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FACULTY OF ECONOMICS
AND MANAGEMENT

Introduction to the Master Program „Economics/Volkswirtschaftslehre“

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1. Counselling



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Chair of Applied Economics:

- On the Master level we teach Evidence-Based Policy Analysis and Population and Family Economics.
- 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

2. General Information

Welcome to the Faculty of Economics and Management at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg!

Welcome to the Faculty of Economics and Management!

Dear students,

In order to enable a successful start of your studies and thus to facilitate the beginning of your new phase of life, the introduction days for the summer semester 2026 will take place at the FEM on **April 1st and April 2nd, 2026**. All dates for these introduction days, as well as important information about orientation at OVGU, can be found on the following [website](#)). There are also other interesting event offerings during the first week of lectures!

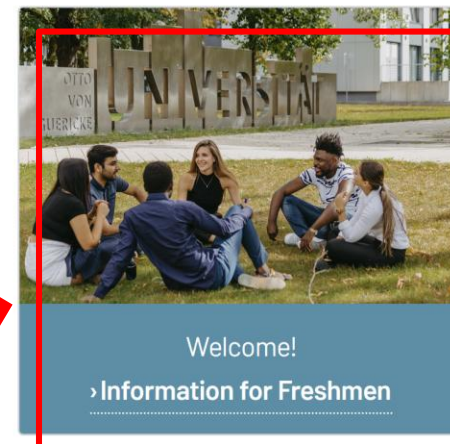
It starts on **Wednesday, April 1st, 2026 at 10.00 a.m. in building 22 lecture hall 2** with the central opening event of the FEM and the welcome by the dean of study affairs, Prof. Dr. Sebastian Eichfelder. The event will take place in presence.

More information about the organization of the summer semester 2026 can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact us (studiendekan-fww@ovgu.de)!

Your FEM's Dean's Office of Study Affairs

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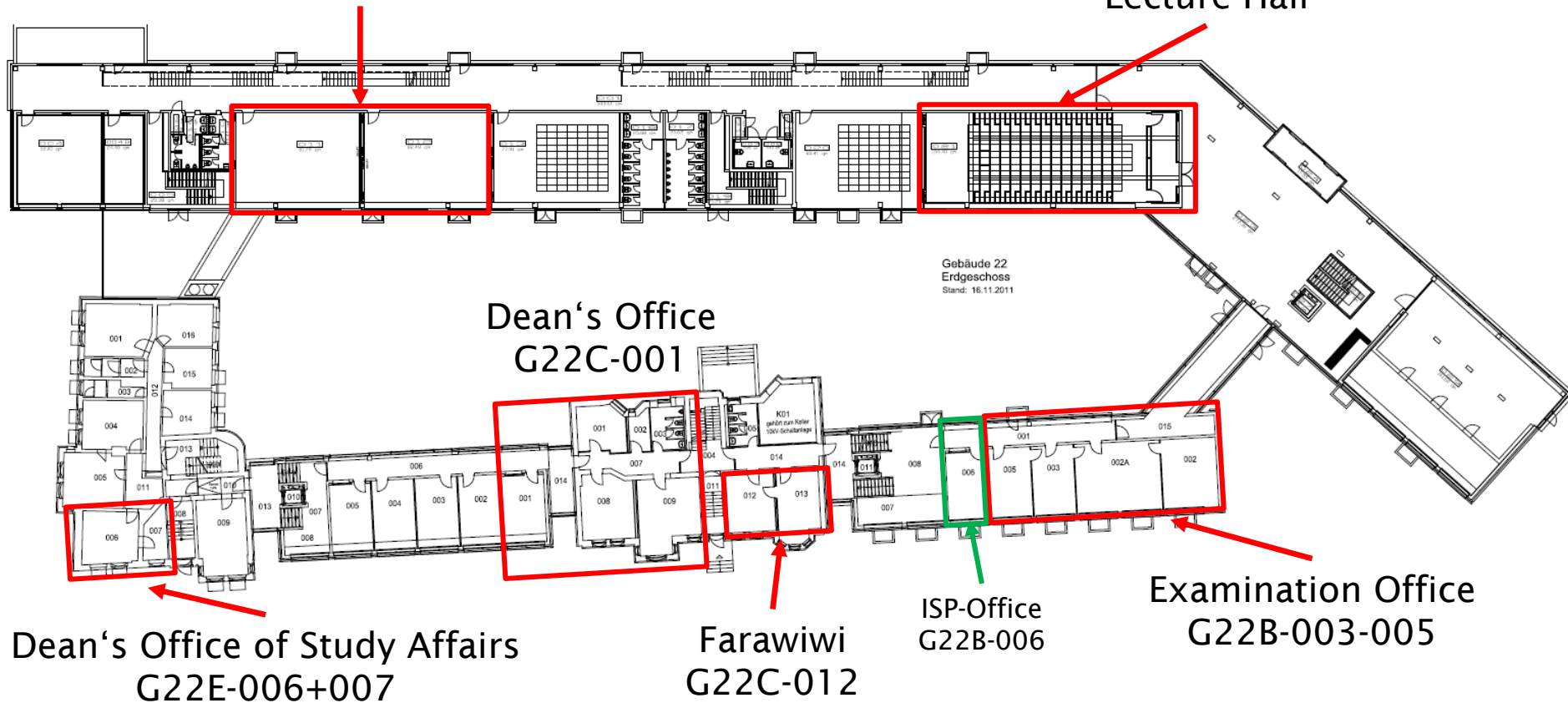
Teaching Evaluation				
Results ST 2026				
Thank you for your participation!				
This is how students rated their lecturers:				
BACHELOR				
	 97,3 %	 95,2 %	 95,2 %	
	Marike Buchholz	Prof. Dr. Abdolkarim Sadrieh	Dr. Alexandra Seidel	
MASTER				
	 99,1 %	 98,5 %	 96,4 %	
	Marike Buchholz	Dr. Shokra Zahraoui	Prof. Dr. Abdolkarim Sadrieh	
This is how students rated their lectures:				
BEST-BACHELOR		BEST-MASTER		

FEM – Homepage (www.fww.ovgu.de/en)

2. General Information

PC-Labs
G22A-011+012

G22A-H2
Lecture Hall



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

Administrative Staff

Telephone Office Hours:

Mondays and Wednesdays:

10 am – 12 noon

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

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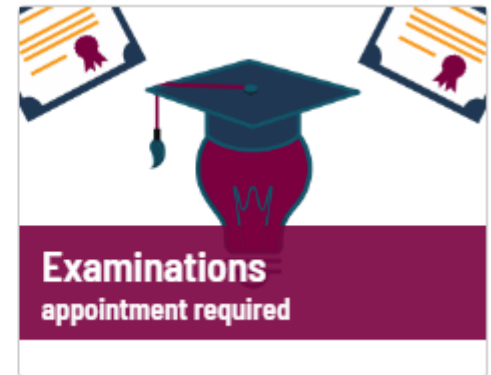
Campus Welcome Center (CWC)

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

www.servicecenter.ovgu.de

Tel.: 0391 – 67 50000

Email: servicecenter@ovgu.de



- Starting from October 1, 2026, the ServicePoint: Student Secretariat will offer **open consultation hours** until October 18, 2024 for the start of the semester:
- Monday to Thursday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:30 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 2026/2027.
- From September 28, 2026, to October 17, 2026, 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/News/AKTION+zum+Semesterstart+_+Kooperation+mit+dem+B%C3%BCrgerb%C3%BCro+der+Stadt+Magdeburg-p-1142.html

You can book an appointment online:

› [Moving to Magdeburg from abroad](#)

› [Moving to Magdeburg within Germany](#)

› [Moving within the city of Magdeburg](#)

3. Requirements of the study program

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 or CoMeT 5 ECTS	
Macroeconomics Analysis 5 ECTS	Compulsory Elective 5 ECTS	Supplement 5 ECTS	
Compulsory Elective 5 ECTS	Supplement 5 ECTS	Seminar & Compulsory Elective 10 & 5 ECTS or Scientific Project 15 ECTS	
Compulsory Elective 5 ECTS	Master's Seminar 10 ECTS		
Supplement 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 = $2 \cdot 45$ minutes = 90 minutes
= 1 lecture/tutorial

3. Requirements of the study program

- Registration period for exams: November 15 until November 30.2026
- 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 2026/27)

- ① Course Overview
- ① Faculty of Economics and Management (FWW)
 - ① Courses by Study Programs
 - ① Master Economics/Volkswirtschaftslehre (ab WiSe 2026/2027)
 - ① Wahlpflichtbereich/ Compulsory Elective Section
 - ① Vertiefungsbereich/ Specialization
 - ① Policy Analysis

Lecture	Type	Department
Advanced Game Theory (22706) 2 SWS Hoffmann	Übung (Ü)	Faculty of Economics and Management (FWW)
Advanced Game Theory (22706) 2 SWS Hoffmann	Vorlesung (V)	Faculty of Economics and Management (FWW)
Besteuerung von Banken und Versicherungen 2 SWS , Heuer	Vorlesung/Übung (V/Ü)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Business Taxation
Besteuerung von Umwandlungen (22830) 2 SWS Holle	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Business Taxation
Corporate Governance, Compliance und Konzernrecht (20309) 2 SWS , Heimann, Ass. iur.	Vorlesung (V)	Chair of Law and Economics
Experiments in Behavioral Social Policy (23252) 2 SWS Grau	Übung (Ü)	Lehrstuhl VWL, insb. Verhaltensbasierte Sozialpolitik
Experiments in Behavioral Social Policy (23252) 2 SWS Grau	Vorlesung (V)	Lehrstuhl VWL, insb. Verhaltensbasierte Sozialpolitik
Fallstudien Internationale Besteuerung und M&A Tax (23824) 2 SWS Fochmann	Vorlesung/Übung (V/Ü)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Business Taxation
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 Heidebreder	Seminar (S)	Institut II: Gesellschaftswissenschaften , Institute of Political Science (IPW)
Pricing in Global and Local Competition (21931) 2 SWS Sadrieh	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, E-Business
Pricing in Global and Local Competition (21931) 2 SWS Renke , Greif	Übung (Ü)	Department of Business Economics/Management, E-Business
Public Economics (50030) 1 SWS Deerberg	Übung (Ü)	Department of Economics, Public Economics
Public Economics (50030) 2 SWS Knabe	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Economics, Public Economics
Seminar: Does shared capitalism work? Economic consequences of codetermination in Germany 2 SWS Müller	Seminar (S)	Professorship of Economics, Productivity and Innovations
Seminar: Labor Market Power and Inequality 4 SWS Reichlin	Seminar (S)	Juniorprofessur für Labor Economics

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 2027 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 2026/27 // 2026/27 FEM Winter Semester Plan](#)
 - Applications are then handed in directly at the chairs of interest

Supplement Modules (preliminary)

① Ergänzungsbereich/ Supplements

Lecture	Type	Department
Außercurriculäre Aktivitäten [KoMeT] // Extracurricular Activities [CoMeT] (23939)	Seminar (S)	Department of Business Economics/Management, International Management
Besteuerung von Banken und Versicherungen 2 SWS , Heuer	Vorlesung/Übung (V/Ü)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Business Taxation
Besteuerung von Umwandlungen (22830) 2 SWS , Holle	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Business Taxation
Business Decision Making (50115) 2 SWS Raith	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Insb. Entrepreneurship
Business Decision Making (50115) 2 SWS Raith	Übung (Ü)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Insb. Entrepreneurship
Corporate Governance, Compliance und Konzernrecht (20309) 2 SWS Heimann, Ass. iur.	Vorlesung (V)	Chair of Law and Economics
Datenbanken 2 SWS	Vorlesung (V)	AG Datenbanken & Software Engineering
Datenbanken 2 SWS , Kuitert, Tutor	Übung (Ü)	AG Datenbanken & Software Engineering
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
Grundzüge der Abgabenordnung und des Erb- und Schenkungssteuerrechts (21433) 2 SWS Reck	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Business Taxation
Internationale Lecture Series: Cutting edge research in EU studies 2 SWS Heidbreder	Vorlesung (V)	Institute of Political Science (IPW)
Introduction to the Political System of the European Union (909698) 2 SWS Heidbreder	Seminar (S)	Institut II: Gesellschaftswissenschaften , Institute of Political Science (IPW)
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)
Online-Ringvorlesung im WS 2026/27 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Science and Society. Interdisziplinäre Perspektiven auf Wissenschaft, Gesellschaft und Verantwortung	Ringvorlesung (RV)	Gender Equality Office
Seminar: Gesundheitsökonomie und Organisationsentwicklung im Gesundheitswesen (23933) 4 SWS Neumann	Seminar (S)	Faculty of Economics and Management (FWW)

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

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 (Economics/VWL)
 - At least 75 CP have to be achieved (which must include the compulsory modules)
 - At least one seminar (10 CP) has to be passed

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

Course Overview (WiSe 2026/27)

① Course Overview

① Faculty of Economics and Management (FWW)

① Courses by Study Programs

① Master Economics/Volkswirtschaftslehre (ab WiSe 2026/2027)

Lecture	Type	Department
Academic Introduction: "How to organize my Economics/VWL master study program?"	Fieles-Ahmad	Einführungsseminar (ES)
		Faculty of Economics and Management (FWW)

① Pflichtbereich/ Compulsory Section

① Wahlpflichtbereich/ Compulsory Elective Section

① Master-Abschlussseminar/Master's Thesis Seminar

[Link to LSF courses](#)

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4. How to choose your courses (LSF platform)

- How to understand and read the timetable

ukw	= ungerade Woche	/ odd week / 45. KW e.g. 7/11/22
gkw	= gerade Woche	/ even week / 46. KW e.g. 14/11/22
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)

- › 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)
- › E-Business (Prof. Dr. Abdolkarim Sadrieh)
- › Economics of Business and Law (Prof. Dr. Roland Kirstein)
- › Empirische Wirtschaftsforschung (Prof. Dr. Dr. Bodo Vogt)
- › Entrepreneurship (Prof. Dr. Matthias Raith)

› ... (Prof. Dr. Michael Kvasnicka, Ph.D.)

[Link to the E-Learning platform](#)

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

Evidence-Based Policy Analysis

Home / My courses / SoSe 2020 / FWW / Angewandte Wirtschaftsforschung / Applied Economics (Prof. Dr. Michael Kvasnicka) / Policy Analysis

-  Announcements
-  Forum
-  Refresher Multivariate Regression Analysis Basics

Exam

Not available

Lecture

-  0_The_Course
-  Topic 1 Policy Evaluation Causality and the Counterfactual Framework
-  Topic 2 Randomized Control Trials
-  Topic 3 Selection on Observables and Regression Specification
-  Topic 4 Instrumental Variables I
-  Topic 4 Instrumental Variables II
-  Topic 5 Regression Discontinuity
-  Topic 6 FE DiD SCM

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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 2026/27 // 2026/27 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 Economics/VWL Master studies.

6. Further Information

- Where to find the module handbook?
- Where to stay up to date on study affairs?
- Study and examination regulation in English?
- Course descriptions, exam types, withdrawals?
- Where to find the required book?
- Where to enroll for a language course?
- How to get access to your university mailbox?
- Where to find examination regulations, application for master thesis, internship?
- Where to find important dates?
- Where to find dates for exam registration?
- Where to enroll for sport courses?

[ISP homepage](#)

[Dean's Office for Study Affairs](#)

[SPO Courtesy Translation](#)

[Module Handbooks \(updated every semester\)](#)

[Library website](#)

[Language center](#)

[Webmail](#)

[Examination office](#)

[Academic calender](#)

[Examination office](#)

[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, annotated 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 2026/2027)

Wednesday, November 10th, 2026

1 pm – 3 pm

Zoom information: [Link](#)

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.](#)

University Library

The University Library: your Hub for your Studies

During the orientation days, we'll show you the practical side of the University Library. In a short 30-minute tour, you'll discover the best study spots, learn everything you need to know about registration, and get an overview of borrowing, e-resources, and workshops. Just stop by from October 6 to 9 at 10:00 a.m. each day and get a head start on your studies from Day 1. You can find more general information about the orientation days for the 2026/2027 winter semester on the website of [Otto-von-Guericke-University](#).

[Link](#)

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.





Thank you for your attention!