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Dear Future Student,

Your new life in Magdeburg is about to begin! After your arrival, there are some important first steps you need to take. Receive information on settling in socially and administratively, and learn about an exciting opportunity to practice your German through a web-based game developed at OVGU.

Important: The newsletter does not replace an official admission at university. You may receive it as an applicant or as someone who is already enrolled. All binding information can be found in the myOVGU application portal.

Quick Guide for Magdeburg

Receive practical tips for everyday life in Magdeburg, including information on recycling, shopping, public transportation and making friends. Learn about local customs and popular places in the city!

Info Session: **Live like a Local**
Date: **September 17, 2026**
Time: **1 - 2 p.m.** (Central European Time, UTC + 1)
Zoom link: https://ovgu.zoom-x.de/j/62373743071



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Important Steps after your Arrival

Moving to Magdeburg comes with a few important tasks. Get information on finding housing, registering your address, opening a German bank account, and applying for a residence permit at the Foreigners' Office in Magdeburg.

Info Session: **First Steps in Magdeburg**
Date: **September 22, 2026**
Time: **1 - 2 p.m.** (Central European Time, UTC + 1)
Zoom link: https://ovgu.zoom-x.de/j/62867775460



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City Registration: Special Appointments for new OVGU Students

The City of Magdeburg offers OVGU students exclusive appointments at the central Citizens' Office "Bürgerbüro Mitte". From September 28 to October 17, 2026, you can schedule appointments for your city registration. Online appointment booking is required. The slots are opened for booking on a weekly basis.



Book special appointment

German Broadcasting Fee

In Germany, each residence is subject to a mandatory license fee (“Rundfunkbeitrag”), regardless of how many people live in the apartment or how many devices are used. The fee is € 18.36 per residence per month. We recommend registering with your German address via “Wohnung anmelden” to avoid debt once you find long-term housing.



FAQ for students

Practice your German Skills and Get an Exclusive Game Preview

Do you want to practice your German in a new way? Try the prototype of “Alex’ Neuanfang”, a web-based game developed by an interdisciplinary OVGU research team. Complete a short questionnaire and play the game! It only takes around 30 minutes in total. Your feedback is invaluable and will help improve the experience for future international students.

Participation is voluntary, and you can withdraw at any time without any consequences. Please use Google Chrome or Safari on a desktop computer. You are very welcome to participate by September 23, 2026!

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If you missed the Pre-Arrival Info Sessions, check our website, where the latest presentations will be uploaded.

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Best regards,

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