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INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

HOW TO STUDY SUCCESSFULLY – FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



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- Financial Aid (if applicable)
- Final Thesis
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- Residence Permit (for Work Purposes)

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

WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT:

- International Office
- Studierendenwerk – Housing Department

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

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)

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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