INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OF JUSTUS LIEBIG UNIVERSITY GIESSEN

STUDYING AT JLU – STUDYING IN GERMANY
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AN INTRODUCTION TO JLU

• Situated in Giessen, in the middle of Hesse, near Frankfurt am Main
• Founded in 1607
• Eponym: Justus Liebig: professor of chemistry at JLU from 1824, research field: organic chemistry
AN INTRODUCTION TO JLU - MORE FACTS AND FIGURES

• Number of faculties: 11
• Total number of students: 24,600 (as of summer semester 2023)
• No tuition fees (only a semester contribution of approx. 280€/semester)
• 3 Graduate Centres
• 5 Interdisciplinary Research Centres
QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKING 2024

• JLU is part of the 400 best universities worldwide

• Among the 50 German universities that made it into the ranking, JLU holds the 22nd spot

• The QS World University Ranking features 1,500 institutions across 104 locations
IMPORTANT: ORIENTATION WEEKS

• Orientation Week / Days by the Faculties (StEW / StET)
  2 – 13 October – mostly on-campus, depending on the faculty
  Please find your relevent events online:
  www.uni-giessen.de/de/studium/studienbeginn/stew
  www.uni-giessen.de/de/studium/studienbeginn/stet

• Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)
  9 – 13 October – mostly online
  You will receive an invitation via email
  www.uni-giessen.de/en/international-pages/study/enrol/owis

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WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT DID YOU APPLY FOR?

• Go to menti.com and type in the code to participate in the survey

Live results: https://www.mentimeter.com/s/38a11644a7163ae812c66d94c662c052/9915d641957c
• For your studies and arrival in Giessen you’ll need to plan the following steps:

1. Visa & Residence Permit
2. Financing
3. Health Insurance
4. Finding Accommodation
1. VISA & RESIDENCE PERMIT

- Apply as soon as possible for a **visa** at the German embassy in your home country
- After arrival: register as a resident of the city you are staying in & change your visa to a **residence permit** (e.g. Giessen > Giessen city hall)
- If you are entering from a "**visa-free** country" (e.g. USA, Australia, Brazil, Japan, South Korea,...) contact the Immigration Authorities via email (**auslaenderbehoerde@giessen.de**) or telephone (0641 306-2280) for your registration
- For an **extension** of your residence permit, contact the Immigration Authorities at least 4 weeks before its expiry
2. FINANCING & FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- **Financial proof** for your visa (e.g. blocked account – Sperrkonto): For one academic year you will have to deposit 11,208 € (934 € per month)

- Securing a **grant** in Germany is not easy. As a rule, you will have to prove **excellent academic achievements** as well as **social commitment**. For a first orientation: [DAAD Scholarship Database](#)

- You are allowed to **work** 120 full days / 240 half days per year as an international student – however, finding a job may take some time and **German skills** are often a requirement
3. HEALTH INSURANCE

- All students must have adequate health insurance coverage
- You will need the **M10** report already for enrolment
- Please clarify the start of payment with your chosen health insurance
- Apply for a **public** health insurance (e.g. Barmer, Techniker, AOK, ...)
- If you are over 30 years old, you must choose a **private** health insurance but you also need an M10 report from a statutory health insurance!
- Contact insurance of your choice **before** coming to Germany to receive **M10-certificate** which is then transferred to the university

Please seek advice at the International Office **BEFORE** you sign any contracts for private insurance!
4. FINDING ACCOMODATION

• Look for an apartment or a shared apartment (WG) with the Studentenwerk or from private landlords
  • e.g. "WG Gesucht", Stud.IP Notice Board
• Once you find accommodation, ask the landlord to sign the confirmation of tenancy (Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung) for your registration with the city hall
• Be aware that there is a long waiting list for accommodation with the Studierendenwerk
  → apply for all possible housing options
• If you cannot get a room from the Studierendenwerk, seek a private lease even if it is limited to e.g. 6 months!
5. TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDIES

• Familiarize yourself with your study programme, e.g. programme structure, modules, special regulations, standard and average duration of study: www.uni-giessen.de/en/study/courses

• Check out the dates of your faculty’s introduction days: www.uni-giessen.de/en/international-pages/study/enrol

• You will need a laptop and the common MS office tools
ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME: meet2succeed

- **Meet2succeed**: Subject-Specific Tutorial Programme
  
  [https://www.uni-giessen.de/international-pages/meet2succeed](https://www.uni-giessen.de/international-pages/meet2succeed) – website will be updated soon!

- For students of faculty 05 (Anglophone Studies, Choreography & Performance) and faculty 09 (Transition Management, Aggrobiotechnology, Insect Biotechnology & Bioresources, Sustainable Transition), expectedly faculty 06

- Extra-curricular (online) courses in:
  - navigating the start of your studies,
  - academic writing,
  - presentation skills,
  - German for professional purposes
“TEASER COURSE”: A0 GERMAN (meet2succeed)

• Get to know JLU through German vocab and phrases in this short introductory course!
  • Wed, 4th October 2023 04:00 p.m. – 05:30 p.m.
  • Thu, 5th October 2023 04:00 p.m. – 05:30 p.m.
  • Fri, 6th October 2023 04:00 p.m. – 05:30 p.m.

• online and before start of other courses

• Registration until 29th September: email to meet2succeed@admin.uni-giessen.de by stating name, study programme and semester
ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME: WORKSHOPS

- **Workshop programme** for international students
- Extra-curricular (online) workshops, for example:
  - Intercultural Workshop
  - How to Learn Efficiently
  - Discussing and Communicating in Seminars at German Universities
  - Building and Maintaining Self-Confidence
  - How to apply - prepare your application for the German job market

➤ You can find all upcoming events in the [International Calender](#)!
ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME: JUSTINTERNATIONAL

JustInternational Series

Every 1\textsuperscript{st} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. we meet online to give you information about important topics pertaining to studying at JLU and to answer your questions on different topics, and every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. we get together and meet online to chat, exchange ideas and play some games.

All current and future JLU students are invited!

• **Question Monday** (every 1\textsuperscript{st} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} Monday) – online

• **The Ultimate Get-Together** (every Wednesday) – online

➤ You can find all upcoming events in the [International Calendar](#)!
For your enrolment you’ll need to follow these steps:

1. Log in to the applicant portal of JLU with your user ID and your self-chosen password (received by email from international.admission@admin.uni-giessen.de). Check your inbox for the letter of admission. Also read the FAQ email!

2. Click the button “Request for Enrolment” if you want to enrol.

3. Fill in all questions and submit ALL missing documents (yellow box) in the section „documents for enrolment“. Only when all documents are submitted we can finish enrolment.
JUST BEEN ADMISSIONED TO JLU? WHAT TO DO IN DETAIL...

1. Click “request for enrolment”
2. Answer the questions (university entrance qualification= school leaving date and grade)
3. Upload receipt of payment/transfer of the semester contribution
4. M10 report from statutory health insurance comes digitally to us
5. Upload copy of your passport/ID card
6. Upload further documents such as APS (India), German language certificate...

Important: Please check your enrolment deadlines in the applicant portal as restricted-admission study programs have a short enrolment period. We strongly recommend to enrol as early as possible.

If you need to send an email please always put your application number in the subject line of the email!
ENROLLED - IS THERE MORE TO DO?

• Your matriculation number can be found in your portal (81*****). Please check the yellow box! Masters applicants can find a rejection there as well.

• After **24 hours (!!!)** please request your digital study certificate via iam.uni-giessen.de (you will receive an activation email)

• With an **address in Germany** please request your chipcard via iam.uni-giessen.de (will be sent by post)

• Problems requesting chipcard or study paper? Please contact: iam@uni-giessen.de

• If you have an address in Germany we can send the temporary semester ticket (email to international.admission@admin.uni-giessen.de)
CONTACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION AND COUNSELLING FOR ALL STUDENTS

Hotline “Call Justus”: +49 (0)641 99-16400

Office Hours: Monday - Friday:
8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Central Student Advisory Office: +49 (0)641 99-16223

Telephone counselling:
Monday: 10 a.m. -12 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (focus on teaching)
Thursday: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

E-Mail: zsb@uni-giessen.de
Study consultation and preparation:
✓ Choice & change of subject
✓ German language courses
✓ Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)

Practical advice on:
✓ Accommodation
✓ German statutory health insurance
✓ Social and individual issues

Legal & Financial advice:
✓ Visa and resident permits
✓ Financial issues
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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E-Mail: studium-international@uni-giessen.de
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