



Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg

Dear Future Student,

Starting life in a new country is about more than just studying. During the next weeks, learn how understanding German culture and learning the language can help you and make the most out of your life in Magdeburg.

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Curious about German culture and norms?

Get a little closer to Germany: join the intercultural training led by the head of the International Office! Learn the unwritten rules of communication, teamwork, and academic life to feel more confident from day one.

Info Session: **Germany Basics for International Newcomers**

Date: **August 25, 2026**

Time: **1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** (Central European Time, UTC + 1)

Zoom link:

<https://ovgu.zoom-x.de/j/63885412517>



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Unlock your German experience: Why language matters

Even if you study in English, learning German can **make everyday life easier**: from visiting the supermarket or the doctor to dealing with administrative offices. **Connect with locals, feel more confident** and settle in your new surroundings!

Speaking German will help you to **open doors for your career**: German skills can make it easier to find internships and navigate job applications and interviews, improving your career prospects in Germany.



In short, learning German is the **key to feeling at home** and unlocking more opportunities, both professional and personal.

Learn German your way

Whether you prefer structured courses or casual conversations, there are different ways to develop your German skills, both on and off campus. Here is a brief overview of a few options.

On campus @OVGU:

The Language Center ([Sprachenzentrum](#)) and the [International Career Service](#) provide German courses at different levels. For a more relaxed setting, join the weekly Sprachcafé on campus and practice German with native speakers.



Off campus and online:

You can also find German courses at [Hochschule Magdeburg-Stendal](#), language schools such as VHS Magdeburg or Berlitz, and informal language cafés at places such as the einewelt haus / Auslandsgesellschaft Sachsen-Anhalt or the Stadtbibliothek Magdeburg. You prefer learning at your own pace? Explore various online options from the Goethe-Institut, Deutsche Welle or VHS, or practice on the go with apps.

Find the option that fits you best, and start discovering Germany through its language!



Do you have any questions regarding the newsletter or info sessions? If so, feel free to contact us by email at arrival@ovgu.de.

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Best regards,

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