1. INFORMATION & APPLICATION
   - Requirements for Study Programme
   - Application

2. ADMISSION & ENROLMENT
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   - Financing Your Studies
   - Accommodation
   - Information Session for Prospective Students

3. STUDY ENTRY
   - Orientation Week
   - Study Organisation
   - Study Skills
   - Social Integration

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   - Key Competencies
   - Intercultural Competence
   - Language Skills: Academic English & German
   - Student Jobs/Internships
   - Mental Health
   - Study Motivation
   - Residence Permit (Extension)

5. CLOSING PHASE & GRADUATION
   - Financial Aid (if applicable)
   - Final Thesis
   - Career Preparation/Job Search
   - Residence Permit (for Work Purposes)
## Financing Your Studies
- Financial proof of ca. 930 € per month / ca. 11,200 € per year

**Where to Find Support:**
- International Office
- ZfbK – Department Career Services
- Studierendenwerk – Advice and Service Department
- Solifonds e.V.
- Protestant/Catholic Student Association (ESG/KHG)

## Visa & Residence Permit
- Apply for a visa at the embassy
- Register with the municipal authorities in Germany
- Convert your student visa into a residence permit

**Where to Find Support:**
- International Office
- Student Union (AStA) – Legal Advice

## Application and Enrolment
- Check the requirements for your chosen study programme
- Apply via uni-assist
- After being admitted: Complete all required steps to enrol
- Info Session for Prospective Students

**Where to Find Support:**
- Registrar’s Office

## Accommodation
- Student halls of residence or private accommodation

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**STUDY ORGANISATION**

- Programme structure
- Choice of courses and modules
- Registration for exams

**WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT:**

- Subject advisor or study coordinator at your faculty
- Orientation Week

**STUDY SKILLS**

- Giving presentations & writing term papers
- Using the library system
- Working in a team

**WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT:**

- ZfbK – Department Key Competencies
- University Library

**LANGUAGE SKILLS GERMAN**

- Getting along in everyday life
- Professional skills for the German job market (min. B2)
- Intensive courses or evening courses

**WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT:**

- International Office

**SOCIAL INTEGRATION**

- Meeting fellow students at JLU or in the city of Giessen

**WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT:**

- Lokal International
- Academic Sports Services (ahs)
- Students’ self-administration or politics
- Social engagement (e.g. Volunteer Centre Giessen)
- STUBE Hessen/World University Service
**LANGUAGE SKILLS ENGLISH**
- English for academic purposes
- Conversational and professional English
- Language courses and tandem language learning

**WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT:**
- ZfbK – Department Languages & Cultures

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**STUDY MOTIVATION**
- Staying motivated or dealing with a lack of motivation
- Evaluating possible alternatives or change of subject

**WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT:**
- Psychological Counselling Service
- International Office

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**INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE**
- Finding your way around a German university
- Working in an intercultural (student) team
- Interacting with professors

**WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT:**
- ZfbK – Department Key Competencies
- International Office

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**KEY COMPETENCIES**
- IT skills
- Communication skills
- Conflict management
- Time management & learning strategies
- Student jobs or internships

**WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT:**
- ZfbK – Department Key Competencies
- IT Service Centre (HRZ)
- Psychological Counselling Service
MENTAL HEALTH & OTHER ISSUES
- Learning difficulties
- Fear of exams and failure
- Isolation problems
- Family or relationship conflicts
- Depression, anxiety, eating disorders, addiction, etc.

WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT:
- Psychologic Counselling Service
- Vitos Klinik or Psychosomatische Ambulanz

RESIDENCE PERMIT
- Apply for an extension of your residence permit at least 4 weeks before its expiry

WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT:
- International Office
- Student Union (AStA) – Legal Advice

JOB SEARCH
- Finding job possibilities that fit to your competencies
- Searching for jobs on the German job market
- Connecting with employers
- Writing applications

WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT:
- ZfbK – Department Career Services
- Federal Employment Agency

FINAL THESIS
- Individual writing consultation
- Finding a topic, structuring your thesis, citation
- Time management skills
- Graduation scholarship

WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT:
- ZfbK – Department Key Competencies
- International Office
WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT

Here you can find a list of the support services mentioned in this brochure, including their contact information:

PERSONAL CONSULTATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

The International Office offers so-called “status talks” that are personal, confidential consultation sessions in which you can talk about finding your way around the German academic system, social integration, financial questions, immigration law and other issues.

If you would like to make an appointment for an encompassing consultation session – either in person or online – please write an email with the subject “Status Talk” to: studium-international@uni-giessen.de