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OSTWESTFALEN-LIPPE
UNIVERSITY OF
APPLIED SCIENCES
AND ARTS

Welcome to the Ostwestfalen-Lippe University of Applied Sciences and Arts (TH OWL)

Shape the future

52
Degree programs

5,800
Students

3
Campuses:
Lemgo
Detmold
Höxter

173
Professors

33,6 Mio.€
Third-party funding

659
Staff members in teaching, research and administration

Three Campuses



Creative Campus Detmold



Innovation Campus Lemgo



Sustainable Campus Höxter

Three Campuses and Locations



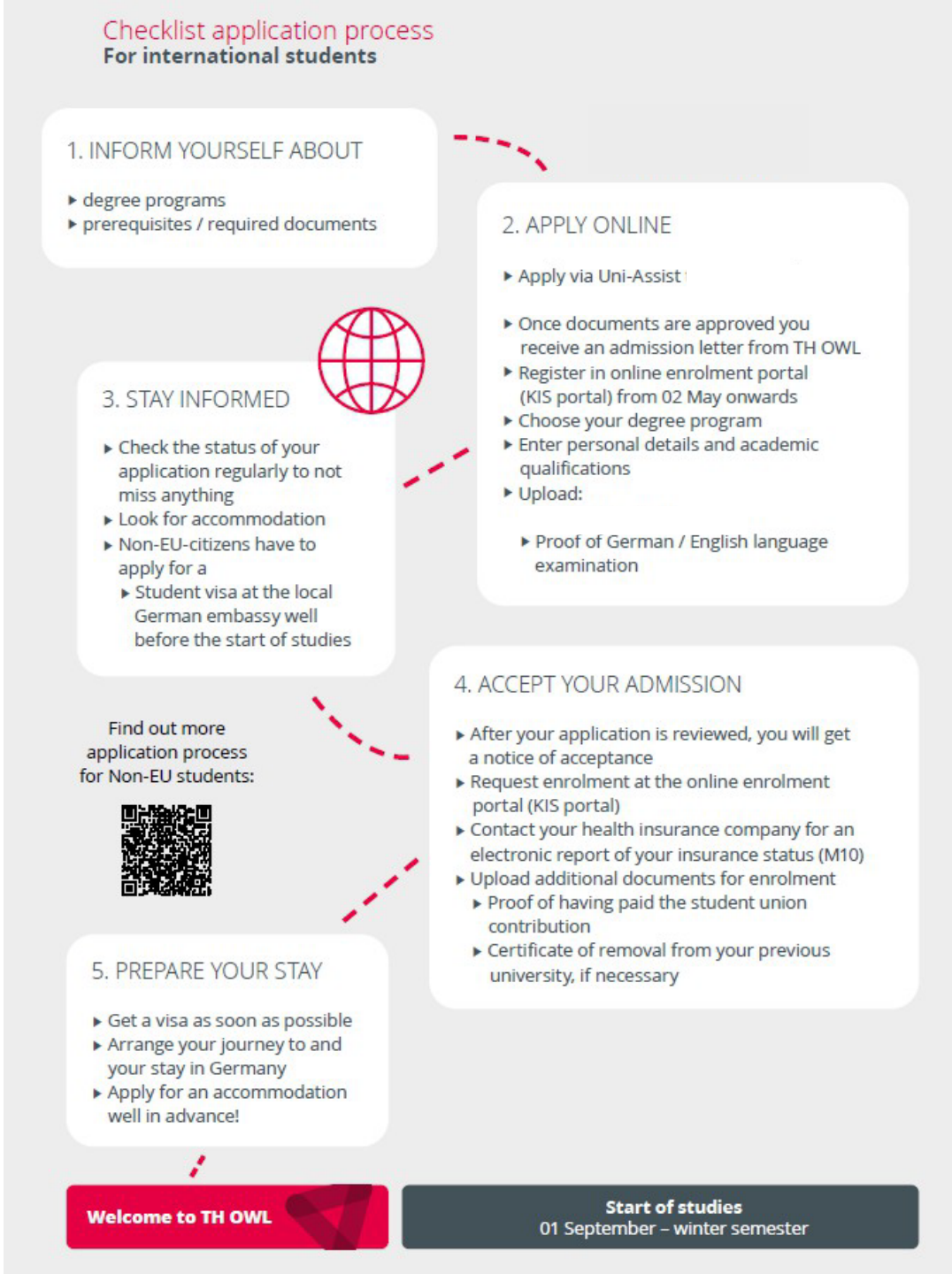
At the top in North Rhine-Westphalia
East Westphalia-Lippe



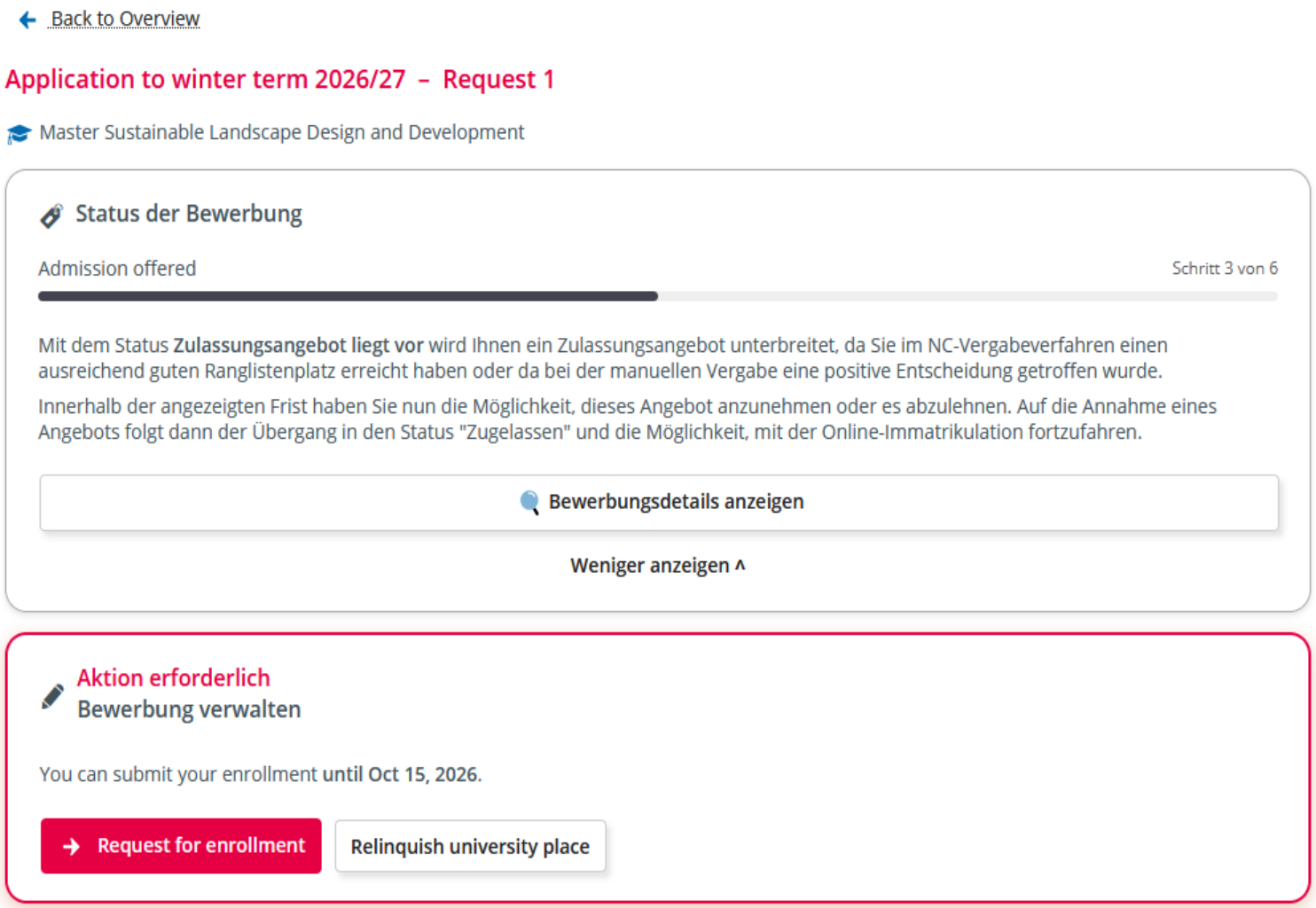
Admission and Enrollment

Non-EU applicants

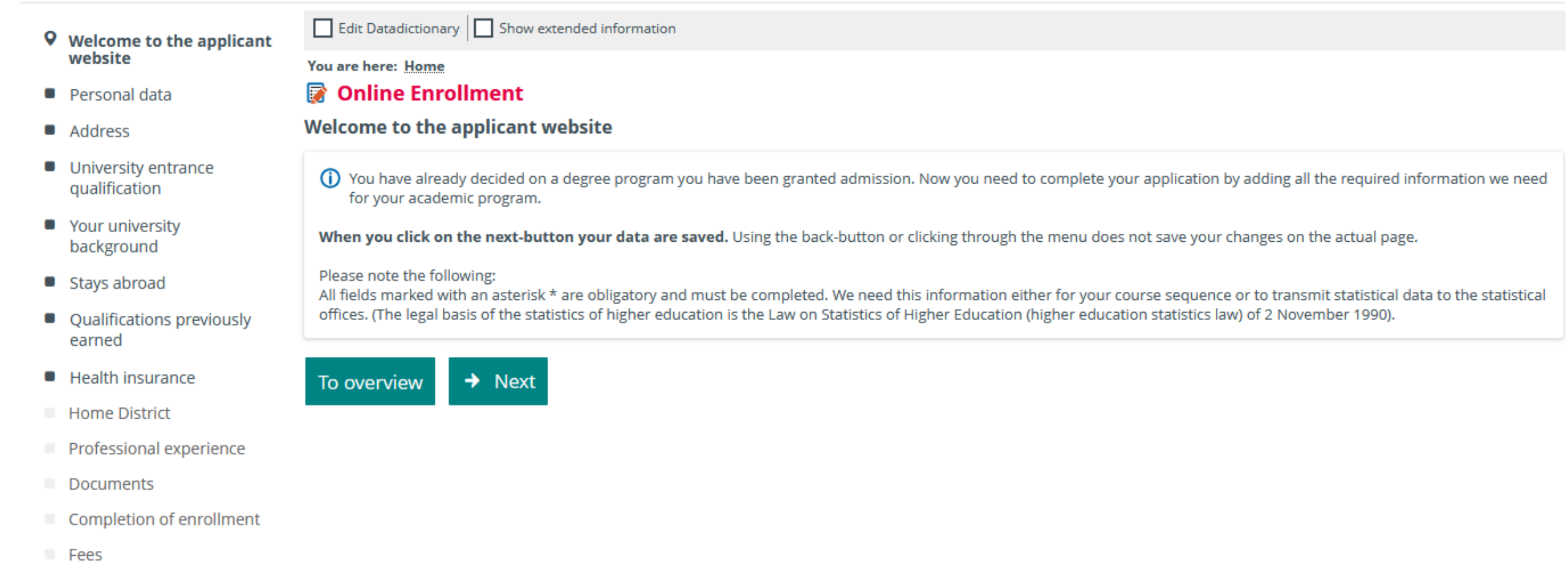
- Apply to Uni-Assist
- Review by **uni-assist** for minimum admission requirements and HZB
- Once admitted to the TH OWL – Apply for enrollment and submit required documents



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VISA Requirements

Visas

- International students from countries outside of the EU will have to apply for a study visa in order to study in Germany.
- The visa application must be submitted to the local German embassy well ahead of your arrival.

Proof of financial resources – Sperrkonto

- Important condition to get a study visa is a German blocked bank account – 11.904 €/year; resp. 992 €/month

Health insurance

- Health insurance is **mandatory** in Germany – proof of recognized health insurance or proof of exemption is required



Student Visas

Even if you have not yet received your admission letter, you should apply for a student visa as soon as possible. Student visas are only issued for a period of up to three months. After your arrival in Germany, you will need to apply for a student residence permit at the Immigration Offices of Kreis Lippe.

What should I do if the visa appointment wait time is long in my country?



- Check the specific information and wait time for your home country.
- It does not make sense to apply for the up-coming semester when you know that you will not be able to arrive on time due to visa delays.
- Apply for a Study Visa without having an admission notification but by providing proof that you are eligible for the study program of your choice

What should I do if I will not be able to arrive by the start of lectures?

Question	Master Information Technology	Master Applied Entrepreneurship	Bachelor General Engineering
Late arrival possible?	2 weeks after lecture start	By 3 November	No (only in exceptional cases)
Online start possible?	No	No	No (only in exceptional cases)
Admission valid until?	Admission offer is valid for 2 semesters	Admission offer is valid for 2 semesters	Only for the semester you were accepted for
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What should I do if I will not be able to arrive by the start of lectures?

Question	Master Integrated Design	Master Sustainable Landscape Design & Development	Master Urban Planning & Sustainable Transformation
Late arrival possible?	By 30 November	By end of January	By 30 November
Online start possible?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Admission valid until?	Only for the semester you were accepted for	Admission offer is valid for 3 application periods	Only for the semester you were accepted for
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What options do you have if you **cannot arrive** by the latest date of arrival:



Do not pay the semester fee until you are sure you will arrive on time. There is no penatly paying the semester fee until October 15th.

Option 1:

- If you have paid - Withdraw your enrolment
- Deadline: 31 August 2026 = full re-imbursement

Option 2:

- Stay enrolled until at your own responsibility.
- No obligation in being personally present.
- Discuss this option with your faculty = the full semester dues!

Consequences for late arrival



•Payments of health insurance – approx. 145 €/month - start on 1 September (Winter term) or 1 March (Summer term)

- You must continue paying for health insurance – even if you:
  - •start your studies online, or
  - •do not begin your studies at all
- No reset of semesters within your student visa

Please consider these financial implications when planning your enrollment and arrival

How to re enroll after winter semester 2026/27:



1. Log into the TH OWL KIS portal with your credentials.
2. Download your winter semester 2026 admission offer letter.
3. Save this file for future enrollment.
4. During the enrollment period for Summer 2027, create a new account in our TH OWL KIS portal. Your previous account will likely be deactivated due to data protection policies.
5. Add a new application and select the degree program.
6. During the application process, you will be asked if you have received admission during the past three years. Select “Yes” and upload you letter of admission that you received earlier.
7. Submit your application.
8. You will receive a new letter of admission that includes the next steps for enrolment.

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Cost of Life

- Lemgo and Detmold are affordable places to live compared to many big cities.
- **No tuition fees** for full-time undergraduate and graduate courses, neither for German nor for international students.

Living Expenses per month	Estimated Costs
Accommodation	250 – 450 €
Food & Drinks	150 – 300 €
Clothing	35 – 55 €
Health & Liability Insurance	140 €
Study Material and Semester Dues	90 – 120 €
Telephone & Internet	25 – 40 €
Leisure, Travel & Sports	55 – 120 €
Total Expenses	**800 – 1125 €**

No tuition fees!

Student residences and housing

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Student Residences and housing

Lemgo and Detmold are a small but popular cities. You should therefore start looking for accommodation at an early stage. Find out more at

https://www.th-owl.de/en/studies/starting-your-degree/housing-during-your-degree/

Campus Life

NOT BIG. BUT GREAT. JUST FOR YOU!

This is us!

Who are we? First and foremost, we are people who are interested. In things. In other things. And also in new things. We take matters into our own hands! Curious? Watch our video to find out more!

- Campus life includes leisure, exchange, sport, voluntary work and creative development opportunities.
- https://www.th-owl.de/en/university/profile/campus-life/

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Free Time Activities

Lemgo






Detmold






Höxter






TH OWL international










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The International Office supports foreign students, during their studies and their stay at TH OWL from your application and arrival until your degree at TH OWL.

https://www.th-owl.de/en/international-office-th-owl/

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Thank you!

Join us next Wednesday, 22.07.2026, for our Pre-Arrival online session:

https://www.th-owl.de/international/international-student-guide/#c-accordion-84972-2