

Master's Degree Programme in European Studies

Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg (OvGU)

Dear new students,

We are delighted to welcome you to the **Master's Degree Programme in European Studies** at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg (OvGU)!

This interdisciplinary programme offers two specialised study tracks:

EPA: European Social and Economic Policy Analysis

CPA: European Social and Cultural Policy Analysis

To help you settle in and get started with your studies, the Chair of Multilevel Governance in Europe has put together some useful information, which you'll find attached. If you have any further questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us. We're here to support you throughout your studies and look forward to welcoming you soon.

Best wishes,

The EUS Team

Helpful Resources and Links

[Accommodation in Magdeburg](#)

[Registering in Magdeburg](#)

Welcome information and events for new students:

- [EUS Welcome Week](#) (tba)
- [OvGU Welcome Week](#) (tba)

[Pre-Courses](#) for EPA Students (Mathematics)

You will also receive help from the International Office and the Welcome Centre. Please carefully read all university emails, regularly check the official OvGU websites, and attend all orientation sessions.

Whom to Contact for Specific Questions?

At OvGU, different departments handle different matters.¹

Department	For questions about	Contact
International Office	Visas, residence permits, or entering Germany	international.office@ovgu.de
Student Registration Office	Enrolment and general administrative matters	www.ovgu.de/en/studentsoffice.html
Welcome centre	Arrival, orientation, and living in Magdeburg	www.servicecenter.ovgu.de/csc/en/
Examination Office	Exam registration, credit recognition, academic transcripts	pafhw-herms-koch@ovgu.de
Study Advisor	Study planning, course selection, academic progress	studyconsulting.meus@ovgu.de
Equality Officer	Equal opportunities, discrimination, or harassment	gleichstellung.fhw@ovgu.de

Course Selection

We will guide you through course selection during the introduction week. However, below, you'll find a preview of your first-semester courses, depending on your chosen track.

Module	Courses	Track	Credits
PM 1: European Political and Social Systems – Thinking Like a Social Scientist	Introduction to the Political System of the EU	EPA & CPA	5 CP
	European Social Integration: Towards a European Society?	EPA & CPA	5 CP
PM 2(e): Microeconomics	Microeconomics (Lectures & Exercises)	EPA	10 CP
PM 2(c): Key Concepts and Theories in Cultural Studies	Media, Culture and Politics: Key Concepts and Theories of Cultural Analysis	CPA	10 CP
PM 3: Social Science Methods – Working Like a Social Scientist	Qualitative Methods in Peace and Conflict & European Studies	EPA & CPA	10 CP

¹If you're not sure who to contact, the Study Advisor can guide you. Please don't hesitate to reach out, support is only possible if you communicate with us.

Location of the Faculty of Humanities

Building 40 (Gebäude 40)

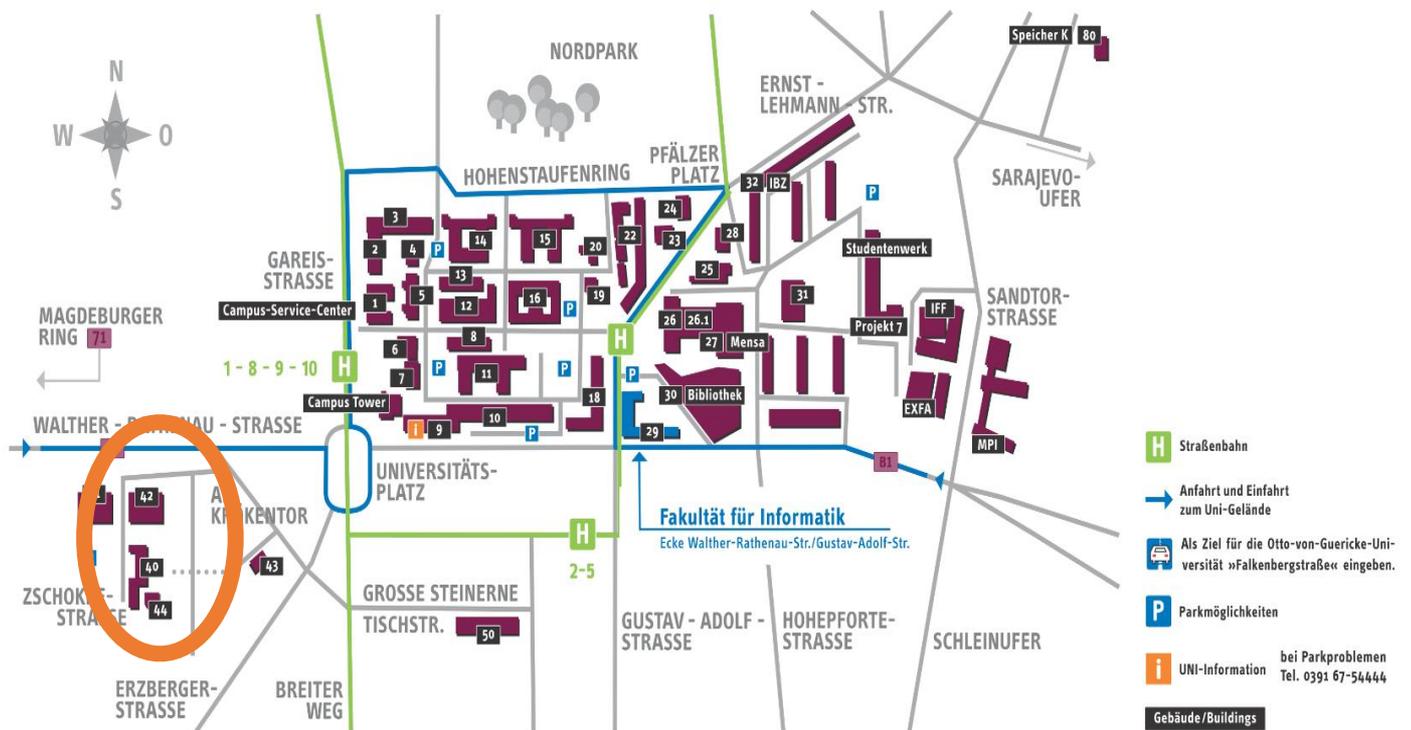
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Optional / Useful Extras

Visit our Instagram page [@europeanstudies_ovgu](https://www.instagram.com/europeanstudies_ovgu)

Download public transport app ([easy.Go](https://www.easy-go.de/))

Have a look at all the discounts you get with your student ID

[Language centre](#) for German and a lot of more languages

Checklist – One last check to make sure you're all set! ✕

Before You Arrive in Germany

- Applied for a student visa (if required)
- Contacted the International Office (if you have visa-related questions)
- Found accommodation in Magdeburg
- Prepared required documents (passport, admission letter, health insurance, etc.)
- Booked travel to Magdeburg

Upon Arrival in Magdeburg

- Registered your address with the city of Magdeburg (*Anmeldung*)
- Opened a German bank account (if necessary)
- Got a German SIM card (if necessary)

University-Related Preparations

- Attended the EUS Orientation Week
- Attended the Pre-Courses (optional)

Familiarized yourself with university platforms:

- LSF (course registration)
- Moodle (course materials)
- Webmail (student email)
- Checked the module handbook

Academic Setup

Reviewed your first-semester courses:

- PM 1: European Political and Social Systems
- PM 2: Microeconomics (EPA) or Cultural Theories (CPA)
- PM 3: Qualitative Methods
- Attended the course selection session during orientation week

Optional / Useful Extras

- Joined university social media groups and EUS on Instagram
- Downloaded the public transport app (easy.GO)
- Look at the student discounts
- Have a look at the language courses (German; French; Italian; English etc.)