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Master's degree



Economic Policy Analysis

Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg • Magdeburg



Overview

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| Degree | Master of Science in Economic Policy Analysis |
| In cooperation with | IWH – Halle Institute for Economics Research |
| Teaching language | <ul style="list-style-type: none">English |
| Languages | Classes and examinations are held exclusively in English . Up to 20 ECTS (four modules) can be recognised from modules taught in German. |
| Full-time / part-time | <ul style="list-style-type: none">full-time |
| Programme duration | 4 semesters |
| Beginning | Winter semester |
| Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study | The study programme will start on 1 October . Newly enrolled students have to take part in the mandatory introduction week . During this week, students will learn how to organise their class schedules by following the programme structure and e-learning portals. They will also receive important information about the school's class and exam registration rules as well as discover options for networking activities, etc. |
| Application deadline | International degree holders: 15 July for the following winter semester |
| Tuition fees per semester in EUR | None |
| Combined Master's degree / PhD programme | No |
| Joint degree / double degree programme | No |

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| Description/content | <p>The research-oriented Master's programme in Economic Policy Analysis provides students with the skills necessary to analyse complex economic issues using theoretical and empirical methods independently.</p> <p>The study programme focuses on the analysis of economic policy measures in various policy areas (e.g. trade policy, labour markets, social policy, and environmental policy).</p> <p>The study programme applies and explains empirical procedures of evidence-based policy analysis as well as behavioural economic methods, such as laboratory experiments.</p> <p>The student body is multinational.</p> <p>This study programme takes a strong theoretical and quantitative approach.</p> <p>The Economic Policy Analysis degree programme qualifies graduates for management and specialist tasks in all areas of national and international public organisations and private companies as well as in university and non-university scientific institutions. Graduates are particularly qualified for jobs and positions in all areas in which economically relevant policy measures are decided upon, conceived, or analysed (such as ministries, economic research institutes, associations, economic analysis departments in companies, and economic university institutions).</p> <p>Furthermore, our graduates will be excellently prepared for admission to a doctoral programme in economics.</p> |
| Current information | <p>Our school mostly offers in-person classes. Some online modules may be offered, depending on the lecture style of the professor. On-campus presence is required in order to successfully complete the programme.</p> <p>Enrolment has to be completed electronically. However, students are advised to arrive no later than 1 October to ensure their participation in classes.</p> |

Course Details

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| Course organisation | <p>This Master's programme offers a professional economic qualification on a graduate level. The foundation of this programme consists of modules in quantitative methods, microeconomics, and macroeconomics as well as evidence-based policy analysis. Especially the seminars in the specialisation (second and third semesters) enable the students to understand the complex institutional and social framework conditions of economic and economic-political research and to incorporate these in scientific analysis and problem-solving.</p> <p>Programme structure in detail:</p> <p>Compulsory modules (15 ECTS): Econometrics, Microeconomics Analysis, Macroeconomics Analysis</p> <p>Compulsory elective modules for specialisation (55 ECTS), including two seminars with 10 ECTS each, prepare students for the Master's thesis research and writing.</p> <p>Elective modules (20 ECTS)</p> <p>The final semester is reserved for the module Master's thesis and seminar (30 ECTS). Here candidates must demonstrate their ability to research independently on a selected topic using scientific methods in order to be successful.</p> <p>During the study programme, students have to expect a weekly workload of approx. 20 hours of classroom studies and at least 20 hours of independent studies. Master's studies include lectures to learn new concepts, tutorials to foster discussions and practice techniques, and seminars to apply theories and methods to an assigned project. The seminars include an academic paper plus a presentation, and they prepare students for the Master's thesis.</p> |
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Students must be able to work independently on an academic level. This study programme is **theoretical and mathematically-oriented in an analytical manner**.

Module Descriptions

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| A Diploma supplement will be issued | Yes |
| International elements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International guest lecturers • Specialist literature in other languages • International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context • Content-related regional focus |
| Integrated internships | There are no compulsory internship requirements. However, students are encouraged to complete a voluntary internship during the course of their studies. The faculty believes it is valuable to gain professional experience within German and international workplaces. Internships must be organised independently. Furthermore, the AIESEC and ERASMUS organisations as well as the University Career Service provide opportunities and assistance to both German and international students. |
| Course-specific, integrated German language courses | No |
| Course-specific, integrated English language courses | No |

Costs / Funding

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| Tuition fees per semester in EUR | None |
| Semester contribution | Currently, the semester fee is 155.20 EUR. It covers services offered by the "Studentenwerk" (student union) and the student representatives. Enrolled students receive a semester ticket for free use of public transport, student discounts in the campus cafeteria, etc. |
| Costs of living | A minimum of 861 EUR per month must be budgeted for accommodation, cost of living, health insurance, books, and miscellaneous expenses. In comparison with many other towns and cities, the rental prices in Magdeburg are still relatively low. There are no tuition fees for the majority of programmes, and the semester fee already includes the cost of bus and tram travel within Magdeburg. The following link provides a fair picture of the cost of living in Magdeburg: Finance . |
| Funding opportunities within the university | No |

Requirements / Registration

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| Academic admission | The study programme is designed for students with an educational background in economics |
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requirements

Prospective students should have an **interest in economic issues relating to economic policy** and have advanced knowledge of quantitative methods in mathematics, statistics, or econometrics.

Applicants must provide proof of a relevant academic degree in economics (Bachelor's, "Diplom", etc.) from a university recognised in **Germany with a GPA from 1.0 up to 2.9 (according to the German grading system)**. A degree is considered relevant if a minimum number of credits were obtained in economics, business administration, and quantitative methods modules. Detailed information on admission requirements (i.e. relevant degree, letter of motivation, and proof of English skills) is available on the study programme's website: [EPA details and requirements](#).

Language requirements

A confident command of spoken and written English at a C1 level is a strict requirement for this programme.

Proof of **advanced English skills on the C1 level with a certain minimum scores** required. A detailed, updated list of recognised test options is available on the ISP website: [EPA applicants' checklist](#).

German skills are not required for this study programme but are important for getting around in Germany and employment in Germany. Applicants are advised to study German at an A1 or A2 level before their arrival in Germany. Language studies may be continued on campus. A small student fee will apply. Additionally, private language schools offer evening classes.

Application deadline

International degree holders:
15 July for the following winter semester

Submit application to

www.uni-assist.de

Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg
c/o uni-assist e.V.
11507 Berlin
Germany

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

It is possible to find a part-time job as a research or student assistant at one of the faculties or in the university administration (maximum: 80 hours per month). Other opportunities are student jobs at different companies, restaurants, and shops. Information on how to find a job can be found on our website: [Career Service](#).

Accommodation

The "Studentenwerk" (student union) in Magdeburg manages the on-campus halls of residence (mostly one- to four-room apartments). Currently, the monthly rent ranges from 200 to 370 EUR per room (approx. 12 to 35 square meters), depending on the size and furnishing. Rooms in the halls of residence are limited in number. The accommodation application can be found on the website of the Studentenwerk.

The Studentenwerk assists all new students in finding adequate accommodation, either on or off campus. Private accommodation is available on the Magdeburg accommodation market. However, fully furnished units are in somewhat short supply.

Career advisory service

Our Career Service Centre provides on-campus workshops as well as job and internship search assistance for students. A **yearly job fair** that is exclusively for students is offered.

Support for international students and doctoral

- Welcome event

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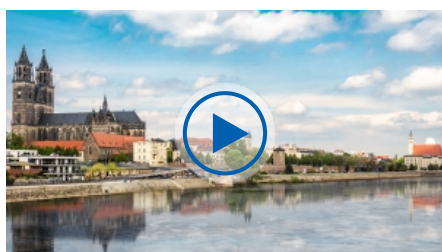
- Buddy programme
- Tutors
- Specialist counselling
- Visa matters
- Help with finding accommodation
- Support with registration procedures

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

Our school provides a **buddy programme (SIMP-SON)**, a **website**, and a **student advisory service office (ISP Office)** exclusively for students enrolled in study programmes conducted in English. A year-round integration programme is part of the mentoring and includes **intercultural workshops**, weekly counselling hours, English-guided tours and trips, and networking events with fellow students. To participate in the mentoring programme, students need to apply ahead of time to be paired with a student in a more advanced semester. [SIMP-SON](#)

Supervisor-student ratio

1:5



Study and Research at OVGU in Magdeburg

Take a walk on campus and learn more about OVGU in the historical city of Magdeburg, located on the beautiful Elbe River.

» more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nbfAExH6B0>

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School of Economics and Management at OVGU Magdeburg

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Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg (OVGU) was founded in 1993 and is one of Germany's youngest universities. It was formed by a merger of the existing technical university, the teacher training college, and the medical school. The university now comprises nine faculties and about 14,000 students and is becoming increasingly more important as a centre for education and research. It plays an important role in the regional capital of Magdeburg, which is developing into a centre for business, scholarship, and culture. The university is a member of many organisations and committees. It is named after Otto von Guericke (1602-1686), Magdeburg's famous citizen, whose pioneering research into the vacuum brought him renown well beyond Germany's borders. The university aspires to teach and research in the tradition of this great scientist, philosopher, and engineer and to continue with his humanist work.

At the Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg, students can choose from more than 90 degree courses in various areas of study and specialisation. In addition to these, a range of postgraduate courses are offered. There are also many possibilities to combine different subjects across faculties. The conditions for students are ideal, with modern laboratories, experimental workshops, and clinics equipped with high-performance computers and an excellent staff-student ratio. The offer of a sound, thorough education, combining a high level of theoretical expertise with practical experience, makes Magdeburg an attractive choice.

In recent years, research at the university has gone through a decisive change, from applied research to innovative, fundamental research. Among the many areas represented, the neurosciences, immunology, non-linear systems, new materials, processes and products, computational visualistics, social transformation, communication, and culture deserve a special mention. The university hopes to make a significant contribution to economic and social development in Magdeburg and the surrounding area through its research. Equally, disciplines such as humanities, economics, and management, which have been established more recently at the university, have already made their mark on our research profile. Special emphasis is placed on close cooperation between teaching staff and students.

Magdeburg also attracts students because it offers accommodation with either a single bed or twin beds in its halls of residence.

[Take a virtual trip through our international campus!](#)



University location

As the capital of the federal state of Saxony-Anhalt, Magdeburg is the seat of the state parliament and administration. The town is more than 1,200 years old and has about 234,000 inhabitants. Its excellent location on the River Elbe and its proximity to Berlin, Hanover, and Leipzig have proven to be a significant asset to the city. In the 19th century, the town developed into an important industrial and trade centre. Nowadays, another quite distinctive feature of Magdeburg is its considerable research and innovation potential at the university, the Max Planck and Fraunhofer research institutes, and the university of applied sciences, which are all located in close proximity to each other. Magdeburg offers an extensive park and garden landscape, a rich cultural and sports life, and an ideal atmosphere for being a student. Please visit the website: www.magdeburg.de.

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🐦 <http://www.twitter.com/OVGUpresse>

🌐 <https://www.linkedin.com/school/otto-von-guericke-university-magdeburg/>

📷 http://www.instagram.com/uni_magdeburg

📺 <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX7sej01ntgujN3NilAUkUw>

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