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ABOUT THE FACULTY

Law has been studied at the Justus Liebig University since 1607. Famous academics such as Rudolph von Jhering (1818-1892) and Franz von Liszt (1851-1919) contributed to the standing of the Faculty of Law. After its temporary closure after World War II, the Faculty of Law and Economics was re-opened in 1964 and a separate Faculty of Law re-established in 1970.

Today the Faculty has as its disposal a young and dynamic team of professors who provide time for individual student care. The Faculty offers a wide range of subjects with a particular emphasis on European an International Law. It also houses a number of research units and is involved in interdisciplinary research.

The Faculty cultivates strong networks with numerous universities abroad. It benefits from institutional links with international organisations and research institutions.

WHAT DOES THE FACULTY OFFER?

The Faculty offers law courses in German and in English. Incoming students can take courses that are offered in German such as Introduction to Private Law, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Procedural Law, Labour Law etc. Furthermore, Incoming students can take courses that are taught in English, as well as seminars and participate in Moot Courts.

Each year the Faculty of Law holds a Summer and Winter Law School and welcomes students from all around the world.

Here are some examples of courses taught in English:

- General Course in Public International Law
- International Economic Law
- Introduction to the English Legal System and its Terminology
- Basics Tort and Contract Law
- International Humanitarian Law
- International Migration Law

You can also participate in:

- Model United Nations
- International Humanitarian Law Clinic
- Jean Picet Moot Court





The campus is situated near the centre of the town and resembles a park. Besides the lecture halls you can find a cafeteria, a law and economics library as well as group study rooms. The big university cafeteria and other campuses are in walking distance. You can also find bikes on campus to get around.



The Law degree in Germany is not awarded by a Bachelor's and Master's degree but by a state examination.

The examinations are the responsibility of the examination boards at the relevant government ministries.

The academic year is divided into two semesters. The winter semester from 1 October - 31 March and the summer semester from 1 April - 30 September. Lecture periods usually begin two weeks after the start of the semester and end in mid-February or in mid-July.

There are no tuition fees for Erasmus+ students but incomings are liable to a semester fee covering the cost of the student body and student service as well as unlimited use of public transport in Giessen and large parts of Hesse. German language courses are offered throughout the semester and immediately before classes start.

The faculty also offers the opportunity to obtain a doctoral degree (Dr. iur.) with a thesis submitted either in German, English or another approved language.



As a small town with about 80.000 inhabitants, Giessen is the town with the highest student density in Germany.

Giessen is set in beautiful surroundings in the heart of the federal state of Hesse and offers a wealth of leisure activities (water skiing, rowing and canoeing on Lahn River, sightseeing trips to castles). The town offers a wide variety of music, clubs and bars as well as many cultural activities from comedy to opera. Lokal International is the international student meeting place

Study in the green heart of Germany, not far from the bustling city of Frankfurt am Main and other big cities. You will find an international environment with around 2,300 foreign students each year.

at the JLU and holds national evenings, jam sessions, language practice, karaoke, games evenings etc.

Places in residential halls are subject to availability. However, further assistance as to housing is provided. The student cafeteria offers a variety of quality low budget meals throughout the day.



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