



SIMP-SON

STUDENTS INTERNATIONAL MENTORING PROGRAM
SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONAL NETWORK

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What is SIMP-SON?



Students International Mentoring Program - Social
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What do we do?



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- We offer a mentoring program with higher semester German & International students
- Our mission is to help all newcomers to feel welcomed and to have a soft transition to the new environment at OvGU
- Connecting people with different backgrounds and cultures

SIMP-SON Team



Ece



Antonia



Grit Voigt



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Where can you find us?



- You can find us: at the ISP Office in **Building 22, Room B 006**
- ISP office hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays
- You can e-mail us: ovgu.simpson@gmail.com

The city we live in : Magdeburg

- Location: Saxony Anhalt
- Population: around 235,000
- Elbe, Parks, old buildings



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magdeburg#/media/File:Vista_Magdeburg.jpg



Public Transportation in MD



- **Tram and bus** stations next to university: Universität, Universitätsbibliothek, Askanischer Platz
- <http://insa.de/bin/query.exe/dn>
- Schedules change for weekends, holidays and during the night after 11:00 pm
- Instructions around Alter Markt and Hauptbahnhof makes traveling via Public Transportation more difficult

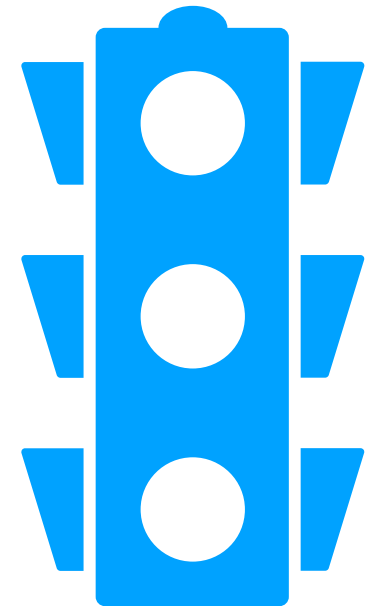
Transportation in MD



- IMPORTANT: Using the buses, trams etc carry your **valid student ID** all the times!! Otherwise you have to buy a ticket or you pay a fine of around 60 Euros!
- **Bicycle** (lock it well – often stolen !)
- Places can be reached easily by walking

Basic Traffic Rules

- Pedestrian Crossing
- Traffic Lights
- Bicycles



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Shopping in MD



- Allee-Center, City Carre
- IMPORTANT: **Sundays closed!!!**
- Supermarkets usually work between 8:00 – 10:00 pm
- Small 'Spätshops' at Hasselbachplatz etc...

Having fun in MD



- Hasselbachplatz - bars and cafes
- Campus
(Unitheke, Baracke, IKUS)
- IKUS often organizes trips for international students
<http://www.ikus.ovgu.de/>
- Theatre, museums, cinema, clubs...

Sports in MD



- Many low cost sports activities for students at university:
www.spoz.ovgu.de (registration via uni account (for most classes from 26th March onwards), limited places!)
- Private gyms e.g. McFit, Elbeschwimmhalle, Dance school, Soccer clubs

Safety in MD



- Is it safe to walk in Magdeburg at night, alone?
- Normal safety precautions
- Emergency numbers: **Police (110), Fire department and ambulance (112)**
- Further details for medical assistance etc:
http://www.ikus.ovgu.de/en/Offer/Advice+_+Support/First+Steps/Emergency+Numbers.html

Healthcare



- Insurance card ! – must be always with you during any doctor visit
- IMPORTANT: register your EU card at a German insurance company (AOK recommended)
- Health insurance may not cover all costs – additional charges may occur

In general



- Job paying more than 450€/month and working more than 20h/week – **NOT ALLOWED**
- Casualty insurance is highly recommended (40€-70€/year) – insuring self-induced harm
- Household insurance (fees depend on insurable value and location) may protect your valuable goods in case of break-ins

Contracts



- **IMPORTANT: Mind the...**

duration of contracts (mobile phone, Internet, gym etc.)

cancellation period !
- **IMPORTANT: MAKE ALWAYS COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS AND KEEP EVERYTHING!**
(Welcome to Germany 😊)

GEZ



- German broadcasting and television fee are to be paid as a lump-sum fee per apartment. Fee amounts to 17,50€ per month!
- Fee may be paid monthly, quarterly or yearly – you choose!

Miscellaneous



- SWM – local electricity supplier offers great value and prices in and around Magdeburg: <https://www.sw-magdeburg.de/>
- MDCC – local television and net provider, supplies apartments with fast and high quality cable TV and internet: <http://www.mdcc.de/>

Miscellaneous



- Please mind waste separation in Germany:
- plastic, ● general trash ●
- paper/cardboard ● organic waste ●
- Note the quiet periods: 10pm-6am
- Always check your mailbox!

IT Services at OvGU



- Universitätsrechenzentrum (URZ): you can use all the computers, including scanner, and printers. Pay with your student card.
- LSF: <https://lsf.ovgu.de/qislsf/rds?state=user&type=0> - find all the lectures and build your schedule; register for exams; access your exam data and study records
(**LSF Workshops with Antonia and Ece coming up soon**)

University Language Center



- Homepage: <http://www.sprz.ovgu.de/sprz.html>
- Deadline for registration: **07.10.19 (9:00 am) – 25.10.19 (6:00 pm)**
- Register via Moodle using your uni-account : <http://moodle-n.ovgu.de/sprz/>

Examinations



- **Submission of the exam papers**
- **End of the exam**
- **Registration period:** October 28th, 2019 - November 10th, 2019
- **Sign off:** January 5th, 2020
- **Exams:** February 3rd, 2020 - February 22nd, 2020

Important Vocabulary



- Immatrikulationsbescheinigung – Certificate of enrolment
- Prüfungsamt – Academic Record Office
- CSC – Campus Service Center
- Matrikelnummer – Matriculation Number, Student ID

Living in Germany



- German Language - do not hesitate to show your German skills
- Warm hearted people, need their time to open up
- Mind their privacy, grocery shopping etc., accept a NO
- Tip in a restaurant
- Try to make friends from everywhere → easily possible in our studies
- German culture: Christmas markets, Oktoberfest, Easter, Flohmärkte



<https://www.doatrip.de/en/germany/saxony-anhalt/magdeburg/magdeburg-christmas-market.html>



<https://www.magdeburg.de/Start/Bürger-Stadt/Stadt/Sehenswürdigkeiten/index.php?La=1&NavID=37.445&object=tx|37.6876.1&ModID=9&FID=115.350.1>



<https://www.travelcircus.de/urlaubsziele/magdeburg-sehenswuerdigkeiten/>

Events





Thank you for your attention!

Important Links



- Library book search link: <http://www.ub.ovgu.de/Literatursuche.html> (then click on Bibliothekskatalog (OPAC))
- Sprachzentrum (language courses): <http://www.sprz.ovgu.de/Fremdsprachen/Deutsch+als+Fremdsprache.html>
- Sports registration: www.spoz.ovgu.de
- LSF: <https://lsf.ovgu.de/qislsf/rds?state=user&type=0>
- MVB transportation (schedules and routes) : <http://www.mvbnet.de/>
- Swimming pools and other city information: <http://www.magdeburg.de/Start/Kultur-Sport/B%C3%A4der>
- International students club: www.ikus.ovgu.de