

Zusammen die Welt *neu denken.*

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STUDY CULTURE

Winter Semester 2026/2027

The background image shows a vast, empty lecture hall with rows of wooden seats and white writing tablets. A large, semi-transparent dark blue circle is centered over the image, containing the text "OVGU says WELCOME!".

OVGU says
WELCOME!

Presentation Structure

1. Introduction
2. Course Registration
3. Teaching Formats
4. The Academic Calendar & German Time Culture
5. Exams, Coursework, Grades & their Systems
6. Formal Academic Communication
7. Important Contacts
8. Tips for a Successful Start at OVGU

A photograph of a modern interior space. On the right, a large mural depicts several figures in a classical style. Below the mural is a long wooden cabinet with a white countertop. To the left of the cabinet is a wall with a textured, stone-like appearance. Several white, cylindrical pendant lights hang from the ceiling. On the far left, there is a wooden wall and a doorway leading to another room.

1. Introduction

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Independence & Self-Responsibility

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Building your own timetable

Taking initiative

Revising regularly

Keeping an eye on deadlines and registration periods for exams

Managing your own time effectively

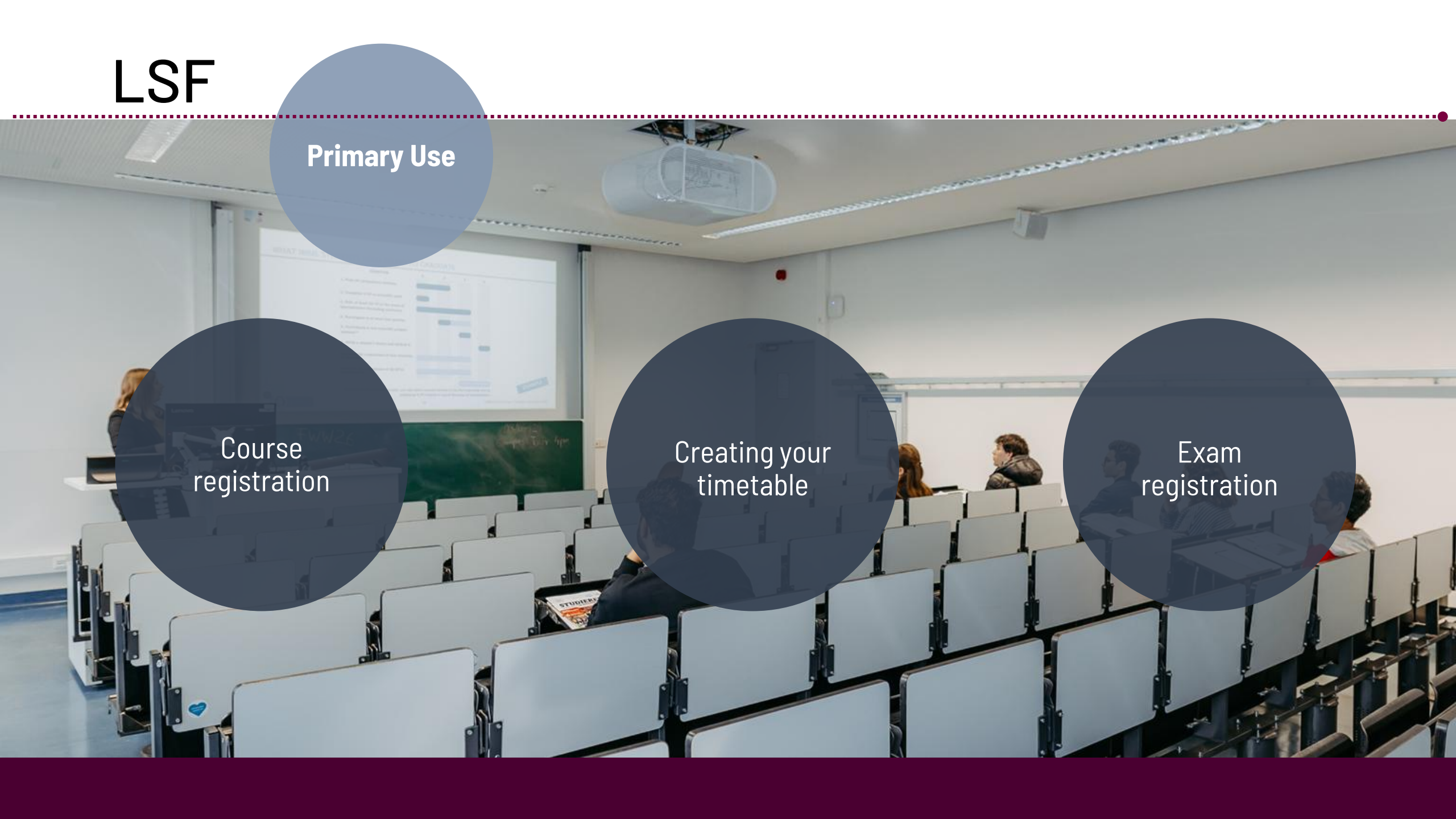
Seeking out and making use of the university's support offers



2. Course Registration

LSF & Moodle | Important documents

LSF

The background image shows a lecture hall with rows of grey seats. At the front, a large projection screen displays a presentation slide titled 'WHAT DOES A GRADUATE' with a list of bullet points and a diagram. A lecturer is visible at a desk on the left. Three semi-transparent circular overlays are placed over the image, each containing text. The top-left circle is light blue, and the other two are dark blue.

Primary Use

Course
registration

Creating your
timetable

Exam
registration

LSF

Workshops

International Welcome Week 1

September 29

10 – 11 a.m.

hybrid in building 22
Room 111 + Zoom

International Welcome Week 2

October 6

10 – 11 a.m.

only Zoom

Find Zoom
links later in
„Welcome to
OVGU“ app

Moodle

e-learning
platform

Language
courses | here

**Receive
more
information
in LSF
Workshop**

Also about
registration for
Sports courses |
here



2. Course Registration

LSF & Moodle | Important documents

Important Documents

Module
handbook

Study
regulations

Examination
regulations

Find your
specific
documents on
the website of
your study
program

More Links

- ▶ [Homepage of the study programme](#)
- ▶ [Faculty \(INF\)](#)
- ▶ [Study regulations](#)
- ▶ [Examination regulations](#)
- ▶ [Module handbook](#)
- ▶ [FAQ Study](#)

A photograph of a lecture hall with students seated in rows of black chairs. The students are looking towards the front of the room. A large, semi-transparent purple circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text '3. Teaching Formats'.

3. Teaching Formats

Lectures | Seminars | Tutorials

Lectures

Vorlesung

Usually held in
bigger lecture
theatres and
halls

Frontal and less
interactive

Focus on
transferring
knowledge

Students
independently
take their own
notes, analogue
to teaching
materials

e.g. visual
presentations,
scripts, etc.

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Lectures | Seminars | Tutorials

Seminars

Seminare

Group-sized
sessions

Focus on
discussing and
interacting with
teaching
contents

Thrives on active
participation,
constructive
criticism

&
independent
preparations
before classes

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Lectures | Seminars | Tutorials

Tutorials

mandatory

Übungen

Most common in
technical
courses

Practical
application &
practicing of
lecture contents

Thrives on active
participation

e.g. in
computer
labs, etc.



Tutorials

voluntary

Tutorium

An extra offer to
ask for course
specific help and
get even more
practice

Discuss
difficulties

Usually held by
final year or
master students



An Extra Insider Tip

It is common to thank the teaching staff at the end of a lecture or seminar by **knocking on the table** in front of your seat. **It is a form of applause.**

A photograph of a modern lecture hall. The room is filled with rows of grey plastic seats with orange armrests, arranged in a tiered fashion. At the front of the room is a stage area. On the stage, there is a large blackboard and a whiteboard. To the left of the blackboard, there are several small tables and chairs. To the right, there is a small desk with a computer monitor and some equipment. The walls are white, and there are large windows on the left side. The ceiling has several spotlights. A large purple circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title text.

4. The Academic Calender & German Time Culture

Punctuality | An Unspoken Rule | Academic Calender | Dates & Deadlines

Importance of Punctuality



Showing up to appointments on time &
informing teaching staff in advance in
case of absence

**In German terms – being on time
means being 5 minutes early...
just in case ;-)**



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An Unspoken Rule

« Akademisches Viertel »

Classes of any kind start a **quarter past** and end a **quarter to** the full hour

Allows for enough time to change buildings or grab a quick lunch at the Mensa

→ This doesn't apply to other appointments (e.g. student advising, German courses) on campus!



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Academic Calendar

Winter semester 2026/27 - October 01, 2026 - March 31, 2027

Medical Faculty

Introductory Days: October 05, 2026 - October 09, 2026

Classes: October 12, 2026 - February 05, 2027*

All other Faculties

Introductory Days: October 05, 2026 - October 09, 2026

Classes: October 12, 2026 - January 29, 2027

No classes

Christmas Break: December 21, 2026 - January 01, 2027

Epiphany Three Kings: January 06, 2027

University closed

December 28, 2026 - December 30, 2026

Notes

Semester dates
To be found [here](#) on the OVGU website

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Important Dates & Examination Deadlines

Faculty/Institution	courses of study	regular exam deadlines	
		exam registration	exam deregistration
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering			
Faculty of Process and Systems Engineering		winter semester term: 15 th November until	up to 3 days before the respective examination date
Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology	all	30 th November	
Faculty of Computer Science		summer semester term: 15 th May until 31 st May	
Faculty of Mathematics	all	winter semester term: 15 th November until 30 th November summer semester term: 15 th May until 31 st May; Oral Examinations: exact date requested up to 14 days before exam date)	up to 3 days before the respective examination date
Faculty of Natural Science	all	winter semester term: 15 th November until 30 th November summer semester term: 15 th May until 31 st May	up to 3 days before the respective examination date

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5. Exams, Coursework, Grades & their Systems

German Grading System | Examination Formats

The German Grading System

1

- Sehr gut – excellent – 1.0, 1.3

2

- Gut – good – 1.7, 2.0, 2.3

3

- Befriedigend – satisfactory – 2.7, 3.0, 3.3

4

- Ausreichend – sufficient – 3.7, lowest passing grade 4.0

5

- Ungenügend – insufficient – failing grade 5.0



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Examination Formats

First of all...

„Prüfungszulassung“

– occasionally (depending on the course), you are required to submit papers or group projects, take quizzes or hold a presentation **first** in order to be admitted to the final exam

Registering for a module does **not** automatically guarantee you admission to the final exam

Written, Take-Home, Oral Exams

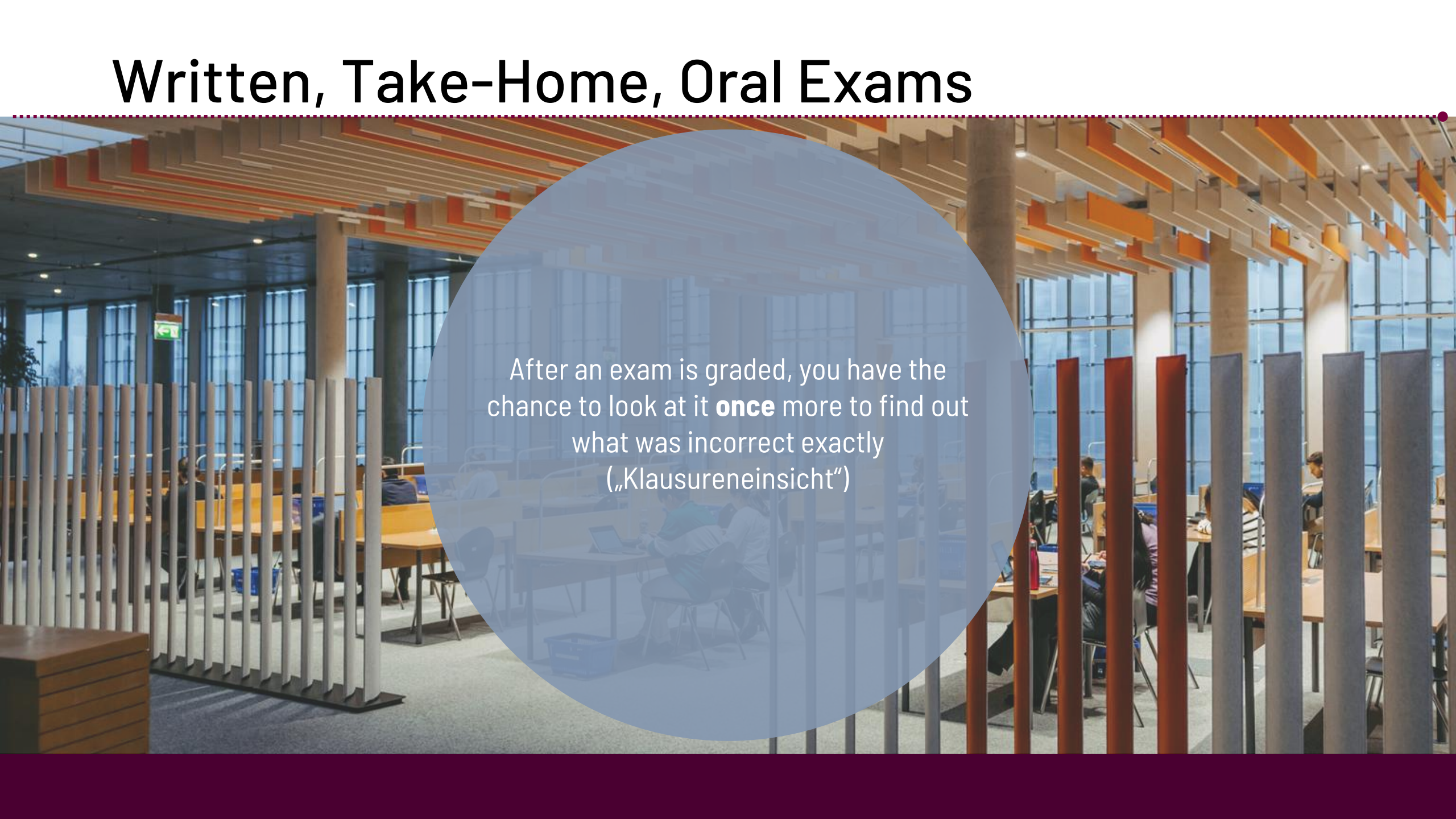
Various formats are possible, depending
on each module you take:

multiple choice,

open answer,

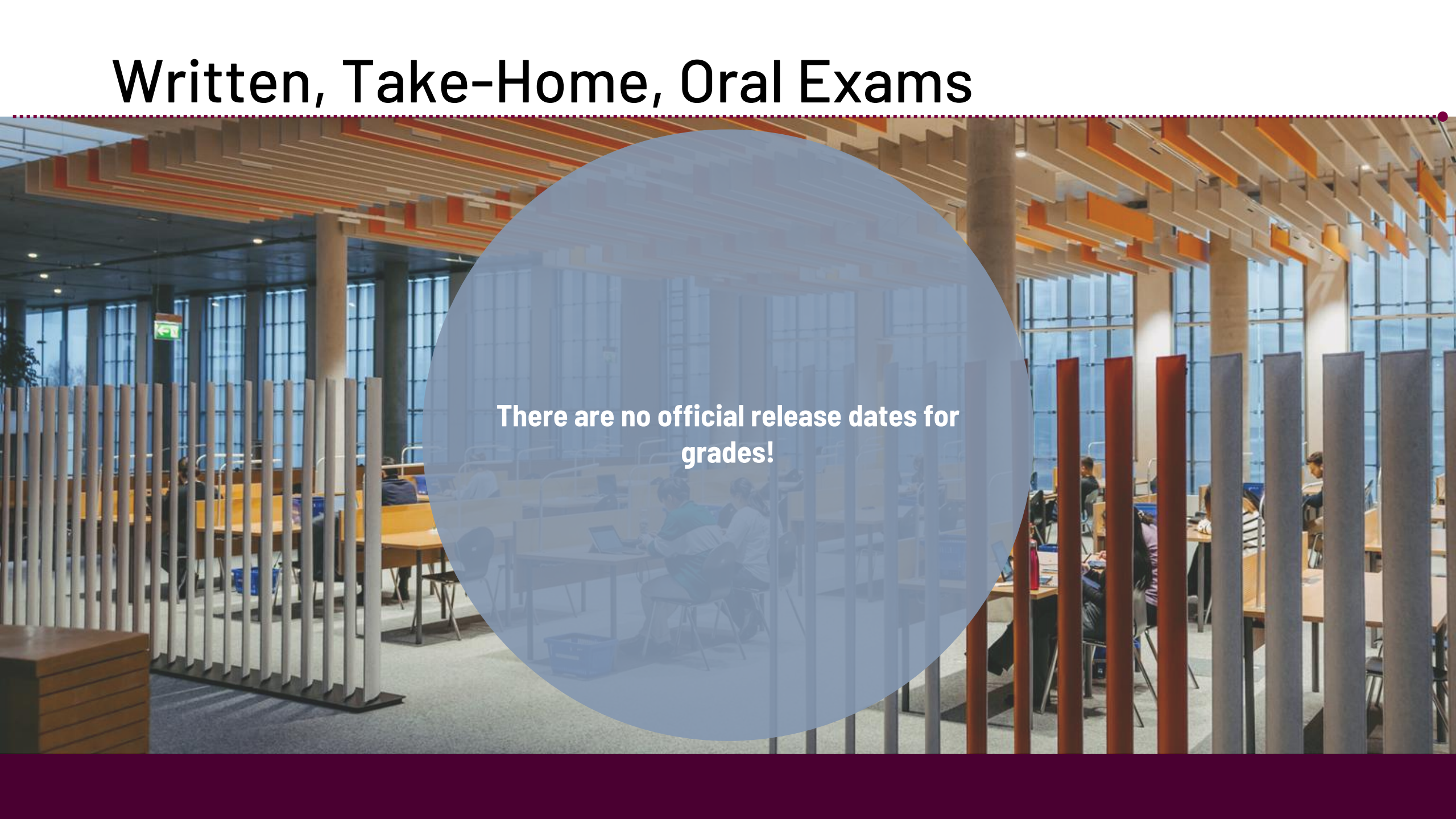
etc.

Written, Take-Home, Oral Exams



After an exam is graded, you have the chance to look at it **once** more to find out what was incorrect exactly („Klausureneinsicht“)

Written, Take-Home, Oral Exams



There are no official release dates for grades!

Coursework

Hausarbeiten



Usually 12-18 written pages

Mostly worth 100% of your grade

Importance of adherence to academic standards such as correct formatting and referencing to avoid plagiarism
(some programs include writing courses)

Group or Single Presentations



Duration of 10-45 minutes

Often, a handout or leaflet are required, additionally to a visual presentation (MS PowerPoint)

Importance of adherence to academic standards

A photograph of a modern university interior. In the foreground, there are several blue modular armchairs arranged in a circle. A man in a white hoodie is walking through the chairs. In the background, there is a staircase with a metal railing and a sign that says "Cafeteria". The space is bright and open, with large windows and concrete pillars.

6. Formal Academic Communication

German E-Mail Etiquette | University Communication Etiquette | Direct- & Clearness

German E-Mail Etiquette



Use of formal pronouns,
titles & formal greetings &
regards

Sie/Ihnen
Dr., Prof.
Sehr geehrte_r... /
Mit freundlichen Grüßen...

**The use of formal pronouns
applies to in person
communication as well**

German E-Mail Etiquette



Requesting for an interdisciplinary project

Dear Dr. Sandra Meyer,

I am a student of Digital Engineering and searching for an interdisciplinary project. Kindly let me know if you could offer me a project.



Thanks and Regards,

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University Communication Etiquette



Research first – find out who handles your issue before asking

Email one appropriate person, not multiple

Write clear, concise emails instead of sending many small ones

Limited weekend availability – offices closed, Fridays often end early (2 pm)

Expect delays – responses may take several days, Contact us as soon as possible

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Directness & Clearness



Are not seen as rude but
efficient

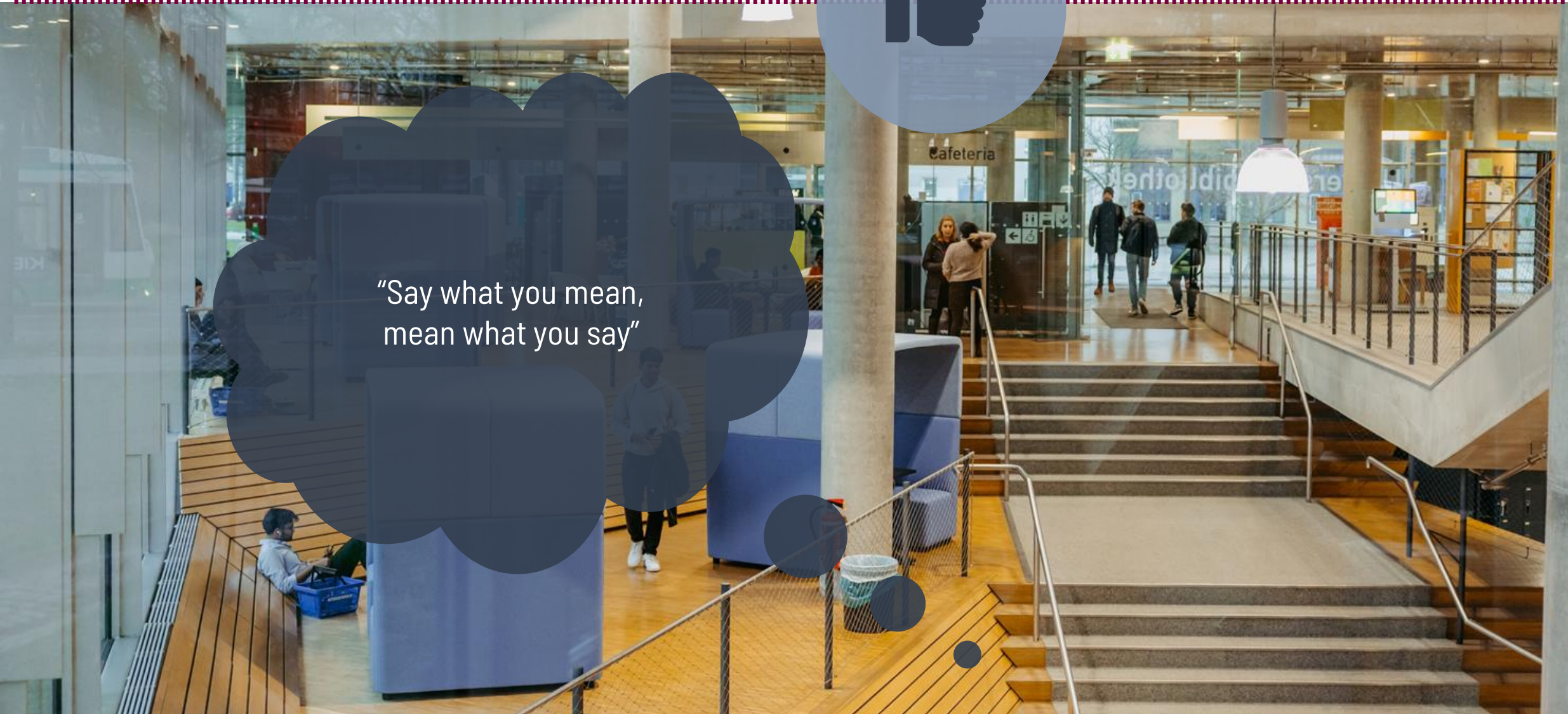
Don't mistake criticism for
harshness
&
don't take it personally

Criticism and mistakes are
part of the process, they
serve as opportunities to
grow and improve

Directness & Clearness



"Say what you mean,
mean what you say"





7. Important Contacts

Library | IT Service | Faculties | Student Council

University Library

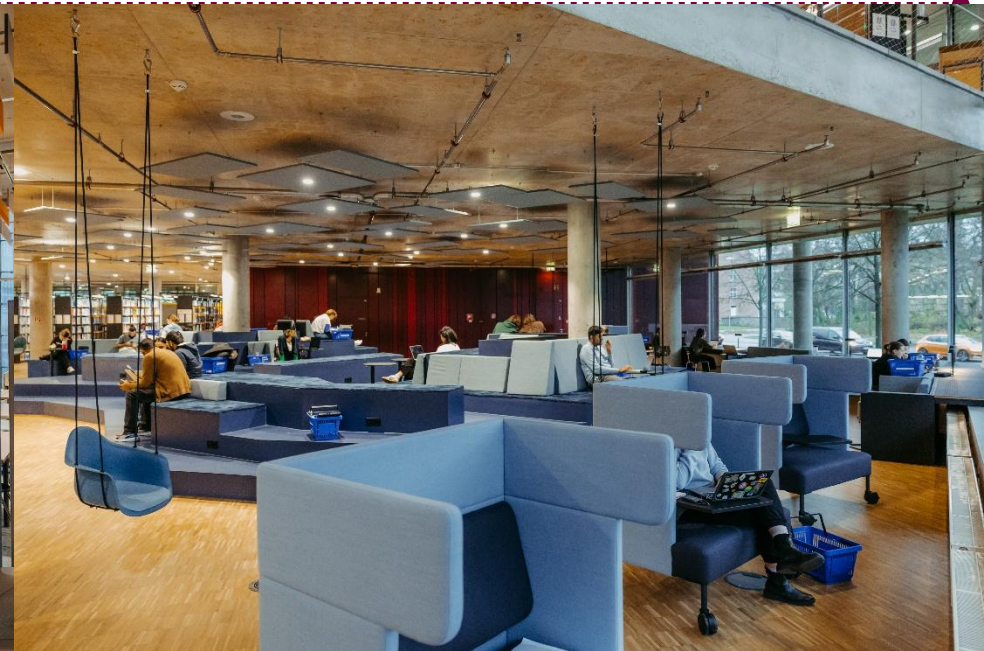
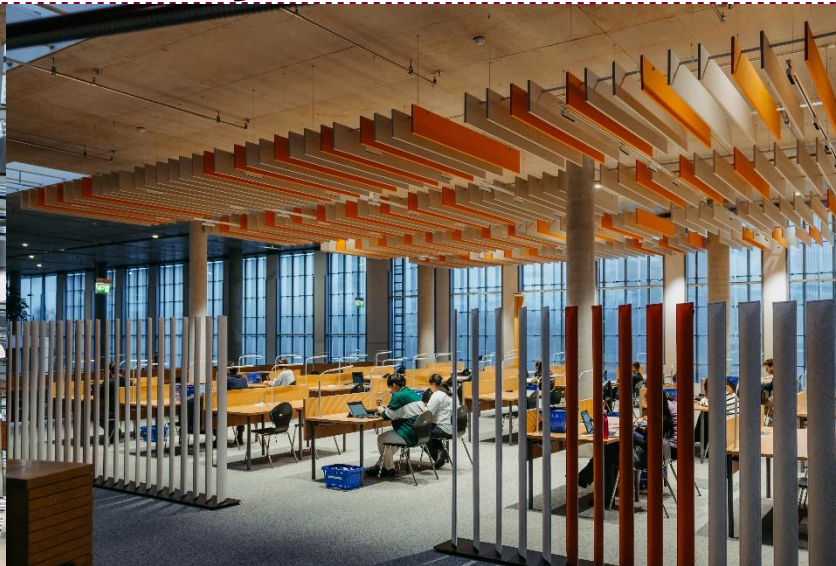


Registration service,
borrowing & ordering of
books and journals,
consultation & e-tutorials

Learning carrels (pre-
booking required), long-term
lockers

Other services: user PCs,
WiFi, internet, scan, copy,
print

University Library



Service and opening hours
here

ausleihe@ovgu.de



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IT Service Point

University
Computer
Center = URZ

Account activation,
password reset

email account

[It-service@ovgu.de](mailto:it-service@ovgu.de)

Office hours [here](#)



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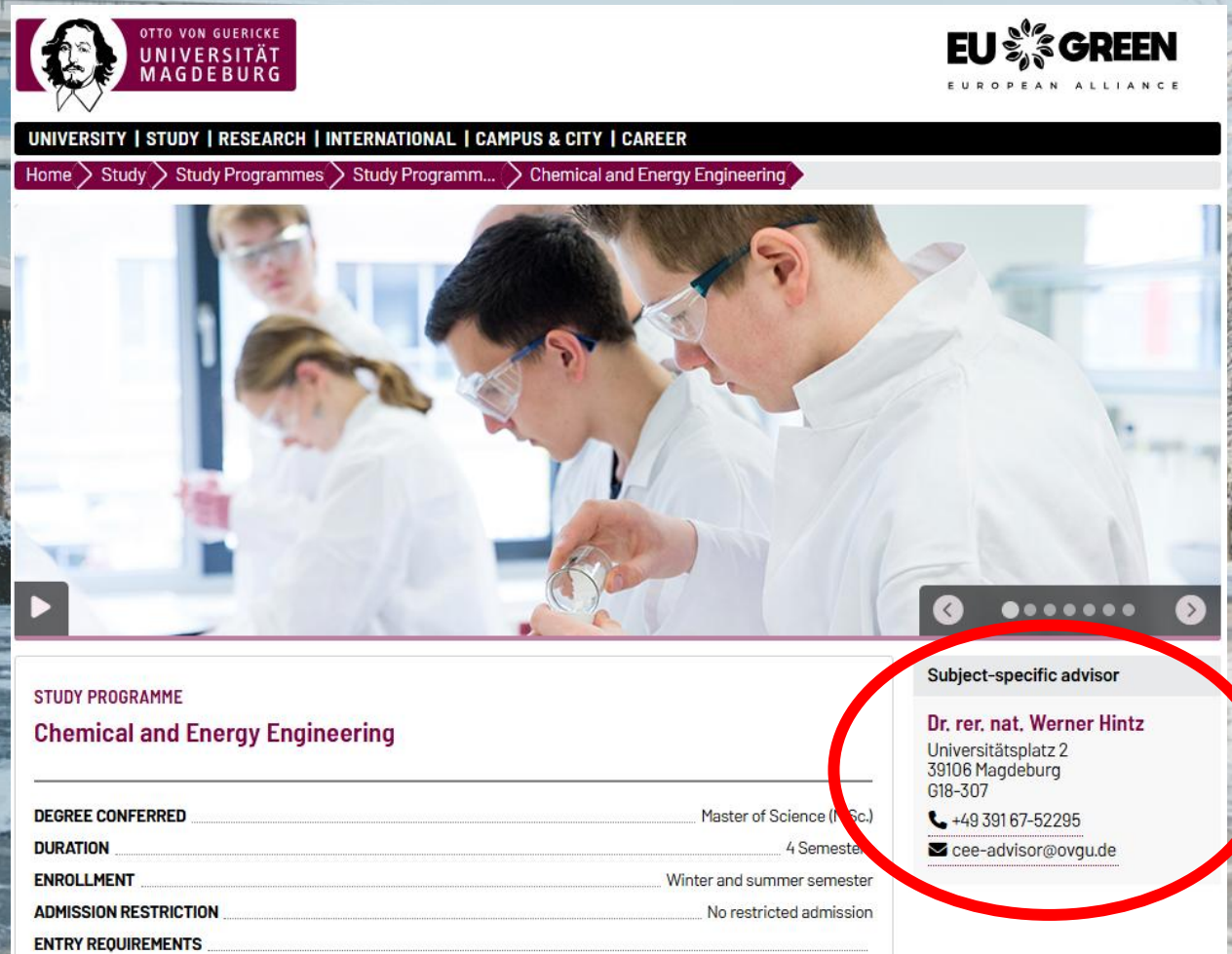
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Faculties

Student
Advisor

**Study-related/ academic
questions**

e.g. about courses,
regulations, internships,
thesis



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STUDY PROGRAMME
Chemical and Energy Engineering

DEGREE CONFERRED Master of Science (M.Sc.)

DURATION 4 Semester

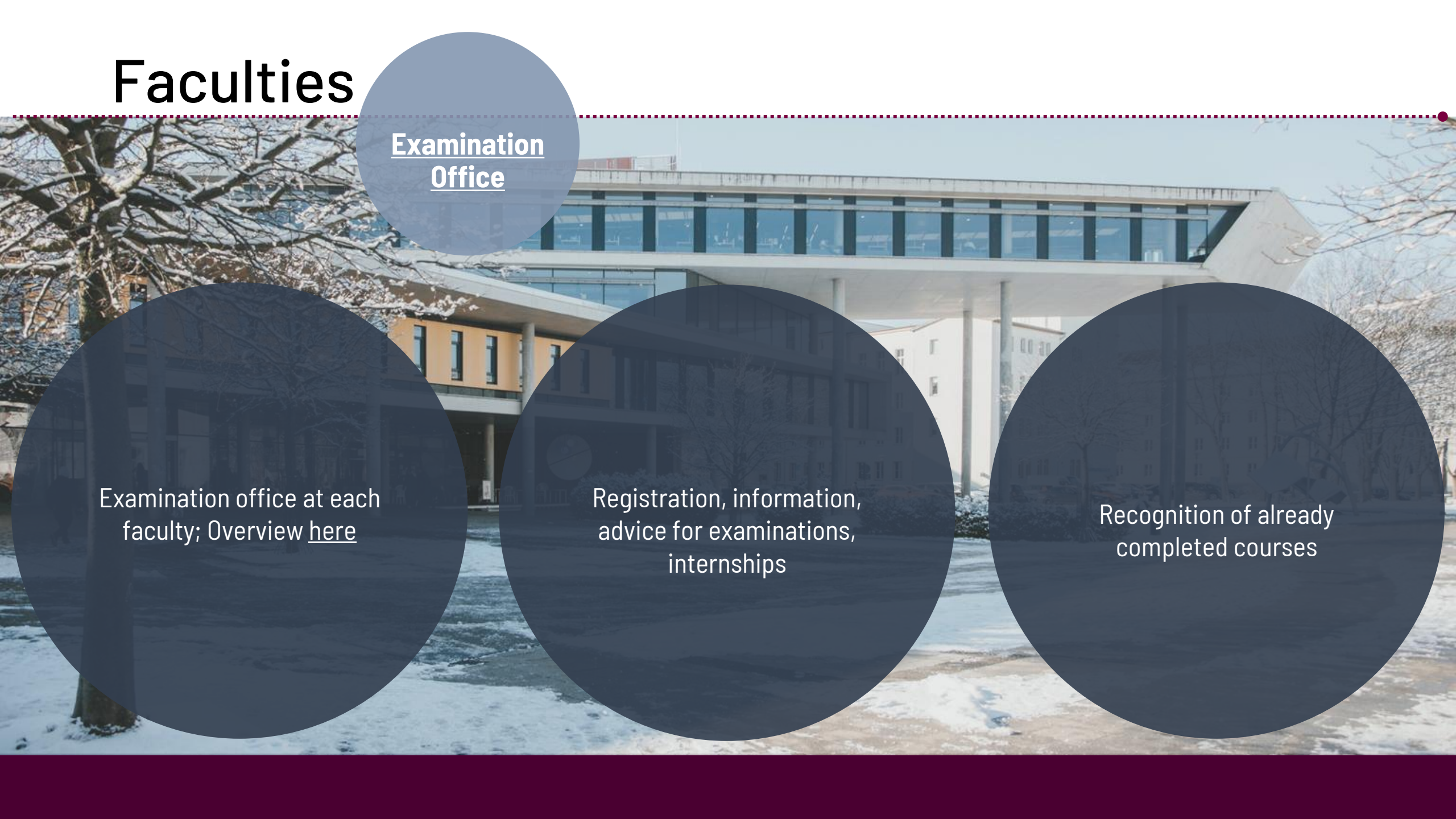
ENROLLMENT Winter and summer semester

ADMISSION RESTRICTION No restricted admission

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Subject-specific advisor
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39106 Magdeburg
G18-307
☎ +49 391 67-52295
✉ cee-advisor@ovgu.de

Faculties



Examination
Office

Examination office at each
faculty; Overview [here](#)

Registration, information,
advice for examinations,
internships

Recognition of already
completed courses

Faculties

Faculty
Student
Council

Each of 9 faculties has own
student council
(FaRa/FasRa)

4-7 representatives are
elected

Overview of each
„Fachschaftsrat“ at OVGU

**Main student body at
faculty level**
Highest student body at
university = StuRa
(student council)

Activities during the
semester vary

Faculties

Academic &
Social
Mentoring

Faculty of Computer Science:

Sl@FIN Support Internationals /
Academic Club

fin-mentors@isg.cs.ovgu.de

Faculty of Electrical
Engineering and Information
Technology:

Sl@FEIT

feit-fit@ovgu.de

Faculty of Economics and
Management:

SIMP-SON, ISP (International
Study Programs Office)

isp@ovgu.de



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Student Council

Studieren-
denrat

Highest self-governing body for
students at OVGU

Representing their interests
in academic, social, cultural,
political matters

Support student projects, social
loans, events, integration of
international students



8. Tips for a Successful Start at OVGU

Settling in | Support & Participation

Settling Into a New Environment

Keep an **open mind**

Have fun **exploring**

Enjoy!

Have **courage** - to meet
new people, to make
mistakes or to try
something new

Have **patience** with yourself



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Academic Support

Study program advisor

Websites of faculties

**Scientific works late Night at
University Library**



Social Participation

**Student initiatives
(„Markt der Möglichkeiten“ = Market of Opportunities on October 8, 2026)**

IKUS (Intercultural Students)

OVGU sport courses

Language courses

**Thank you
for your attention!**

**Do you have
any questions?**



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