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WELCOME TO OVGU

Summer semester 2026

Who are we?

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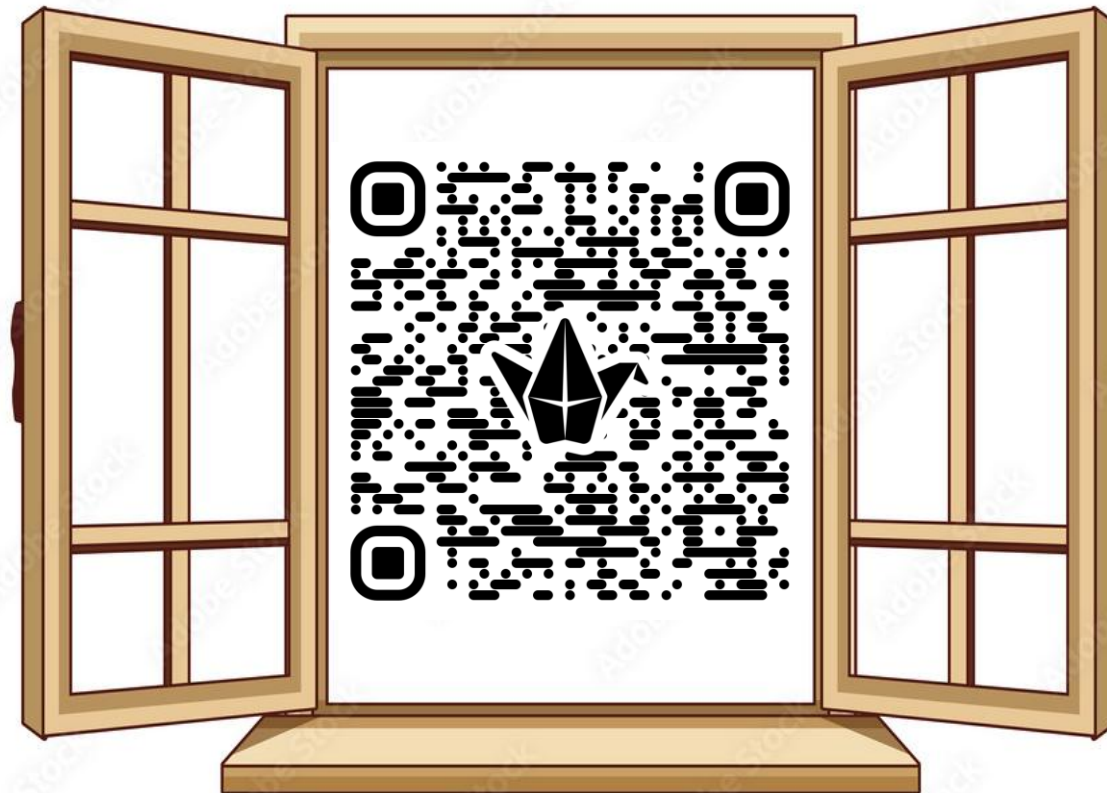
Study Advisor for
International
Students:
Ms. Alexandra
Gottschalk

Home sweet home

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Who are you? Where are you right now?

Take a picture from what is outside your window and share it with us:



We need your support!

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We would like to improve the situation for international students starting their studies!
Please participate in this short survey regarding your **visa** and search of **housing** status and your estimated **arrival date** in Magdeburg.



<https://limesurvey.ovgu.de/index.php/622747?lang=en>

Thank you for your support 😊

Presentation Structure

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1. Your Arrival

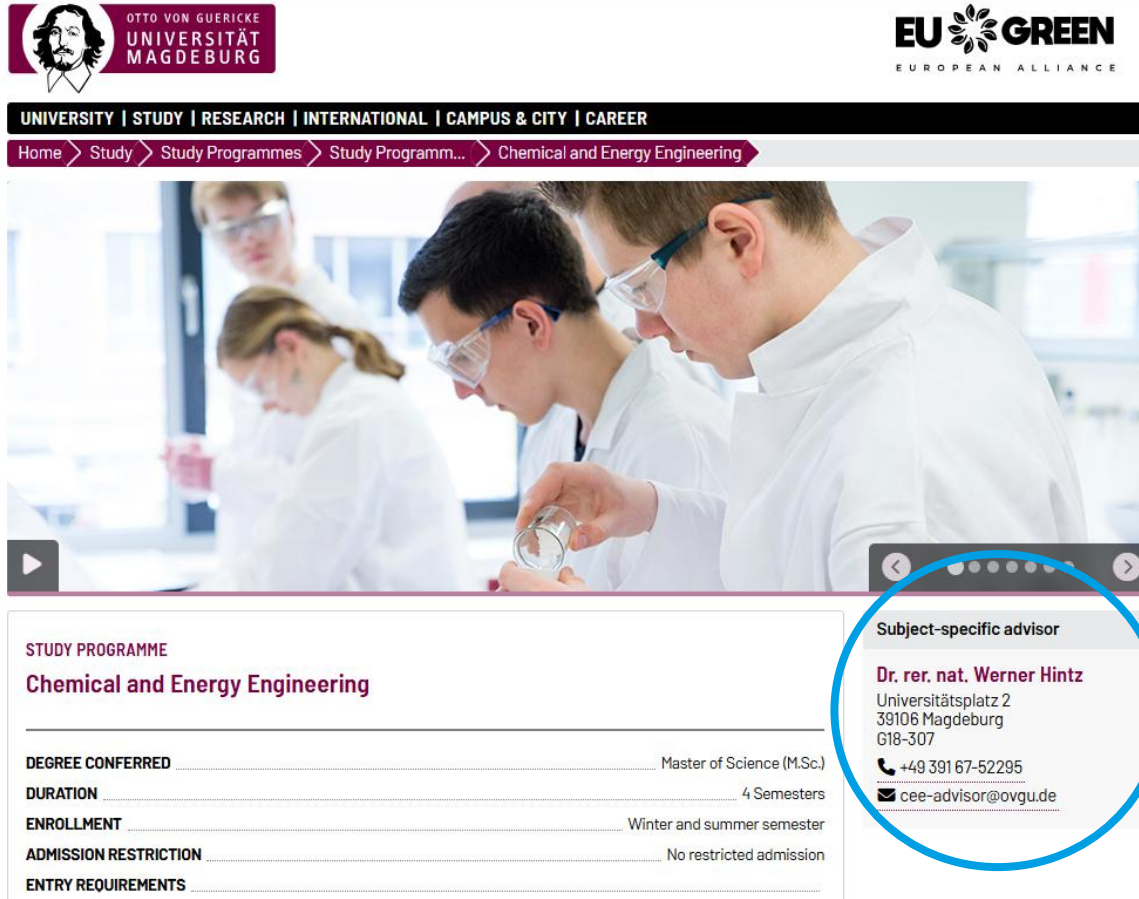
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Late Arrival Information:

- OVGU recommends arrival by **April 30 at the latest, but lectures will already start on April 7, 2026**
- After enrollment, university semesters are counted although you are not here in present
- Clarify with your public health insurance whether you can start paying the contribution from the time of arrival in Germany
- If you do not enrol right now, you can re-apply for the next possible intake via the myOVGU portal with your current admission letter
 - Admission is not guaranteed! (ranking for NC programs)
 - New admission letters from June (winter) / December (summer term)
- **No influence on the processing of visa applications at the embassies!**

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STUDY PROGRAMME
Chemical and Energy Engineering

DEGREE CONFERRED	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
DURATION	4 Semesters
ENROLLMENT	Winter and summer semester
ADMISSION RESTRICTION	No restricted admission
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	

Subject-specific advisor
Dr. rer. nat. Werner Hintz
Universitätsplatz 2
39106 Magdeburg
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You arrive late?

- If you arrive after the start of the semester (April 7), **contact your study program advisor** and ask if you can join courses late
- Contact details on website of [degree program](#)
- **Requests for individual letters for late arrival:** Study program advisor

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Deutschlandticket

- You have to **activate** the ticket before you can use it (possible from March 25)
- Activate the ticket in the **easy.GO-app** & have the ticket ready on your phone **before entering** any form of public transport (your student ID card is not necessary!)



- Access to **public transportation** system in Germany **in every city**
 - Valid from April 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026 → Re-activate for new semester
 - The only public transport you **cannot** use it for long-distance trains (ICE, IC/EC)

[**FAQ**](#)

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Further recommendations:

- Train and bus service in Germany (long distance traffic):
 - **Deutsche Bahn (DB)**
→ Deutsche Bahn App for timetables
 - **Flixbus**
→ Flixbus App for timetables
- **Public transport system in Magdeburg:**
 - Trams and busses
→ **easyGo App, Insa App** or Deutsche Bahn App for timetables



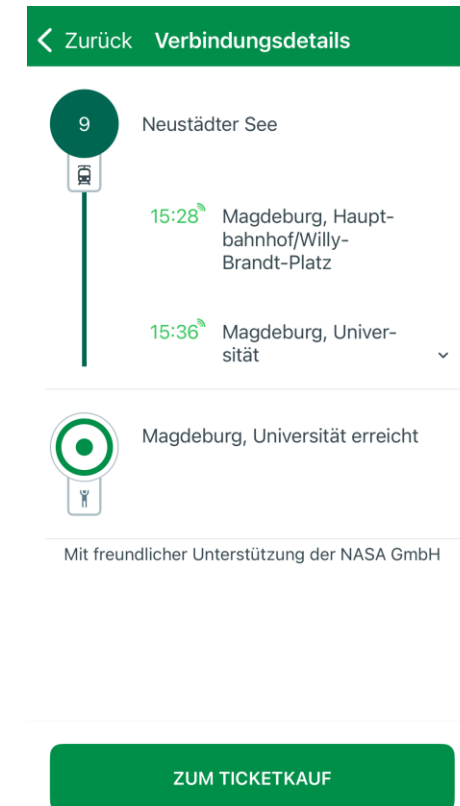
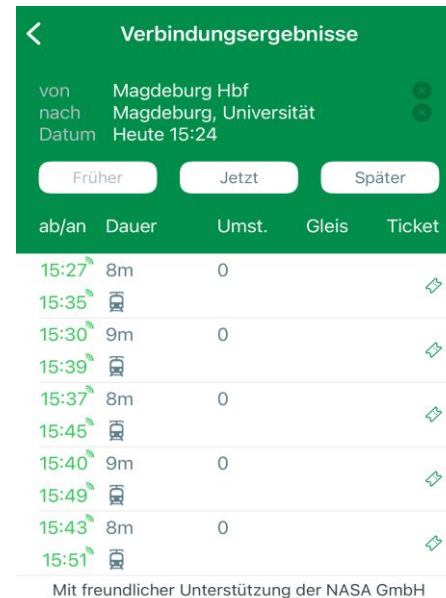
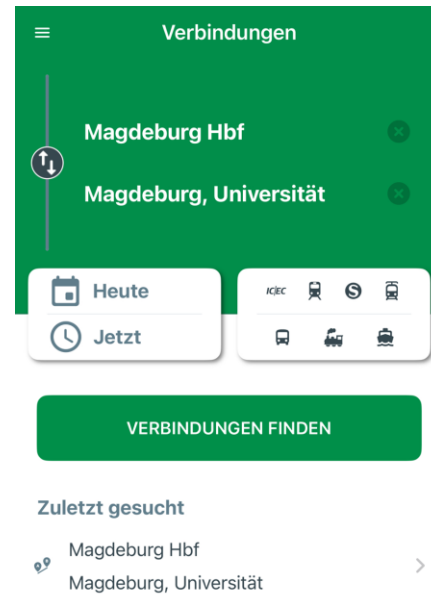
Use Otto Hotspot in Magdeburg for free Wifi!

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How to get to the Otto von Guericke University:

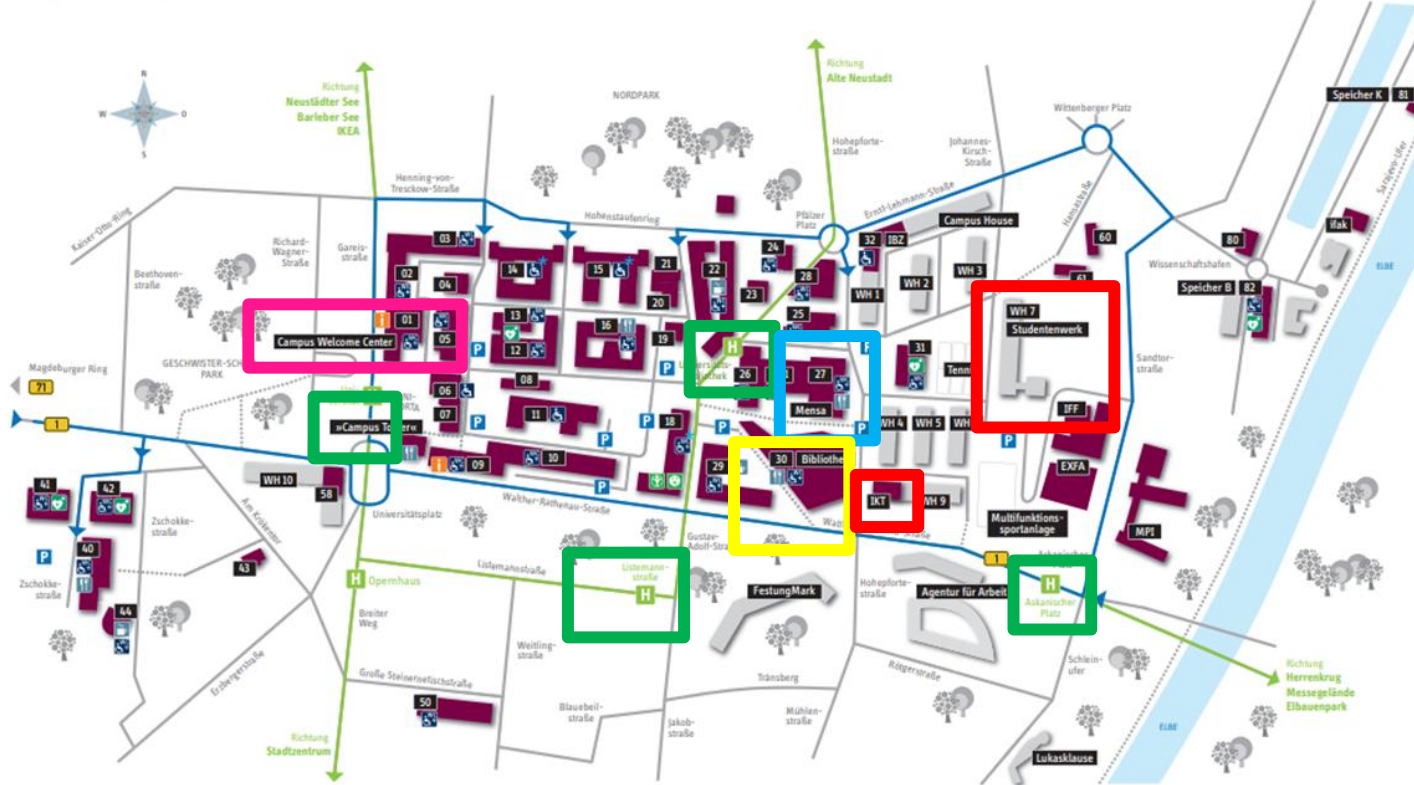
- Start: Hauptbahnhof / Willy-Brandt-Platz **Tram station: Universität**
- Alternatives: **Universitätsbibliothek, Listemannstraße**



2. The Campus

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Campus »Universitätsplatz«



Legende

— Straße	→ Anfahrt und Einfahrt	Gebäude	♿ Gebäude mit rollstuhlgerechtem Zugang	☕ Speisen/Getränke	🧘 Psychosoziale Studierendenberatung
⋯ Weg/Durchgang	🚗 Ziel: Fallenbergstraße Breitengrad: 53.398 Längengrad: 11.643	01 studentische Info	♿ Gebäude mit rollstuhlgerechtem Zugang und rollstuhlgerechtem Weg	☕ Kaffeezubereiter	🌿 Raum der Stille
🚶 Straßbahn (Haltestelle)	P Parkplatz	09 allgemeine Info	♿ nur teilweise barrierefrei erreichbar		
		WH Wohnheim-Nummer			
		41 Sporthalle 1			
		42 Sporthalle 2			
		31 Sporthalle 3			
		♿ GB 12/13 Flur: Übergang von 12 in 13			
		♿ GB 31 Flur: Eingangsbereich			
		♿ GB 41 Flur: vor Bewegungsfläche			
		♿ GB 42 Flur: vor Bewegungsfläche			
		♿ GB 81 Flur: vor 06a (MRT)			

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Validation of your student ID each semester:

- **Validation machines** in Building 01, 06, 26, 40
- Machines in the cafeteria to load money on cards (cash or with card)
 - Payment at Mensa
 - Payment for printing, copying on campus
- Student ID card = Library card

URZ/ IT-Service Point:

it-service@ovgu.de



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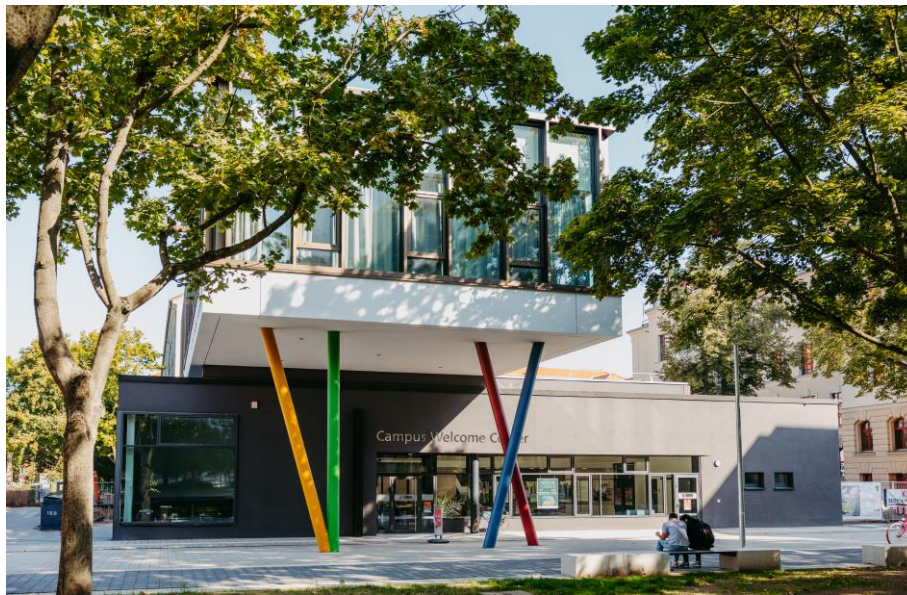
3. Campus Welcome Center

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Central service, information and advice centre for students

Opening times:

- Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



3. Campus Welcome Center

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Your Contacts

Students' Office:

- Processes of application, admission, enrollment, leave of absence, re-registration, change of degree programme and de-registration

International Student Advising:

- Advice related to your course of studies, social counselling

International Office:

- Advice and support for international students (e.g. Foreigners' Office)
- Advice related to studies or internships abroad

Servicepoint „Examinations“:

- General advice on examination-related questions

[Servicecenter.ovgu.de](https://www.servicecenter.ovgu.de)



Book your
appointment

4. Welcome Services on Campus

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International Welcome Weeks: March 23 – April 2nd, 2026

Monday

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Thursday

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

7:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Friday

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

7:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Monday

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

23 March 2026

IKUS office hours, Location: InterKultiTreff (IKT)
Language Café, Registration via app, Location: InterKultiTreff (IKT) *

25 March 2026

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

26 March 2026

IKUS office hours, Location: InterKultiTreff (IKT)
Campus tour with quiz (English), Registration via app,
Meeting point: InterKultiTreff (IKT) *
Bar Crawl, Registration via App, Meeting point: InterKultiTreff (IKT) *

27 March 2026

Visiting the Elbauenpark, Registration via app, Meeting point:
InterKultiTreff (IKT) *
Karaoke Evening, Registration via app, Location: CampusTheater *

30 March 2026

LSF-Workshop: Information regarding designing timetables, exam registration, etc. (English/German), via Zoom
Introduction of the Language Centre (SPRZ) of the OVGU,
Location: G40 room 238 at 1:30 p.m., Registration via app, Meeting point: Campus Welcome Center (Building 01) *
Guided City Tour on foot, Registration via app, Meeting point: InterKultiTreff (IKT) *

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International Welcome Weeks: March 23 – April 2nd, 2026

Tuesday

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
2:00 – 3:45 p.m.
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Thursday

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Saturday

07:15 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

31 March 2026

Information Session "First Steps in Magdeburg" (English),
via Zoom
IKUS Office Hours, Location: InterKultiTreff (IKT)
Uni Library Tour, Registration via app, Meeting point: library foyer *
Speedfriending, Registration via app, Location: InterKultiTreff *

1 April 2026

Information Session "Living in Magdeburg" (English),
via Zoom
IKUS Office Hours, Registration and collecting deposit for the Berlin
trip, Location: InterKultiTreff (IKT)
Barbecue, Registration via app, Location: in front of the JoGo7 *

2 April 2026

Information Session "Living in the Dormitories" (English/German),
via Zoom
IKUS Office Hours, Location: InterKultiTreff (IKT)
Easter Egg Hunt on campus, Registration via app, Meeting point:
InterKultiTreff (IKT) *
KICKUS GameNight, Registration via app, Location: InterKultiTreff
(IKT) *

11 April 2026

Berlin Excursion, First come first serve at IKUS office hours,
deposit: 10 €, collection of deposit in the IKUS office hours on
Wednesday 1 April - 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 *

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International Welcome Weeks: March 23 – April 2nd, 2026

→ Registration for the events via „**Welcome to OVGU**“ App:



- ✓ Upcoming events, information services for international students
- ✓ IKUS (Intercultural Students) events
- ✓ Important contacts
- ✓ Handbook for international students, FAQ
- ✓ Campus plan
- ✓ Mensa menu

Introduction Days of the faculties: April 1st – 2nd, 2026

Final [program](#) will be published in mid-March on OVGU website

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Counselling for finding accommodation: March 23 – April 30, 2026

Where? InterKultiTreff (IKT)

When? Office hours t.b.a. in the „Welcome to OVGU“ App/via email

Contact: housing@studentenwerk-magdeburg.de



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Special appointments at the Citizen's Registration Office: March 30 – April 10, 2026

Where? Bürgerbüro Mitte

Leiterstr. 2A, 39104 Magdeburg

Appointment booking: t.b.a. in the „Welcome to OVGU“ App/via email

[Servicecenter.ovgu.de](https://www.ovgu.de/servicecenter)

Open a German bank account with Deutsche Bank

Where? Campus Welcome Center, Room 021

Appointment booking: t.b.a. in the „Welcome to OVGU“ App/via email

5. Learning German

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Learning German opens up far more than just the classroom!

- ✓ **It makes everyday life and bureaucracy easier to navigate**
- ✓ **Significantly boosts job prospects**
- ✓ **Creates opportunities to connect with locals, build friendships**
- ✓ **... and truly feel at home**



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OVGU Language Center (SPRZ)

- Registration period: March 30 from 9 a.m. – April 17, 2026, 6 p.m. via Moodle
- Courses start on April 7, only with timely online registration
- Placement Test required (besides for level A1)

German courses of International Career Service

- Start July/August with intensive part at all levels (e.g. A2.1.) and continue during winter semester with 2nd part (e.g. A2.2.)

Tandem project (SPRZ)

- Improve your language skills in free time

IKUS Language Café

- Regular event to practice speaking German with native speakers: „Welcome to OVGU“ App

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Other possibilities to learn German in Magdeburg:

German course of the [University of Applied Science](#)

- From A1.1 – B2.2, Placement test on March 31, contact: daf@h2.de

[Language schools](#) in Magdeburg: Adult Education Center (VHS), Berlitz



Learning German before arrival or online:

- [Goethe-Institut](#) offers language courses, develops teaching materials
- [vhs learning portal](#) for free online German courses/digital integration courses for beginners and advanced learners at levels A1 to B2
- [Deutsche Welle-Learn German](#) for various materials for all levels
- Various language learning apps: [Babbel](#), [Duolingo](#), [Lingoda](#), etc.

6. Campus Life

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Join the sports courses of the Sports Center!

- Check courses offered in summer semester (visible on April 2)
- Registrations start on April 9 (usually at 9 a.m.) via website
 - You need student mail address and IBAN (German/European bank account)
 - Be fast!
- Courses start on April 13



Learn swimming with Schwimm Kultur:

- English, includes workshops, strengthens well-being, make new friends

Health coaching:

- Physical activity, coaching, back health, endurance and self-directed training
- Register on SPOZ website



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Join a student's initiative!

- Get to know them at the Market of Opportunities in winter semester or contact them

Examples:

- Acagemics: Student Game Developer Club
- AIESEC
- FlaR e.V.: Group rides, rad camps, cycling
- IKUS (Intercultural Students)
- Love Foundation
- Students for Climate Justice
- UMD Racing: Formula Student Team



Student's initiatives



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Events organized by the university:

- **Reception of International Students:** April 29, 2026
- Opening of the new building for students by Campus Kombinat
- Regular events: Market of opportunities in winter semester, Career pitches and fairs, Winter market
- Festival of Cultures every 2nd year (2027)



Any questions, thoughts or concerns?

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Safe travel and see you on campus soon!

