



## Faculty of Business Management and Social Sciences (BMSS)

### Block week



During one week once every semester, regular lectures are suspended at the Faculty of Business Management and Social Sciences (BMSS). Teachers of our faculty as well as international visiting lecturers hold a special type of class instead which is called block week. Here the key data at a glance:

- **Type of events:** Seminars, projects, simulation games at the faculty or study trips in Germany, Europe or overseas
- **Topics:** Wide range of topics with a particularly practical orientation, often suitable for any discipline, some are subject-specific. You can choose between an international or national event.
- **Aims:** Students are better able to assess the possibility of transferring theoretical knowledge to practical circumstances. They train their ability to analyse and work on situations with a highly practical relevance. They improve their interdisciplinary knowledge, practice working in groups and utilise presentation techniques.
- **Dates:** Winter semester: end of October, summer semester: beginning of May
- **Duration:** Monday to Friday, ca. 9.00 a. m. to 4.30 p. m., 1 hour lunch time. Some events, like the study trips, can have other time slots or are not offered during the block week.
- **Costs:** The events held at our faculty are mostly free of charge. For the study trips, travelling expenses, accommodation costs, entrance fees, etc. can arise.
- **Group size:** 10 to 30 persons
- **Languages of instructions:** Mostly German and English
- **Compulsory attendance:** To pass the block week, a continuous, regular attendance is required. If you cannot avoid your absence, please immediately contact the teacher.
- **Examination, depending on the respective lecturer:** No final exam, presentations, practice/project reports, group work or the like
- **Assessment:** Pass/2.5 ECTS credits or fail/0 credits. Visiting students may attend one block week event only per semester.

The block week offer is **not compulsory for visiting students**. If you do not want to attend any block week event, you will have a free week without lectures. **Not all of the study trips are open to visiting students or have free places**. Best ask in advance if you may join the excursion of your choice. This and other questions of detail can be answered by: [blockwoche-wiso@hs-osnabrueck.de](mailto:blockwoche-wiso@hs-osnabrueck.de)

### Registration process and periods

Details on the **registration process and periods** can be gathered from the Intranet as soon as you have been enrolled and received the user ID and password: Infothek (on German Intranet page!) > Fakultät WiSo > International > Incoming – EN > Block week events: <https://intranet.hs-osnabrueck.de/en/infothek/fakultaet-wiso/internationales/incoming/#c15960367>

## Academic writing seminars



Visiting students are expected to attend either a semester module that deals with "Communication and Key Qualifications/Academic writing" or to participate in an academic writing seminar instead. These form the basis for the successful completion of all your classes.

The International Faculty Office organizes **one English seminar at the start of the semester**. Dates and venues will be communicated to you once available. **Prior registration by e-mail** is required: [incoming-wiso@hs-osnabrueck.de](mailto:incoming-wiso@hs-osnabrueck.de)

In contrast to the semester modules, you will not get any ECTS credits for these seminars, but you will learn about the academic writing techniques as practiced at our faculty, such as:

- How to write an assignment, an essay or a report?
- How to prepare a presentation?
- What are the quotation rules?

Guidelines for academic writing can also be downloaded from the Intranet: Infothek (on German Intranet page!) > Fakultät WiSo > Studium > Wissenschaftliches Arbeiten: <https://intranet.hs-osnabrueck.de/infothek/fakultaet-wiso/studium/wissenschaftliches-arbeiten/#c15916771>

Further seminars of this kind or workshops are offered by the **Learning Center** of our university. If you are interested, please directly inquire there:

Internet: <https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/de/learningcenter/>  
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