someone present to give you a helping hand. You will find more information at <http://asta-oldenburg.de/fahrradselbsthilfe/>.

If you want to buy a used bike, you may check the local newspaper’s Kleinanzeiger (Nordwestzeitung, NWZ) on Tuesdays and Saturdays, the weekly AbisZ or ebay Kleinanzeigen online (<http://kleinanzeigen.ebay.de>). Besides, some cycling shops sell used bikes and you can ask at the Fahrradselbsthilfewerkstatt.

#### 4.2.2 Bus

If you use public busses in Oldenburg, you can check the timetable online at [www.vwg.de](http://www.vwg.de) (unfortunately not available in English, but at the “Fahrplanauskunft” you can type in your bus stop (“Starthaltestelle”) and your destination (“Zielhaltestelle”) and time, press “suchen” to get results).

You buy a ticket from the bus driver when entering the bus. Just tell him your destination and he will tell you the price. Usually a one-way ticket within the city zone costs 2,20 Euro. You can also buy 4-way tickets (6,80 Euro), daily tickets (5,80 Euro), weekly tickets (14,70 Euro) and monthly tickets (44,80 Euro).

If you want to buy weekly or monthly tickets, to have printed bus schedules or need information on the public transport within Oldenburg, there is an office of the VWG in town near Lappan (Staulinie 1).

If you paid the semester fee you will get a public transport ticket, so called “Semesterticket”. This ticket allows students from Oldenburg University to use the buses in Oldenburg and to travel within the region for free for the full six month of the semester. It is valid for all public transport in Oldenburg and in the city of Bremen as well as for the regional trains as far as Hannover, Hamburg, Osnabrück and the North Sea.

All buses usually leave about four times an hour at daytime, from around 7 p.m. they leave about twice an hour and run until around midnight. At weekends there are special night buses available.

The bus stop at the Oldenburg University is called "Universität". Buses go directly to the city center (get off at "Julius-Mosen-Platz" or "Lappan") or the train station ("ZOB").

If you want to catch the bus from University to city center, it is either number

- 306 direction „ZOB“,
- 310 direction „ZOB“

If you will catch the bus to university, it is either number:

- 306 direction „Universität“,
- 310 direction „Wehnen“/„Wechloy“ or „Universität“
- 324 direction „Infanterieweg“

### 4.3 Shopping

Oldenburg's town centre is a large pedestrian area with shops and stores of all kind. Besides you will find a lot of supermarkets and other shops in each district of Oldenburg.

In Oldenburg you can find a wide range of **supermarkets** concerning size, price and product variety. Discounters sell all kind of food and commodities at cheap prices, examples are ALDI, NETTO and LIDL. Normal supermarkets like COMBI (close to University at Ammerländer Heerstraße, on the right hand side heading out of town) or REWE sell products at regular prices. If you are looking for special products, you can go to FAMILA in Wechloy, they have a huge variety of products. KOOPMANN, the supermarket directly situated at the University only sells organic food which is very good and healthy, but also relatively expensive. If you are looking for organic food at reasonable prices you can also go to the discounters or other supermarkets and search for products labelled "BIO".

You may find **markets** with fresh fruits and vegetables on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings at Pferdemarkt and Rathausmarkt in the town centre. Besides there is an organic farmer's market on Wednesdays at Julius-Mosen-Platz and on Fridays at Rathausmarkt.

If you are looking for cheap **furniture** or electrical equipment you may check the local newspaper's Kleinanzeiger (Nordwestzeitung, NWZ) on Tuesdays and Saturdays or ebay Kleinanzeigen online (<http://kleinanzeigen.ebay.de>).

There are also shops where you can get very cheap or free of charge furniture and daily use equipment: The Verschenkmarkt, Rheinstraße 9, Maco-Halle 5.1, online shop:

<http://www.tmp.awb-oldenburg.de/index.php?id=9> or the Mehr-Wert, Drögen-Hasen-Weg 286/corner to Ammerländer Heerstraße. Further information:

<http://www.oldenburg.de/stadtol/index.php?id=verschenkmarkt>.

Please keep in mind that shops in Germany are usually closed on Sundays and public holidays and some have different (shorter) opening hours on Saturdays.

#### 4.4 Mobile Phone

There are many mobile phone providers in Germany where you can buy prepaid cards. Make sure you don't buy a mobile phone contract as they usually have a minimum duration of around 24 month.

Shops by the different providers (for example O2, Vodafone, E-Plus/Base and T-Mobile) can be found in the city center of Oldenburg. Also, discounters offer their own usually relatively cheap prepaid cards, just ask the cashiers for tariffs.

#### 4.5 Internet

If there is no internet at the place where you stay and you want to use it, you can buy modems (in form of a USB flash drive) and a SIM card at the mobile phone providers. Please ask them for tariffs and take care that you buy one without minimum duration or very short duration of contract.

#### 4.6 Bank Account

If you are staying in Oldenburg for longer, you should open a bank account. For students under 27 the account-keeping is usually without charge, if you are older than 27 it will cost you about 2 Euro a month. You will need your passport, your address in Oldenburg and your confirmation of enrolment. There are several banks where you can go, e. g. Landessparkasse zu Oldenburg (LZO) or Deutsche Bank.

Please mind that if you have a bank account at a certain German bank, you should only use ATMs of that bank (or affiliated branches) because otherwise you will be charged a service fee.

#### 4.7 Culture and Leisure

##### 4.7.1 Calendars of events

The International Student Office provides a calendar of events for international students each semester (<http://www.iso.uni-oldenburg.de/en/28417.html>, see "Events").

Besides you will find a number of free monthlies in shops and stores. Stadtpark, MOX and DIABOLO are concerned mostly with events in Oldenburg, but unfortunately, they are only published in German.

There are some websites you can check for events in Oldenburg and the region:

[www.oldenburg.de/veranstaltungen](http://www.oldenburg.de/veranstaltungen), [www.oldenburg-inside.de](http://www.oldenburg-inside.de), [www.stadtpark.info](http://www.stadtpark.info), [www.bremer.de](http://www.bremer.de), [www.diabolo-digital.de](http://www.diabolo-digital.de).

#### 4.7.2 Pubs/Cafes/Clubs

There are countless Cafes, Pubs, Clubs and Diners in Oldenburg. Especially in the town centre it will be easy for you to find something that suits your needs and wishes.

A lot of pubs can be found in the Wallstraße in the city center. Clubs in town include Umbaubar, Amadeus, Loft, Cesars, Metro etc.

#### 4.7.3 Cinemas

- Casablanca, Johannisstraße 17, [www.casablanca-kino.de](http://www.casablanca-kino.de)
- Kino-AG „Gegenlicht“, Uni-Aula in A11, [www.gegenlicht.net](http://www.gegenlicht.net)
- Cinemaxx, Stau 79-85, [www.cinemaxx.de](http://www.cinemaxx.de)
- Wall-Kinocenter, Heiligengeistwall 3, [www.casablanca-kino.de](http://www.casablanca-kino.de)
- Cine K, Kulturetage, Bahnhofstr. 11, [www.cine-k.de](http://www.cine-k.de)

#### 4.7.4 Theatre

- August-Hinrichs-Bühne, Huntemannstraße 31, [www.ahb-oldenburg.de](http://www.ahb-oldenburg.de)
- Kleinkunstabühne UNIKUM, Unibad-Passage, Uhlhornsweg, [www.studentenwerk-oldenburg.de/kultur](http://www.studentenwerk-oldenburg.de/kultur)
- Oldenburgisches Staatstheater, Theaterwall 28, [www.oldenburg.staatstheater.de](http://www.oldenburg.staatstheater.de)
- Theater Laboratorium, Wilhelmstraße 13, [www.theater-laboratorium.de](http://www.theater-laboratorium.de)
- Theater Wrede / Theaterfabrik Rosenstraße, Rosenstraße 2, [www.theaterwrede.de](http://www.theaterwrede.de)
- Volksbühne Oldenburg, Theaterwall 28, [www.volksbuehneoldenburg.de](http://www.volksbuehneoldenburg.de)

#### 4.7.5 Museums

- Landesmuseum Oldenburg, Landesmuseum für Kunst und Kulturgeschichte, Schloßplatz 26 und Augusteum, Elisabethstraße 1, [www.landmuseum-oldenburg.de](http://www.landmuseum-oldenburg.de)
- Landesmuseum Natur und Mensch, Damm 40-44, [www.naturundmensch.de](http://www.naturundmensch.de)
- Edith Ruß Haus für Medienkunst, Katharinenstr. 23, [www.edith-russ-haus.de](http://www.edith-russ-haus.de)
- Oldenburger Kunstverein, Damm 2a, [www.kunstverein-oldenburg.de](http://www.kunstverein-oldenburg.de)
- Stadtmuseum Oldenburg, Am Stadtmuseum 4-8, [www.oldenburg.de/stadtmuseum](http://www.oldenburg.de/stadtmuseum)
- Horst Janssen Museum, Am Stadtmuseum 4-8, [www.horst-janssen-museum.de](http://www.horst-janssen-museum.de)

#### 4.7.6 Sports

- Hochschulsport (University sports), programme at <http://www.hochschulsport.uni-oldenburg.de/>
- Dobbenwiesen, large meadow near town centre, during summers there are always people playing soccer or even cricket
- OLantis Huntbad, Swimming pool / Sauna a.o., [www.olantis-bad.de](http://www.olantis-bad.de)
- Open air bath Flötenteich (only in summer)
- Tango classes at Kulturetage, [www.saludo.de](http://www.saludo.de)

Besides there is a number of clubs, schools and associations offering sports facilities, dancing classes, and fitness-centres.

## 4.8 Employment

The residence permit for students only allows you to study in Germany. As an international student you may take up a job for 90 days full time or 180 days part time a year. These restrictions do not count for students coming from the old EU-countries (until May 1, 2004). All students may work part time as student assistant or academic assistant at the university.

In any case it is necessary that your financial means are sufficient to allow you studying in Germany without additional occupation and that your studies are not interfered with a job.

Please contact:

- the social counsel of the student service:  
Mr. Heiko Groen  
E-Mail: [beratung@sw-ol.de](mailto:beratung@sw-ol.de),
- the legal counsel of the HGAS:  
phone +49 (0)441 798-2673 or
- social office of the student union:  
phone +49 (0)441 798-3104.

## 4.9 Miscellaneous

**Deposit system:** Most of the bottles and cans you buy in Germany are returnable. You have to pay a deposit on it (between 0,08 and 0,25 Euro depending on the kind of bottle or can) and get it back when you return the empty one. So don't throw bottles or cans away, return them to the shops.

**Plug adapter:** In case you need an adapter for using our German electricity plugs, you can buy them (also called "Adapter" in German) in electronics shops like MEDIAMARKT, close to FAMILA in Wechloy (Posthalterweg 15) or SATURN in the city centre (Heiligengeiststraße 5-8).

**Tap water:** Tap water in Germany is very clean and observed strictly by municipal utilities. Therefore it is perfectly drinkable water and you can use and drink it without worries.



## 5 Travelling

### 5.1 Bus

There are different bus lines connecting Oldenburg's town centre with its districts and several towns in the neighbourhood. You may find a map and more information on buses in Oldenburg at [www.vwg.de](http://www.vwg.de).

### 5.2 Railway

The railway system in Germany is operated by the Deutsche Bahn. There is a range of trains (from slow regional trains like NWB, RE and RB to fast trains like IC, EC and ICE) and rail tickets, you may check <http://www.bahn.de/i/view/GBR/en/index.shtml> for information, offers, and timetables before travelling on the train around Germany.

If you have the public transport ticket for one semester, you can travel in the region for free for the full six month of the semester. The ticket is valid for all public transport in Oldenburg and in the city of Bremen as well as for the regional trains as far as Hannover, Hamburg, Osnabrück and Emden.

Please note: Carl von Ossietzky University is located in Oldenburg in Oldenburg (Oldb) in Lower Saxony, there is another Oldenburg which is situated in Holstein.

### 5.3 From Bremen Airport to Oldenburg

**By Bus:** There is a direct bus connection from Bremen Airport to Oldenburg Central Station and Oldenburg University, operated by Public Express. For further information, departure times and booking please check <http://www.publicexpress.net/>.

**By Train:** You can reach Bremen Central Station in about 17 minutes directly by tram no. 6 in direction "Universität". At peak times, tram runs every 10 minutes. From Bremen Central Stations there are regional or national train connections to Oldenburg (Oldb).

### 5.4 Mitfahrzentrale

In Germany, students often travel across Germany with other people, sharing a car. There are agencies for arranging rides online, where people with cars can offer rides to certain destinations. There you meet other people and usually get relatively cheap and fast rides to your travel destination.

You can check offers online at <http://www.mitfahrgelegenheit.de/> or <http://www.mitfahrzentrale.de/>.

## 6 Important phone numbers

Ambulance	19222
Fire Brigade	112
Police	110
Taxi in Oldenburg	+49 (0) 441-2255 +49 (0) 441-44000 +49 (0) 441-81111
Britta Stigge	+49 (0) 441-798-4325
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