

International Welcome Weeks – Winter Semester 2026/27

Dear freshmen,

We would like you to have a comfortable and enjoyable start in Magdeburg and to discover the university and the city together. This is why the IKUS initiative (Intercultural Students), the International Office of the university and the Student Services (Studentenwerk Magdeburg) have organised the International Welcome Weeks for the winter semester 2026/27 for all new students. During our IKUS office hours, we will help you with any questions about the university and living in Magdeburg.

Counselling for finding accommodation for new international students takes place from **21 September 2026 – 30 October 2026** in the InterKultiTreff (IKT). Office hours will be announced later. Written requests can be sent to housing@studentenwerk-magdeburg.de. For the latest information about the Welcome Weeks programme and events during the semester, we recommend our app "**Welcome to OVGU**", and you can write us an e-mail at ikus@ovgu.de.

All Zoom links for the events can be found in the app.

*** These events require preregistration through our "Welcome to OVGU" app. Registrations will be opened 1 week before an event takes place.**

Monday

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

28 September 2026

IKUS Office Hours, Location: InterKultiTreff (IKT)
German Language Café, Location: IKT *

Tuesday

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

29 September 2026

LSF-Workshop HYBRID: Information regarding designing timetables, exam registration etc. (English), Location: G22, room 111 and via Zoom *

12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Boat tour on the river Elbe, Meeting point: IKT *

Wednesday

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

30 September 2026

Campus Rallye (English), Meeting point: IKT *
Karaoke Evening, Location: JoGo (behind dorm 7) *

Thursday

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
7:00 – 11:00 p.m.

01 October 2026

IKUS Office Hours, Location: IKT
Visiting the Elbauenpark and the butterfly house, Meeting point: IKT *
Bar Crawl, Meeting point: IKT *

Friday

11:00 – 12:30 p.m.

02 October 2026

Uni Library Tour & Introduction to the library system, Meeting point: library foyer *

Attention!

- 1.) On the Day of German Unity (Saturday, 03 October) ALL shops are closed.
- 2.) The Deutschland-Ticket for using regional public transport will be valid from 01 October 2026.

From 05 October to 09 October 2026, [Introduction Days](#) will be held by the faculties to welcome new students.

Monday

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

From 10:30

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

05 October 2026

Information Session "First Steps in Magdeburg" (English),
via Zoom

Official Matriculation Ceremony, Registration via the [OVGU website](#),
Location: Opernhaus

IKUS Office Hours, Location: IKT

Introduction of the Language Centre (SPRZ) of the OVGU,
Location: G40, room 238 at 2:00 p.m., Meeting point: Campus
Welcome Center (building 01) *

IKUS Oktoberfest, Location: Studierendenhaus (building 08) *

Tuesday

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

06 October 2026

LSF-Workshop: Information regarding designing timetables, exam
registration etc. (English), via Zoom

IKUS Office Hours, Registration and collecting deposit for the Berlin
trip, Location: IKT

Guided City Tour on foot, Meeting point: IKT *

Wednesday

11:00 – 1:00 p.m.

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

07 October 2026

Welcome Brunch with the International Office & Awarding of the DAAD
prize, Location: Studierendenhaus (building 08)

IKUS Office Hours, Location: IKT

Thursday

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

11:00 – 3:00 p.m.

4:15 – 6:00 p.m.

6:00 – 11:00 p.m.

08 October 2026

Information Session "Living in the Dormitories" (English/German),
via Zoom

Market of Opportunities : Introduction of student initiatives, faculties &
central university organisations, Location: building 22

Awarding of the Otto von Guericke scholarship in the Old Town Hall
with a following tour through the town hall, Meeting point: Campus
Welcome Center (building 01) *

Speedfriending and following KICKUS GameNight with "Alex's New
Start", Location: IKT *

Friday

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

09 October 2026

IKUS Office Hours, Location: IKT

City Tour by bus, Meeting point: IKT, End point: Magdeburg
Cathedral *

Organ Concert in the Magdeburg Cathedral *

Saturday

07:15 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

10 October 2026

Berlin Excursion, First come first serve at IKUS office hours on 06
October, deposit: 10 €, collection of deposit during the IKUS office
hours - Please bring the exact amount of money! Journey to Berlin will
be made together, return journey together is optional.
Meeting point: main entrance main station Magdeburg *

There will be special appointments for students to open a current account at a German bank.
This service will be announced on the "Welcome to OVGU" app.

From 28 September to 17 October 2026, special consultation hours for students are offered at
the Citizens' Registrations Office (Bürgerbüro Mitte), Leiterstr. 2A, 39104 Magdeburg.
Appointments have to be booked at <https://www.servicecenter.ovgu.de/> in advance.