Freshers' Week 2026

Faculty of Computer Science • Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg

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Monday, 05.10.2026

Official Welcome & Orientation

10:30 to 11:30	Opera House, Universitätsplatz 9	**Matriculation Ceremony of the University** Festive welcome ceremony for all new students at the Opera House (or live stream in Lecture Hall 1 and in the Studierendenhaus).
12:00 to 13:30	Lecture Hall of FIN (G29-307)	**Hello, Students! Faculty Welcome** (Bilingual DE/EN) Welcome by the Student Council (FaRaFIN) and the Dean's Office. Freshers' goodie bags, mentor meet & greet, and safety briefing.
13:30 to 15:00	Campus Canteen (Mensa)	**Bits & Bites (Canteen Lunch)** (Bilingual DE/EN) Student ID card validation at the service machines followed by lunch together with your student mentors.
15:00 to 18:00	Meeting point outside Building 29 (FIN)	**Campus Rally** • Highlight (Bilingual DE/EN) Explore campus grounds with fun mini-games hosted by student initiatives (UMD Racing, Studentenwerk, DAAD FIT booth, E-Sports, FaRaFIN, Experimentelle Fabrik and StuRa). Win SelectLine bottles and Insta Party drink vouchers.
17:00 to 23:00	Lecture Hall of FIN (G29-307)	**Game Night** • Highlight (Bilingual DE/EN) Board games, card games, and gaming consoles (feel free to bring your own Switch). Snacks, drinks, and joint pizza order (please bring cash).

Tuesday, 06.10.2026

Bachelor Timetable Planning, Di.Day & Evening Social

10:00 to 11:00	Zoom (online)	**LSF Workshop** (English) Online walkthrough of the university course catalogue in English for international students.
11:00 to 12:50	Lecture Hall G29-307	**Understanding Magdeburg** (English) Understanding your new home, local culture and community, everyday life hacks and networking for all international students with "Alex' New Beginning". Hosted by SI@FIN and DAAD FIT.
12:50 to 13:45	Lecture Hall of FIN (G29-307)	**Short Presentations I** (English) • **regiocom SE** (Klemens Gutmann, founder and Chairman of the Board): IT career paths, hands-on projects and entry opportunities in Magdeburg. • **Dr. Christian Beyer:** Keynote "How to Learn Effectively in the Age of AI" • **Studentenwerk Magdeburg:** Student financing (BAföG), housing, and counseling.
13:45 to 19:00	Meeting point G29-307, then seminar rooms: **G29-307:** Computer Science · Graeffe **G29-335:** BiBa Computer Science · Krull, Grisanova **G29-336:** Business Info Systems · Turowski, Beyer, Spiliopoulou **G29-K058:** Engineering Informatics · Ortmeier **G29-K059:** Computational Visualistics	**Bachelor Course Planning.exe** (Bilingual DE/EN, bring your laptop!) Curriculum breakdown, hands-on LSF and Moodle tutorial, timetable creation with step-by-step mentor assistance, and examination regulations (SPO) crash course. Questions? OSCAR on the FIN-Emporium Discord.
16:00 to 19:00	G29-301	**Di.Day (Digital Independence Day)** • Tip (Bilingual DE/EN) Casual get-together with food and drinks: help with devices, passwords, campus Wi-Fi (eduroam) and free alternatives to Microsoft and Co. Info: di.day/en
18:00 to 19:00	Zoom (online) ID 845 2009 3321, passcode 861233	**Online Seminar "Scholarship Opportunities in Germany"** (German) Overview of scholarships for students, including lesser-known ones, plus tips for your application. No registration needed. Organised by Stipendienkompass (sdw): stipendienkompass.de
19:00 to open end	Meeting point outside G29, then Hasselbachplatz	**Pub Crawl & Bar Night** • Highlight (Bilingual DE/EN) Tour Magdeburg's popular pubs and bars around Hasselbachplatz in small groups with mentors. Tip: The Unitheke already has happy hour Monday to Friday from 16:00 to 17:00.

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Wednesday, 07.10.2026

Master Planning, City Rally & Insta Party

10:00 to 12:00	G29-307 & seminar rooms (Hybrid on-site & Zoom) **FIN:** ID 633 6364 4048 (PW 378362) **Digital Eng.:** ID 657 3185 4168 (PW 899648) **Data & Knowl.:** ID 653 8515 5106 (PW 705389) **Visual Comp.:** zoom.us/my/hansen	**Master Study Planning Session** (English, bring laptop) Curriculum breakdown, module choice, and individual schedule planning for all Master programmes (Computer Science, Data & Knowledge Engineering, Digital Engineering, Visual Computing). Questions? OSCAR on the FIN-Emporium Discord.
13:00 to 13:45	Lecture Hall of FIN (G29-307)	**Short Presentations II** (English) • **ArbeiterKind.de:** First person in your family at university? Actionable insights on scholarships. • **FDIBA:** Dual-degree German-Bulgarian programme overview.
13:45 to 18:30	Meeting point Lecture Hall of FIN (G29-307)	**City Rally through Magdeburg** • Highlight (Bilingual DE/EN) Discover Magdeburg landmarks and insider spots. Features a challenge station by regiocom SE with premium backpacks as main prizes. **15:00 to 16:00: Visit to regiocom** (Marienstraße 1) for one registered group of max. 15 people: building tour including the data centre and a chat with the IT team. Register via email to emin.girimhanov@farafin.de.
19:00 to open end	Courtyard Building 29 (FIN)	**Legendary Insta Party** • Highlight (Bilingual DE/EN) Open-air semester kickoff in the FIN courtyard: live DJ beats, hot barbecue (with vegetarian and vegan meals), and cold drinks. Supported by Plasmaservice Europe.
22:00 to open end	Festung Mark	**Official Ersti Party of the OvGU** (Tickets online) Admission and start: 22:00. Buy your ticket online from Festung Mark (festungmark.com).

Thursday, 08.10.2026

Online Drop-ins & Fair of Opportunities

09:00 to 10:00	Zoom (online)	**Dormitory Info Session** (Bilingual DE/EN) Rental agreements, broadcasting fees, and student living tips. Organised by IKUS.
10:00 to 11:00	Zoom (online)	**BiBa LSF Introduction** (English) Online course selection tutorial for Bilingual Computer Science students.
11:00 to 12:00	Zoom (online)	**Open Q&A Session** (German) Casual Q&A with student mentors regarding timetables, courses, and life in Magdeburg.
11:00 to 15:00	Courtyard Building 22	**Market of Opportunities of the OvGU** Campus fair featuring university initiatives, student clubs, and societies: racing cars, game dev, maker spaces, and more.

Friday, 09.10.2026

Master Brunch & Closing Barbecue

10:00 to 14:00	Lecture Hall of FIN (G29-307)	**Master Brunch** (English) Relaxed brunch for all Master students to connect with peers and student councils. We'll order pizza (free of charge) and drinks for you.
15:00 to open end	Studierendenhaus (Campus, Universitätsplatz 2)	**Closing Barbecue with the Faculty of Mathematics** • Highlight (Bilingual DE/EN) Relaxed afternoon at the Studierendenhaus (student house) with outdoor games, barbecue (meat, vegetarian, and vegan options), and music alongside FaRaMath.

FRESHERS' ESSENTIALS

- **Laptop / Tablet (fully charged):** Essential for Tuesday & Wednesday timetable planning.
- **University Account:** Have your LSF and eLearning login ready. For support, visit FaRaFIN in G29-103.
- **Cash:** For pizza orders during Game Night (Monday).
- **Student ID Card:** Validate your card at the service machines in the Mensa foyer.

CONTACT & HELP

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Partners: Finanztip • regiocom SE • Techniker Krankenkasse • Plasmaservice Europe • SelectLine Software • Studentenwerk Magdeburg • ArbeiterKind.de • IBM CIC • e-fellows.net • Studo • and student clubs (UMD Racing, OVGU eSports, StuRa OVGU, FaRaMath, FDIBA, DAAD FIT, Debating Club).