FACULTY OF ECONOMICS
AND MANAGEMENT

Introduction to the Master Program „Economic Policy Analysis“

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2. General Information
3. Requirements of the study program
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5. Where to get materials for lectures and tutorials (E-Learning platform)
6. Further information (counselling, important dates, etc.)

1. EPA Counselling

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Chair of Applied Economics:

- On the Master level we teach Evidence-Based Policy Analysis, Population and Family Economics and Academic Work for EPA.
- We focus on empirical research with an interest in a wide variety of topics (Economics of Crime, Pollution, Publications, Health…).

2. General Information

Dean's Office of Study Affairs

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Eichfelder
Dean of Study Affairs

- Contact for questions regarding your studies
- Assurance and organisation of teaching

Dr. Jessica Naundorf
Dean's Assistant, Study Affairs
Faculty's quality assurance representative

Dean's Office of Study Affairs FEM

Room: G-22, part E, room 006

Only with reservation of an appointment;

Dates bookable online

Email: studiendekan-fww@ovgu.de

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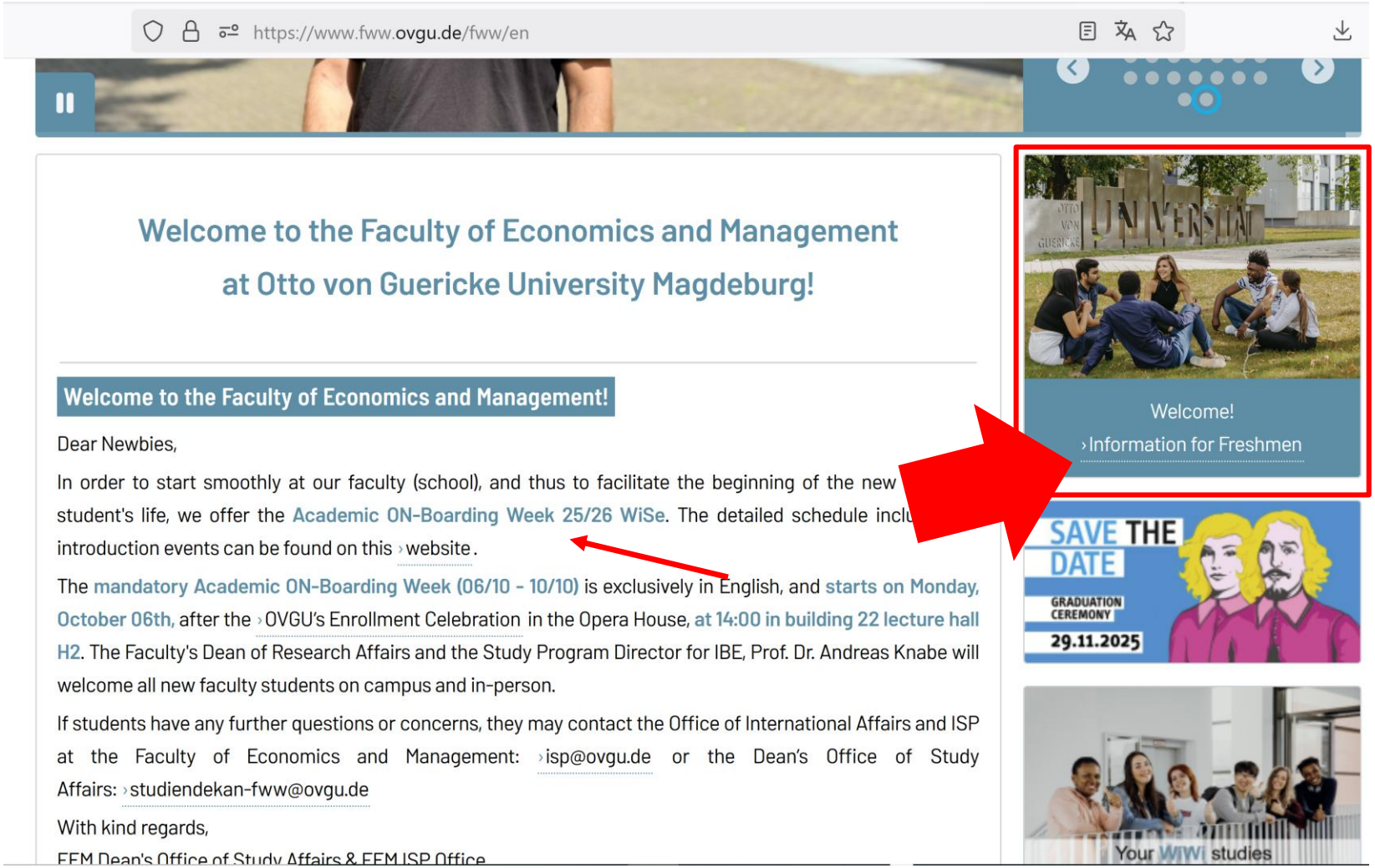

FEM – Homepage (www.fww.ovgu.de/en)

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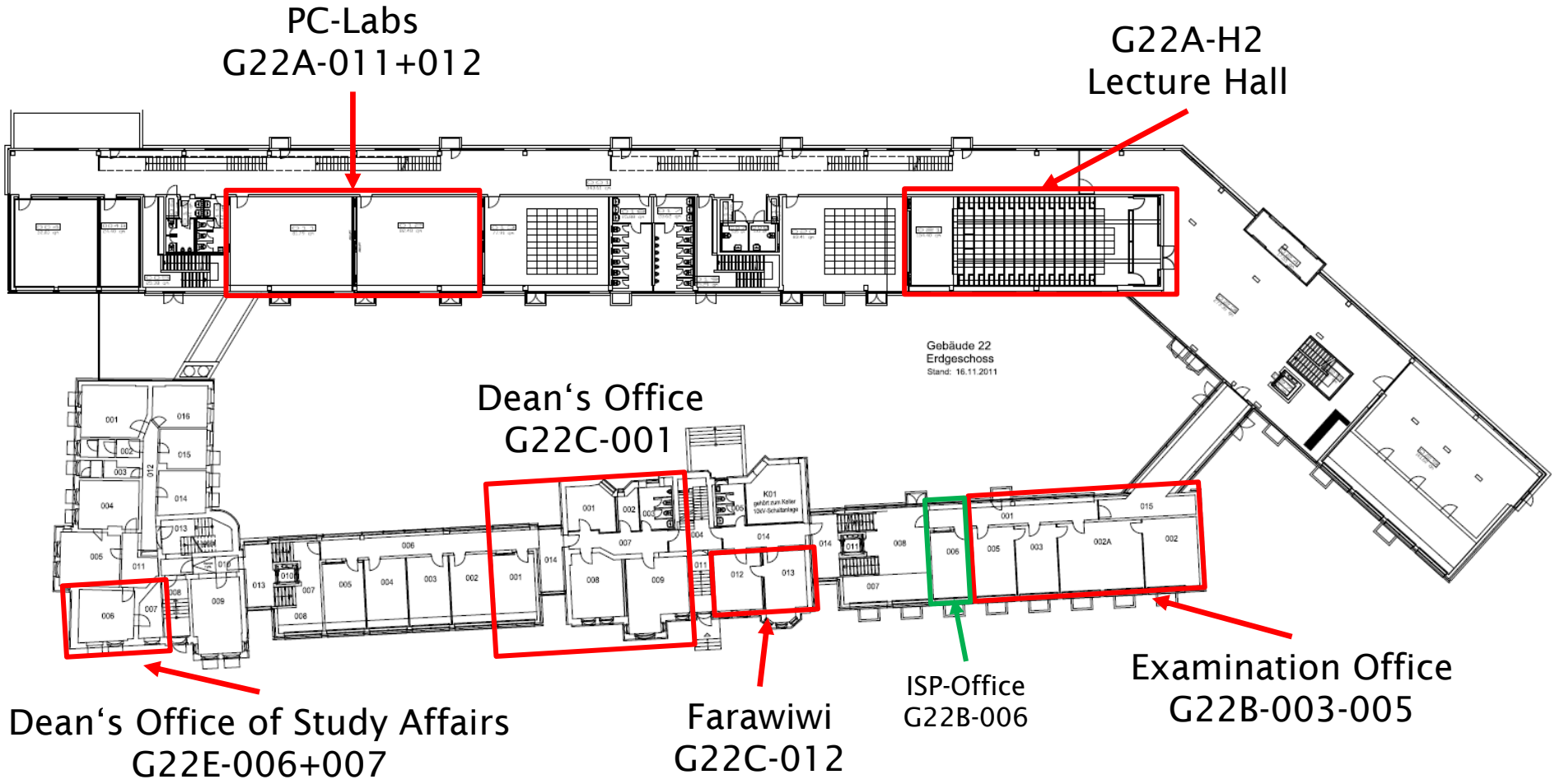


2. General Information

FEM Examination Office

PD Dr. habil. Toni Richter
Academic Head of Examination Office

- Contact person for questions regarding examination matters
- Contact person for recognition of already completed study and examination achievements

Ms. Kathrin Henze & Ms. Sandra Lenz
Administratitive Staff

Telephone Office Hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays:
10 am – 12 noon & 1 pm – 3 pm
Tel.: 0391 – 67-58422 / 67-58423
Email: pruefungsamt-ww@ovgu.de

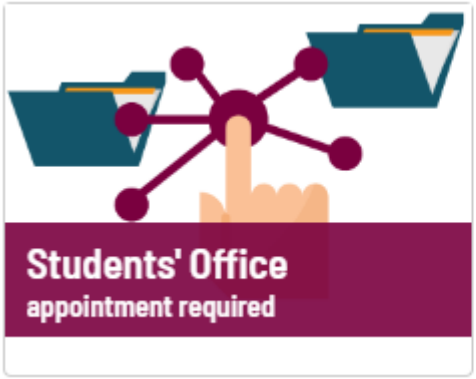
In-Person Office Hours:

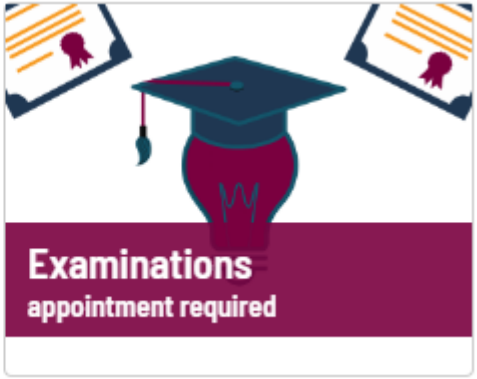
Tuesdays 10 am – 12 noon
Wednesdays 1 pm – 3 pm

2. General Information

Campus Welcome Center (CWC)

- Information on semester on leave, changing study programs, and exmatriculation
- Information on losing your student ID card
- Information on compulsory health insurance and accident inssurance
- Printout of grade certificates





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Email: servicecenter@ovgu.de

- Monday to Thursday: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- Friday: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

2. General Information

Mobile Citizen's Office

- The mobile citizen's office will be at the Campus Welcome Center at the start of the Winter Semester 2025/2026.
- From **29th September 2025 until 17th October 2025.**, the mobile citizen's office of the city of Magdeburg will again be stationed on campus.
- Important: You need an **appointment** for the mobile citizen's office! Appointments can be reserved online at:

https://www.servicecenter.ovgu.de/csc/en/News/City+Registration+_mobiles+B%C3%BCrgerb%C3%BCro_+at+CSC-p-1142.html

3. Requirements of the study program

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Master of Science in Economic Policy Analysis (M. Sc. EPA)

1. Semester	2. Semester	3. Semester	4. Semester
Econometrics 5 ECTS	Compulsory Elective 5 ECTS	Compulsory Elective 5 ECTS	**Master Thesis** + **Research Seminar** 30 ECTS
Microeconomics Analysis 5 ECTS	Compulsory Elective 5 ECTS	Compulsory Elective 5 ECTS	
Macroeconomics Analysis 5 ECTS	Compulsory Elective 5 ECTS	Compulsory Elective **CoMeT** 5 ECTS	
Compulsory Elective 5 ECTS	Supplements 5 ECTS	Supplements 5 ECTS	
Compulsory Elective 5 ECTS	**Master's Seminar** 10 ECTS	**Master's Seminar** 10 ECTS	
Scientific Work 5 ECTS			

Link: Tentative Class Schedules

3. Requirements of the study program

→ European Credit Transfer System – ECTS

- 1 CP = 30 hours of work
- 5 CPs = 150 hours of work
- Typically credit hours are divided in presence hours (e.g. lectures) and learning hours.
- SWS = SemesterWochenStunde (SemesterWeekHour) = 45 minutes
- One teaching block = 2 SWS = 2*45 minutes = 90 minutes
  = 1 lecture/tutorial

3. Requirements of the study program

→ Registration period for exams: November 15 until November 30.2025

→ It is a strict deadline. A registration afterwards is not possible.

→ Withdrawal from exams: Up until three days before the exam.

→ Seminars and Projects: see specific chair guidelines

3. Requirements of the study program

- Failed Compulsory Modules can be repeated no more often than twice
  - ➔ A passed exam can not be repeated again (§21 study and examination regulation)

- Compulsory Electives and Supplement Modules do not need to be repeated
  - ➔ Multiple attempts are not limited to three attempts as for compulsory
  - ➔ Exception: Only 2 retakes for seminars with 10 ECTS

- The writing of the Master Thesis can only be repeated once
  - ➔ The same topic can not be used twice
  - ➔ After failure the second attempt has to be written in the subsequent semester
  - ➔ You can choose another chair for the second attempt

For further information please check the Study and Examination Regulation!

Compulsory Elective Modules in Specialization (preliminary)

Course Overview (WiSe 2025/26)

- Vorlesungsverzeichnis
  - Faculty of Economics and Management
    - Courses by Study Programs
      - Master Economic Policy Analysis (from WT 2024/2025)
        - Wahlpflichtbereich/ Compulsory Elective Section
          - Vertiefungsbereich/ Specialization

Lecture	Type	Department
Advanced Game Theory (22706) 4 SWS Hoffmann	Vorlesung/Übung (V/Ü)	Faculty of Economics and Management (FWW)
Experiments in Behavioral Social Policy (23252) 2 SWS Grau	Übung (Ü)	Lehrstuhl VWL, insb. Verhaltensbasierte Sozialpolitik
Experiments in Behavioral Social Policy (23252) 2 SWS Seidel	Vorlesung (V)	Lehrstuhl VWL, insb. Verhaltensbasierte Sozialpolitik
Financial Stability and Banking Regulation (22974) 2 SWS Ludolph	Vorlesung (V)	Juniorprofessorship of Financial Economics
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Modelling and Solving Optimization Problems 2 SWS Friedrich	Vorlesung (V)	Institute of Mathematical Optimization (IMO)
Modelling and Solving Optimization Problems 2 SWS Friedrich	Übung (Ü)	Institute of Mathematical Optimization (IMO)
Pricing in Global and Local Competition (21931) 2 SWS Hielscher	Übung (Ü)	Department of Business Economics/Management, E-Business
Pricing in Global and Local Competition (21931) 2 SWS Sadrieh	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, E-Business
Public Economics (50030) 2 SWS Knabe	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Economics, Public Economics
Public Economics (50030) 1 SWS Borah	Übung (Ü)	Department of Economics, Public Economics
Seminar: Empirical Research in Public Economics using Stata (23426) 4 SWS Knabe , Derlin	Seminar (S)	Department of Economics, Public Economics
Seminar: Fintechs and digitalization of banking (23104) 3 SWS Li	Seminar (S)	Juniorprofessorship of Financial Economics

Up to four modules in German language are allowed to be chosen within the program (§8 (4) study and examination regulation).

Link

Compulsory Elective Module Seminars

- Seminar participation is possible after the first semester
- Every student is entitled to two seminars
  - Students who still need to take seminars are prioritized compared to students who would like to take a third seminar
- In January 2026 there will be an E-Mail that will inform you about the application procedure for seminars in the upcoming semester. To get the E-Mail you need to be enrolled in the E-Learning course
  - **Planung FWW Wintersemester 2025/26 // 2025/26 FEM Winter Semester Plan**
  - Applications are then handed in directly at the chairs of interest

Supplement Modules (preliminary)

Selection for the current semester!!!

- Vorlesungsverzeichnis
  - Faculty of Economics and Management
    - Courses by Study Programs
      - Master Economic Policy Analysis (from WT 2024/2025)
        - Wahlpflichtbereich/ Compulsory Elective Section
          - Ergänzungsbereich/ Supplements

Lecture	Type	Department
Advanced Game Theory (22706) 4 SWS Hoffmann	Vorlesung/Übung (V/Ü)	Faculty of Economics and Management (FWW)
Außercurriculare Aktivitäten [KoMeT] // Extracurricular Activities [CoMeT] (23939)	Seminar (S)	Department of Business Economics/Management, International Management
Besteuerung von Umwandlungen (22830) 2 SWS Holle	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Business Taxation
Computational Transportation (22966) 2 SWS Ackva	Übung (Ü)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Management Science
Computational Transportation (22966) 2 SWS Ulmer	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Management Science
Corporate Governance, Compliance und Konzernrecht (20309) 2 SWS Burgard	Vorlesung (V)	Chair of Law and Economics
Downside Risk (22220) 2 SWS Reichling	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Banking and Finance
Downside Risk (22220) 2 SWS Dreusch	Übung (Ü)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Banking and Finance
Fallstudien Internationale Besteuerung und M&A Tax (23824) 2 SWS Fochmann	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Business Taxation
Foundations for Finance (50006) 2 SWS Li	Vorlesung (V)	Juniorprofessorship of Financial Economics
Foundations for Finance (50006) 2 SWS Li	Übung (Ü)	Juniorprofessorship of Financial Economics
Gesundheitsökonomie und Organisationsentwicklung im Gesundheitswesen (23933) 4 SWS	Vorlesung (V)	Professorship of Empirical Economics Research
Grundzüge der Abgabenordnung und des Erb- und Schenkungssteuerrechts (21433) 2 SWS Reck	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Business Taxation
International Taxation (21007) 2 SWS Eichfelder	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Business Taxation
International Taxation (21007) 2 SWS Nguyen	Übung (Ü)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Business Taxation
Introduction to the Political System of the European Union (909698) 2 SWS Heidbreder	Seminar (S)	Institute of Political Science (IPW), Institut II: Gesellschaftswissenschaften
Investition und Finanzierung III: Engineering Economics (FWW:20915) (FMB: 20626) 2 SWS Nowak	Übung (Ü)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Financial Management and Innovation Finance
Investition und Finanzierung III: Engineering Economics (FWW:20915) (FMB: 20626) 2 SWS Lukas	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Financial Management and Innovation Finance
Natural Resources Conflicts and Governance (909099) 2 SWS Böcher	Seminar (S)	Institut II: Gesellschaftswissenschaften, Institute of Political Science (IPW)
Online-Ringvorlesung im WS 2025/26 Gender in Bewegung(en)	Ringvorlesung (RV)	Gender Equality Office
Scientific Project: Incentive Contracts and Social Preferences (23934) 4 SWS Snegirev, Schöndube-Pirchegger, Andreasian	Proseminar (PS)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Accounting and Control
Seminar: Ökonomische und rechtliche Aspekte der Managerhaftung bei Umweltfragen (23927) 2 SWS Sadrieh, Heimann, Ass. iur., Bechdolf (ehem. Dräger)	Seminar (S)	Department of Business Economics/Management, E-Business
Seminar zur Empirischen Wirtschaftsforschung (20982) 4 SWS Vogt, Blume, Schwertfeger, Zeilner, Lehmann	Seminar (S)	Professorship of Empirical Economics Research

Link

Master Thesis

- Counts for 30 CP
- Can be written at any of the chairs of the faculty that offers a Master Thesis Seminar
- In total 5 months time (1 month reading period included)
- Both, the written part (80 % weight) and the oral defence (20 % weight) have to be passed individually in order to pass the Thesis Seminar
- Our Grading System:
  - 1.0-1.3: Excellent
  - 1.7-2.3: Good
  - 2.7-3.3: Satisfactory
  - 3.7-4.0: Pass
  - 5.0: Fail

Due to weights also grades in between are possible!

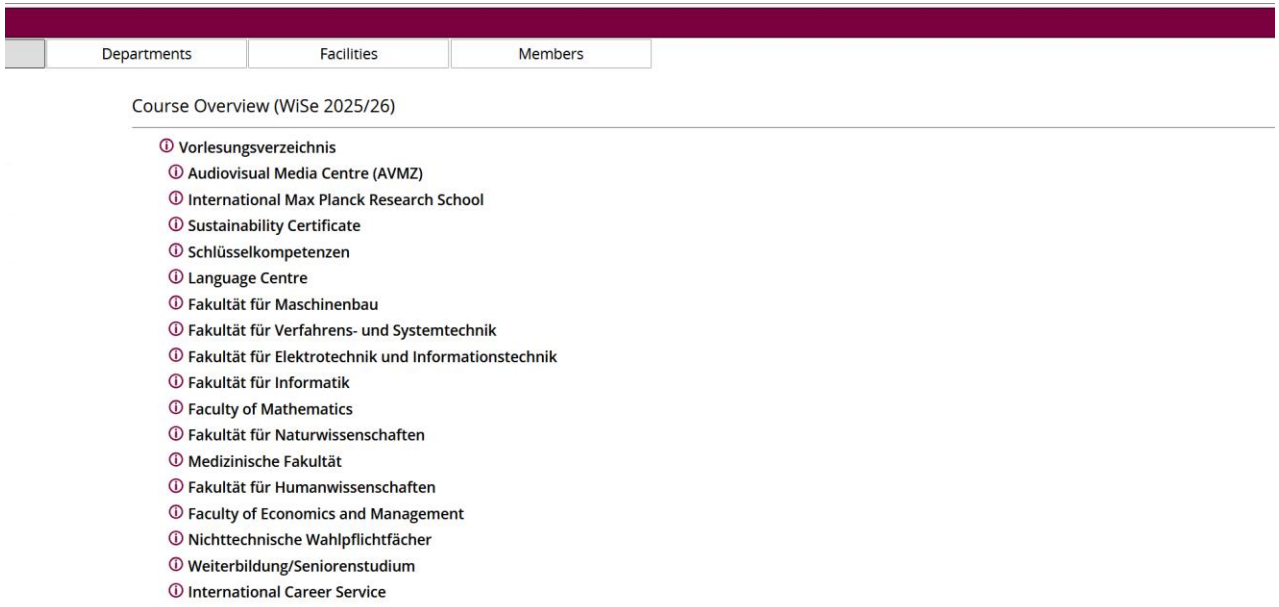
You have to apply for a Master Thesis directly at the chair you want to write your thesis at. Most of the chairs have deadlines and there are different ways chairs allocate or help you find a topic.

Master Thesis

- Conditions to write a Master Thesis (§26 (3) of the study and examination regulation):
  - ➔ You have to be enrolled in the respective study program (EPA)
  - ➔ At least 75 CP have to be achieved (which includes the compulsory modules)
  - ➔ At least one seminar (10 CP) has to be passed
  - ➔ 5 CP in Scientific Work

4. How to choose your courses (LSF platform)

→ Choose „Fakultät für Wirtschaftswissenschaft“ -> Courses sorted by Degree Programs - to see all available courses for your program

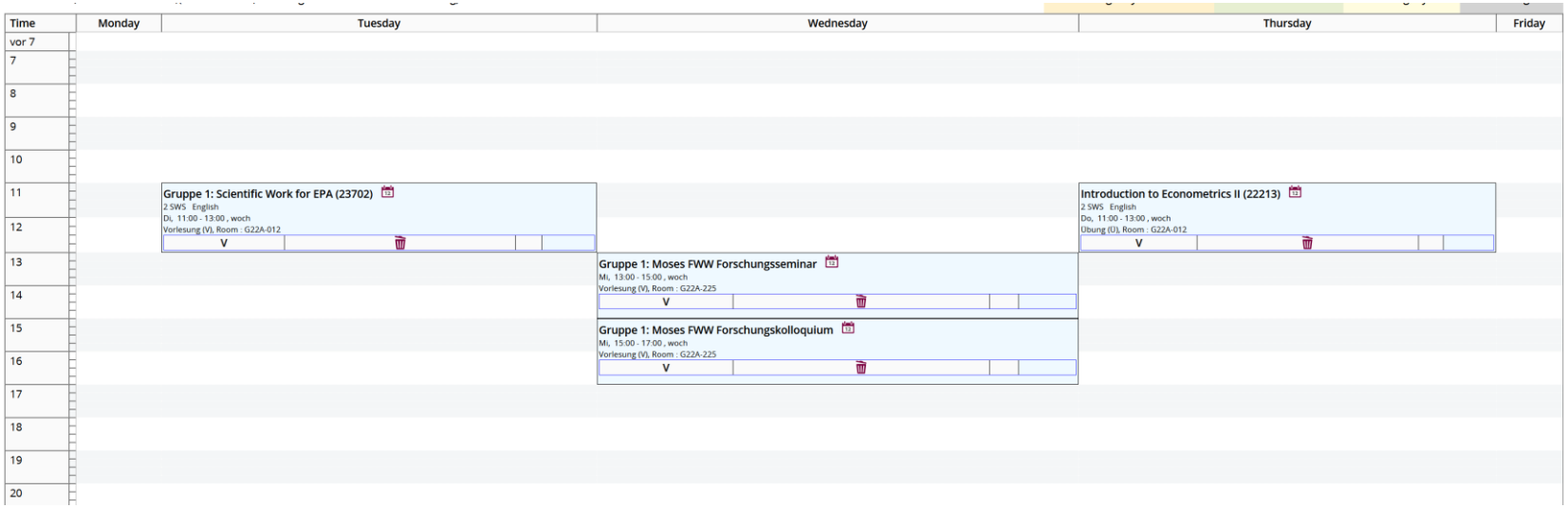


Link to LSF courses

To find out whether courses are held online, on campus or in a hybrid format: Also check the chairs‘ websites and E-Learning courses!

4. How to choose your courses (LSF platform)

→ Example of a semester timetable



Link to timetable per semester

4. How to choose your courses (LSF platform)

- How to understand and read the timetable

ukw = ungerade Woche / odd week / 39. KW e.g. 22/09/25
gkw = gerade Woche / even week / 40. KW e.g. 29/09/25
wöch= wöchentlich / each week

In case of multiple tutorial groups

Please pick ***one***, which ***fits in your schedule*** the best

Tutorials will (usually) start from the 2nd or 3rd week of classes (18 or 25/10)

Please follow the instructions of the professor!

→How to participate in courses?

Lectures – **usually** no registration is needed; check the LSF and chairs´ homepages

Seminars – apply at the respective chair (deadlines are always before the semester start); check the LSF and chairs´ homepages

5. Where to get lectures and tutorials material (E-Learning platform)

Fakultät für Wirtschaftswissenschaft (FWW) // Faculty of Economics and Management (FEM)

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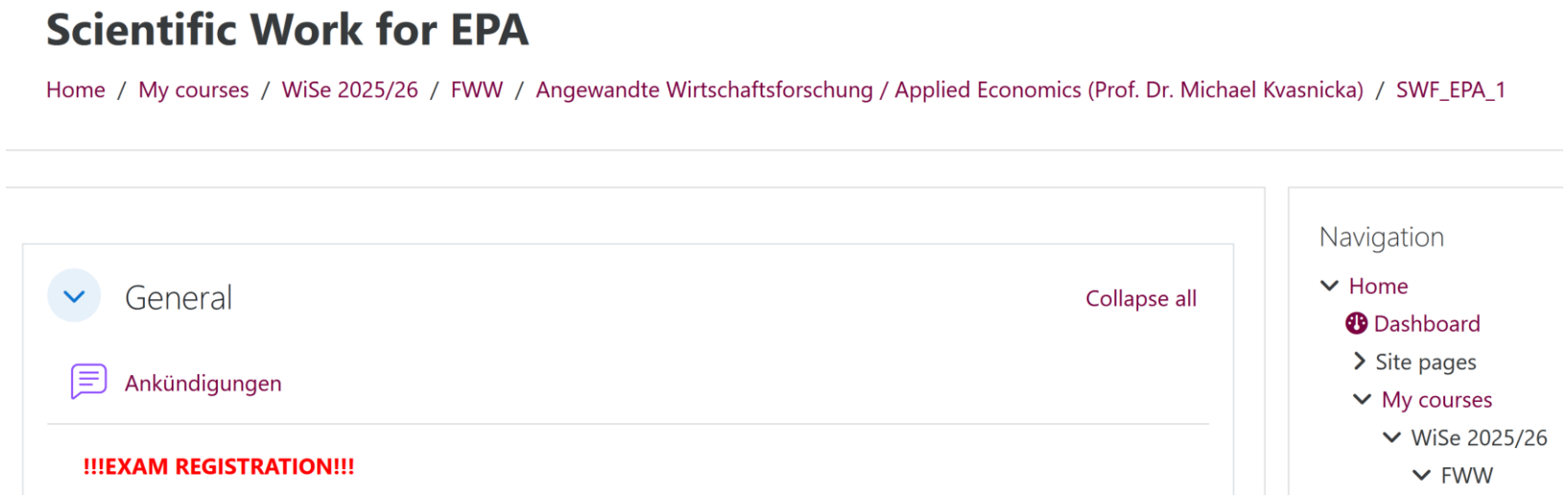
Expand all

- Angewandte Wirtschaftsforschung / Applied Economics (Prof. Dr. Michael Kvasnicka)
- Banking and Financial Systems (Prof. Dr. Felix Noth)
- Behavioral International Management (Prof. Dr. Christopher Schlägel)
- Betriebswirtschaftliche Steuerlehre / Business Taxation (Prof. Dr. Sebastian Eichfelder)
- Bürgerliches Recht, Handels- und Wirtschaftsrecht / Law and Economics (Prof. Dr. Ulrich Burgard)
- Business Economics (PD Dr. Annette Kirstein)
- Data-Driven Decision Support (Jun.-Prof. Dr. Kai Heinrich)

Link to the E-Learning platform

5. Where to get lectures and tutorials material (E-Learning platform)



Some courses require a password to enroll yourself; sometimes the teaching staff enroll you manually

6. Further Information

→ General Advice:

- Check the E-Mails on your university account frequently
- Main source of information is the ISP-homepage which offers video tutorials (as in the link), study documents, information on studying abroad…
- Please carefully read the study and examination regulation for your program!
- Enrolling into E-Learning is important to (study material, announcements...)!
  - For frequent updates check: **Planung FWW Wintersemester 2025/26 // 2025/26 FEM Winter Semester Plan, International Study Program Office (ISP) and Studiendekanat/Office of Study Affairs on E-Learning**.
- There are annual study program talks where you can actively help to shape the EPA Master studies.

6. Further Information

• Where to find the module handbook?	***ISP homepage***
• Where to stay up to date on study affairs?	***Dean's Office for Study Affairs***
• Study and examination regulation in English?	**SPO Courtesy Translation**
• Course descriptions, exam types, withdrawals?	**Module Handbooks (updated every semester)**
• Where to find the required book?	***Library website***
• Where to enroll for a language course?	***Language center***
• How to get access to your university mailbox?	***Webmail***
• Where to find examination regulations, application for master thesis, internship?	***Examination office***
• Where to find important dates?	***Academic calender***
• Where to find dates for exam registration?	***Examination office***
• Where to enroll for sport courses?	***Sport center***

Here you can find all relevant information about your study program

6. Further Information

- Just a little bit more about the **examination office and exams in general**:
  - On the website of the examination office website you can also find information on the **location of your exams**. Please check in time how to get there and also make sure that public transport is operating (on few occasions the tram in Magdeburg was on strike in the past).
  - The examination office is very strict when it comes to **deadlines**. Try to stay informed!
  - **Please be on site of the exam in time**. In case you are late, you may not be allowed to participate in the exam anymore.
  - Bring an **official ID** to the exam (e.g. passport or driver‘s licence). The student ID is not sufficient.
  - Check **which aids are allowed** in exams (e.g. dictionaries, non-programmable calculators, annotaded books, non-annotated books etc.).
  - **Cheating during exams or plagiarism in seminar papers/theses can have severe consequences**.
  - In case you get sick during the writing period of your thesis you can get a **doctor‘s notice** to prolong your writing period accordingly.

6. Further Information

„MODALITIES OF THE EXAMINATION SYSTEM AND THE RECOGNITION AT THE FEM “

(Winter Semester 2025/2026)

Wednesday, November 12th, 2025

3 pm – 5 pm

Lecture Hall 1 (H1)

PD Dr. habil. Toni Richter

6. Further Information

- **Going abroad!**
- Get advice here: https://www.fww.ovgu.de/en/Teaching/DURING+YOUR+STUDIES/Go+Abroad.html
- Or write an E-Mail to Grit Voigt from the ISP office: grit.voigt@ovgu.de

Still not convinced?

Check out this paper: Meya, Johannes and Katharina Suntheim: The Second Dividend of Studying Abroad: The Impact of International Student Mobility on Academic Performance. Cege Discussion Papers No 215, 2014.

"STUDY & TRAVEL" Tea Time Talk on October 28th, 2025

Would you like to spice up your studies with a stay abroad? Then come with us on discovery tour!

Whether for an internship or a semester abroad, either inside or outside of the European Union, there are seve opportunities to study abroad and make new friends around the world.

Students who have recently returned from their semester abroad and experts of the OVGU International Off will give you hints and advice for organizing your personal stay abroad.

The event is open to interested German and international students and will therefore be held in English.

When? 28 Oct. 2025, 05:00 PM – 07:00 PM

Where? Campus Welcome Center (Building 01), Conference room (top floor)

Registration: **›https://cloud.ovgu.de/apps/forms/s/7K5azzH2W8A9ECHDEaSR4sRR**

Please note: Location space will be limited. Please be sure to register in advance to secure your place.

Link

University Library

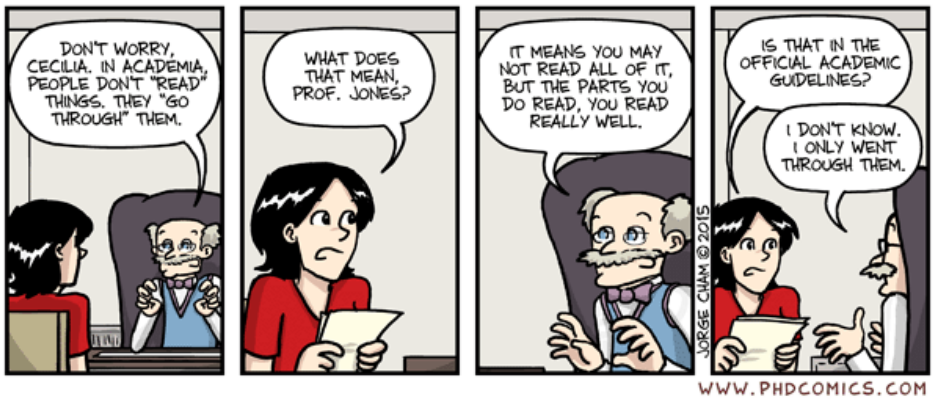
Angebot	Datum	Uhrzeit	Raum
Ein Blick in die Universitätsbibliothek und unsere Serviceangebote	Di, 07.10.2025 / Mi, 08.10.2025 / Do, 09.10.2025 / Fr, 10.10.2025	09:30-10:00	Treffpunkt: Eingangsbereich der Universitätsbibliothek
An introduction to the university library and our range of services	Tue, 07.10.2025 / Wed, 08.10.2025 / Thu, 09.10.2025 / Fr, 10.10.2025	10:00-10:30	meeting point: entrance area of the University Library

https://www.ovgu.de/

Study → First-Year Orientation → First Dates→ Introduction Days winter semester 2025/26 → Central Events → University Library

6. Further Information

- **Research?**
- The economics chairs are organized within the Center of Evidence-based Policy Analysis (CEPA).
  - The easiest way to learn about your professors' and tutors' research is to check their publications online or talk to them directly.
- We have a faculty research colloquium where we invite external researchers to present their work on Wednesdays in the faculty center.
- The faculty works closely together with the IWH in Halle.
  - Apart from student assistant jobs that are advertised directly at the faculty it may be worth checking out the IWH website once in a while.
  - As a student assistant you get a first-hand impression of the research that is going on within a chair or an institute. In some cases student assistants even became co-authors.



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