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Student selected for German study abroad grant

Anastacia Maurer, a double major in **German** and **History**, and a member of the **Honors College**, has been selected as a winner of a “**Come-to-Oldenburg**” grant.

This is an award established in 2010 to offset some of the costs associated with a study abroad experience offered at the Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg in Germany.

The Come-to-Oldenburg grant will cover €2000 Euros worth of Maurer’s expenses and she will be studying there between March and August of this year.

“We have been very fortunate as two OU students have won the grant within the past seven years and Anastacia is now the third winner,” said **Anja Wieden, assistant professor of German** in the Modern Languages and Literatures department and adviser to the Oldenburg study abroad program. “The competition is high as all international students from various institutes who plan to spend a semester or a year in Oldenburg are eligible to apply.”



Maurer’s future plans include working towards a doctoral degree in Medieval History with a focus on Germany and Scandinavia.

Beyond her academic endeavors, Maurer is also a competitive fencer and has worked two jobs on campus. She is originally from Chester Township and was home-schooled before coming to Oakland.

OU’s Oldenburg study abroad program was founded in 2000 and a handful of students participate each year. This year, Oakland will send students to study for one semester there and one student who is spending two semesters studying there.

Wieden added, “The success of the program is truly a joint effort. The rapport with the **International Education** office in Oldenburg has been terrific and Alex Zimmerman, director of International Education at Oakland, has done an outstanding job assisting our German students with organizational matters.”

Learn more about the **Oldenburg study abroad opportunity**.



Grant recipient Anastacia Maurer with her German professor/adviser Anja Wieden