

JLU

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JUSTUS-LIEBIG-
 UNIVERSITÄT
GIESSEN



INTERNATIONAL OFFICE & REGISTRAR'S OFFICE OF JUSTUS LIEBIG UNIVERSITY GIESSEN

PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION SESSION: PLANNING YOUR ARRIVAL & ENROLMENT

BEFORE WE START...

- Please keep your microphone muted until the question times inbetween agenda blocks
- Session will be recorded up to „Steps to enrol“, question times excluded
- Presentation slides are available for download on our website:
<https://www.uni-giessen.de/en/international-pages/>
 - > Brochures/Leaflets > Study and Work at JLU
 - > Pre-Arrival Information Session
- Chat will be closed during presentation but opened during question times
- Please refrain from putting personal data (e.g. phone numbers) into the chat

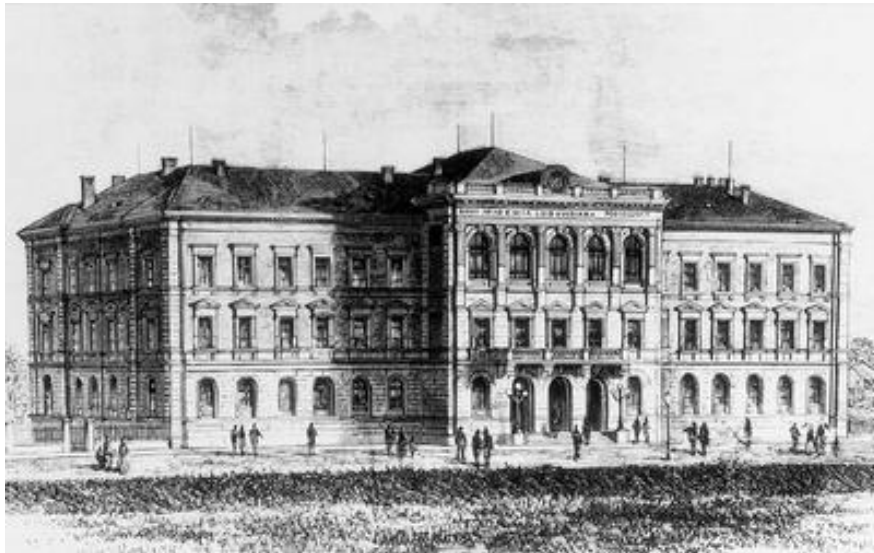
AGENDA

1. Introduction to JLU and Giessen
2. Survey: Where are you from, what will you study and when will you arrive?
3. Preparing Your Studies
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 2. Financial Support
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1. INTRODUCTION TO JLU AND GIESSEN

- Situated in Giessen, in the middle of Hesse, near Frankfurt am Main
- Founded in 1607
- Eponym: Justus Liebig, professor of chemistry at the university in Giessen from 1824 – 1852, research in organic chemistry



INTRODUCTION TO JLU – MORE FACTS AND FIGURES

- Number of faculties: 11
- Total number of students: 23,000
- Total number of international students: 3,000
- No tuition fees (only a semester contribution of approx. 400€/semester)
- 4 Graduate Centres
- 5 Interdisciplinary Research Centres



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PERKS OF STUDYING IN GIESSEN

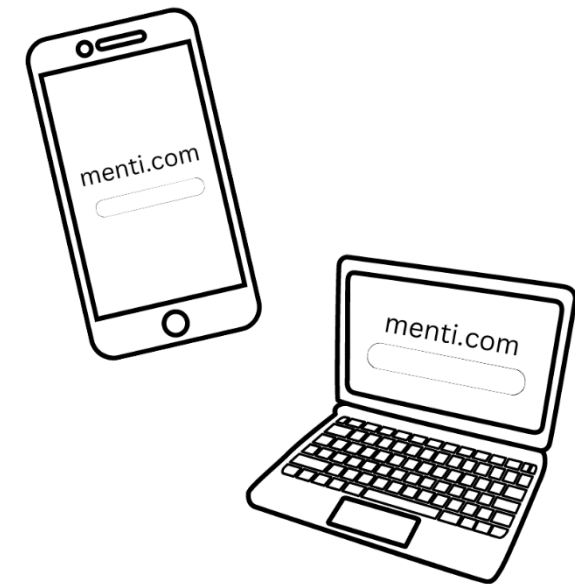
- Giessen is a student-friendly city – almost half of the inhabitants are students
- Centrally located in Germany, 45min by train from Frankfurt and close to nature
- Student ID: free tickets for theatre, cinema, outdoor pool (in summer) and access to free bike rental
- „Deutschlandticket“: public transport all over Germany



Photo: Universitätsstadt Gießen

2. SURVEY: WHERE ARE YOU FROM AND WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

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



3. PREPARING YOUR STUDIES

- 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



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3.1. 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** at least **8 weeks before it expires** (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 (Landkreis Giessen > 6 months before expiry)

3.2. FINANCING & FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- **Financial proof** for your visa (e.g. blocked account – Sperrkonto): for one academic year you will have to deposit 11,904 € (992 € 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 Sholarship Database](#)

- You are allowed to **work 140 full days** per year (or up to **20 hours per week**) as an international student – however, finding a job may take some time and **German skills** are often a requirement ([more information](#))

3.3. HEALTH INSURANCE

- All students must have adequate health insurance coverage
- You will need an [M10 report](#) for enrolment
- Contact insurance of your choice *before* coming to Germany to receive **M10-certificate** which is then transferred to the university
- Please clarify the start of payment with your chosen health insurance
- Opt 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!

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

3.3. HEALTH INSURANCE

- Techniker Krankenkasse (TK) offers online information events in English on health insurance in Germany: “Well prepared for your studies – Health insurance in Germany”
- Every two weeks on Wednesdays between 2 – 3pm (German time)
- Register here: <https://online-terminvergabe-techniker.de/Portal/Event/SD0UPS>

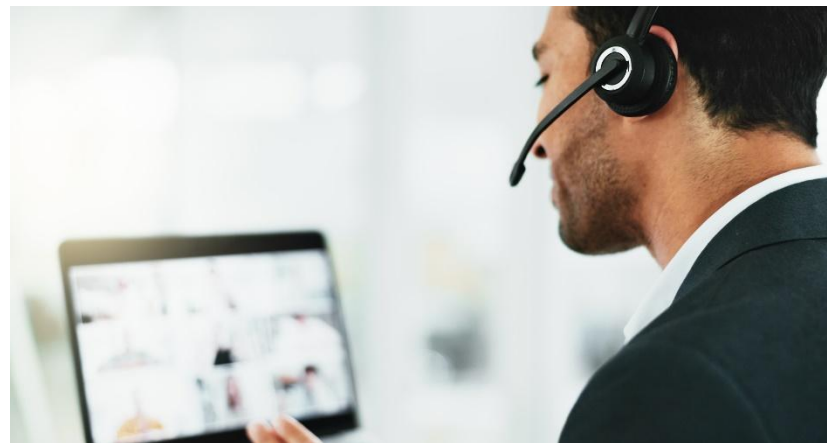


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3.4. FINDING ACCOMMODATION

- Look for an apartment or a shared apartment (WG) with the [Studierendenwerk](#) 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 dorm rooms from the Studierendenwerk**
→ apply for all possible dorm options
- If you cannot get a room from the Studierendenwerk, seek a **private lease even if it is limited** to e.g. 3 or 6 months!



4. TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDIES / EXTRA-CURRICULAR OFFERS

- 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**:
<https://www.uni-giessen.de/en/study/start-of-studies>
- You will need a **laptop** and the common MS office tools



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STUDY-ACCOMPANYING GERMAN EVENING COURSES

- Courses on all levels (A1 – C1)
- Registration will be possible from **22 September – 17 October** via [German course website](#)
- Courses take place during the lecture period twice a week for 90min each (either Mo + Wed or Tue + Thu)
- Free of charge for exchange and degree-seeking students
- If you register for a higher level than A1 you either have to submit a certificate from a previous German course or take a placement test
- German knowledge is important for finding jobs in Germany!



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ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME: JUSTINTERNATIONAL

Question Monday: every **1st and 3rd Monday** of the month at **7:30 p.m. online** via BBB

- information about important topics such as tips for exam preparation, finding accommodation, how to use the library

Ultimate Get-Together: every **Wednesday** at **7:30 p.m. online** via BBB

- chat, exchange ideas and play some games

You can find the series [here](#) and all upcoming events in the [International Calender!](#)



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All current and future students are invited!

5. IMPORTANT DATES

- **Orientation Week / Days by the Faculties**
29 September – 10 October (BA/STX) & 9 – 10 October (MA)
- Please find your relevant events online:
www.uni-giessen.de/en/study/start-of-studies/orientation
www.uni-giessen.de/en/study/start-of-studies/odms
- **Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)**
6 – 10 October – for all students, mostly online
You will receive an invitation via email (<https://www.uni-giessen.de/de/internationales/studierenjlu/owisprogramm>)



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INTRODUCTION DAYS FACULTY 09

- Master Orientation Days for:
 - Agrobioinformatics
 - Agrobiotechnology
 - Transition Management
 - Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources
- Mo, 6 October – Wed, 8 October on campus
- Online Orientation for Late Arrivals: Wed, 24 September at 1pm
- Online Back-Up Session: Fr, 10 October at 10am
- Sustainable Transition: Wed, 1 October at 11am (online)

SEMESTER TIMES

- Winter semester: 1 October 2025 – 31 March 2026
- Lecture period: 13 October 2025 – 13 February 2026
- Course catalogue for the winter semester will be published beginning of September: [Elektronisches Vorlesungsverzeichnis – JLU](#)
- Examinations are usually in the last weeks of the lecture period and during the lecture free period
- Please observe registration and de-registration periods given by faculty

6. LATE ARRIVAL

- Late arrivals are accepted by the university; no latest date of entry
- No late arrival letters are issued, unless you can proof that your embassy requires one (send us an email, screenshot or link from the embassy)
- If you are arriving late, e.g. due to visa issues, please check in with your faculty whether online courses or blocked seminars (usually towards the end of the semester) are offered
- Also check in with your faculty up to which week you can join a course and still gain credits
- Enrol for the winter semester and stay enrolled unless you want to apply again
- Admissions cannot be deferred into later semesters

7. JUST BEEN ADMITTED TO JLU? WHAT TO DO NEXT

For **enrolment** you'll need to complete the following steps:

1. Log in to [GUDE](#), the JLU applicant portal, with your user ID (see your account activation email from international.admission@admin.uni-giessen.de) and your password.
 - Please read the FAQ email that has also been sent to you.
 - Check your GUDE account **inbox** for the **letter of admission** ("Zulassungsbescheid").
2. Click the button "**Request for Enrolment**" in GUDE if you would like to enrol.
3. Answer every question and submit **ALL** the necessary documents in the section „documents for enrolment“. You will only be enrolled when all the documents have been submitted and all the steps have been completed.
4. Check your GUDE account **inbox** for the **letter of enrolment** ("Studienbescheinigung").

If you send us an email, please always include your **full name** as well as your **application/matriculation number**.

HOW TO ENROL

1. Click “**request for enrolment**”.
2. Answer every **question**.
 - (university entrance qualification = school (i.e. high-school/secondary school) leaving date and grade)
3. (*Optional*): Upload a **receipt of payment**/transfer of the **semester contribution**. Do not send this document to us via email unless we request it.
4. Your statutory **health insurance provider** will send the **M10 report** to us automatically. You have to actively request that they do this by contacting them. Do not send insurance documents to us via email unless we request it.
 - More info on this here: <https://www.uni-giessen.de/de/internationales/studierenjlu/einreisen/k>.
5. Upload a **copy of your passport/ID card**. We check these documents manually; please allow at least 7 business days for this.
6. Upload any **further documents** such as (German) language certificates, etc. If you need to upload any further documents, the specific documents will be indicated in the yellow box on the right side in your application overview.

Important: Please check the **enrolment deadline** in your applicant account: Restricted-admission study programmes have a short enrolment period. We strongly recommend **enrolling as early as possible**. If you need an extension, you can inquire via email.

YOU ARE ENROLLED – IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE TO DO?

- Your matriculation number can be found in your portal (8*****). Please check the yellow box.
- You may download your **study certificate** (“Studienbescheinigung”) from your account.
- Within **24-48 hours** after enrolment, you will receive an activation email for your student account from IAM.
- After you have activated your account, please request your **chip card** via **iam.uni-giessen.de** (**you can submit your request for chip card about 24 hours after activating your student account**) and provide a German address. It will be sent to you via postal mail (only within Germany). Make sure to include your room number or c/o if applicable.
 - Problems requesting your chip card? Please contact iam@uni-giessen.de.
- Please update your **postal address** in your GUDE account once you have a German address; you can do this in the portal.
- Your semester ticket will include the Deutschlandticket. It’s valid from the first day of the semester (01.10.2025). You can find more info here: <https://www.asta-giessen.de/service/semesterticket/deutschlandticket/>.

8. FACULTY CONTACTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES

M.Sc. Advanced Materials: Anja.Henss@uni-giessen.de + Bjoern.Luerssen@phys.chemie.uni-giessen.de

M.A. Anglophone Studies: master.anglophone.studies@anglistik.uni-giessen.de

M.A. Choreography & Performance: choreography-performance@theater.uni-giessen.de

M.Sc. Economics of Global Risk: egr.wirtschaft@uni-giessen.de

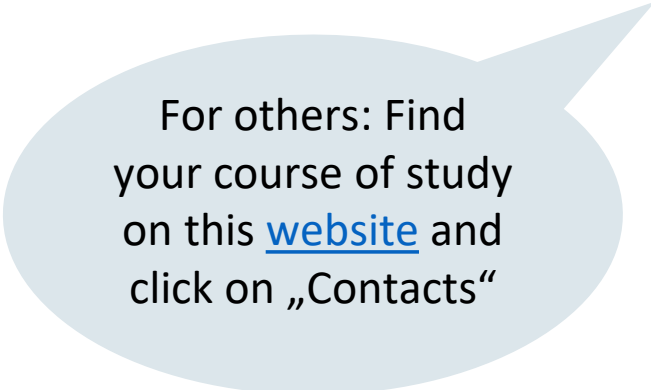
M. Sc. Human Movement Analytics: hma-support@sport.uni-giessen.de

M.A. Interdisciplinary Studies on Eastern Europe: geschaeftsfuehrung@gizo.uni-giessen.de

M. Sc. Mind, Brain and Behaviour: mbb-coordinator@psychol.uni-giessen.de

M.Sc. Sustainable Chemistry: Hermann.A.Wegner@org.Chemie.uni-giessen.de

All English-taught masters at faculty 09: studies@fb09.uni-giessen.de



For others: Find your course of study on this [website](#) and click on „Contacts“

CONTACTS: SUPPORT SERVICES

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



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CONTACTS: SUPPORT SERVICES

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Email: international.students@uni-giessen.de

Phone: +49 (0) 641 99 12174/-43

Office hours:

Monday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, room 38

Wednesday, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, room 38

INTERNATIONAL DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Email: promotionsstudium-international@uni-giessen.de

Phone: +49 (0) 641 99 12167

Office hours:

Monday and Wednesday, 10:00 - 12:00, room 21



Address: Goethestrasse 58, 35390 Giessen

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Office hours:

Monday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, room 38

Wednesday, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, room 38

Virtual Open Office Hour:

Every last Wednesday of the month

TODAY, 27 August at 4:00 pm (German time)

Via [Bigbluebutton](#)



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CONTACTS: REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

APPLICATION, ADMISSION, ENROLMENT

Katarzyna Smolka & Onja Paulsen

Email: international.admission@admin.uni-giessen.de

Phone: +49 (0)641 99-16400 (via Call Justus)

Office hours: Tuesday, 8:00 am – 10:30 am &
Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

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