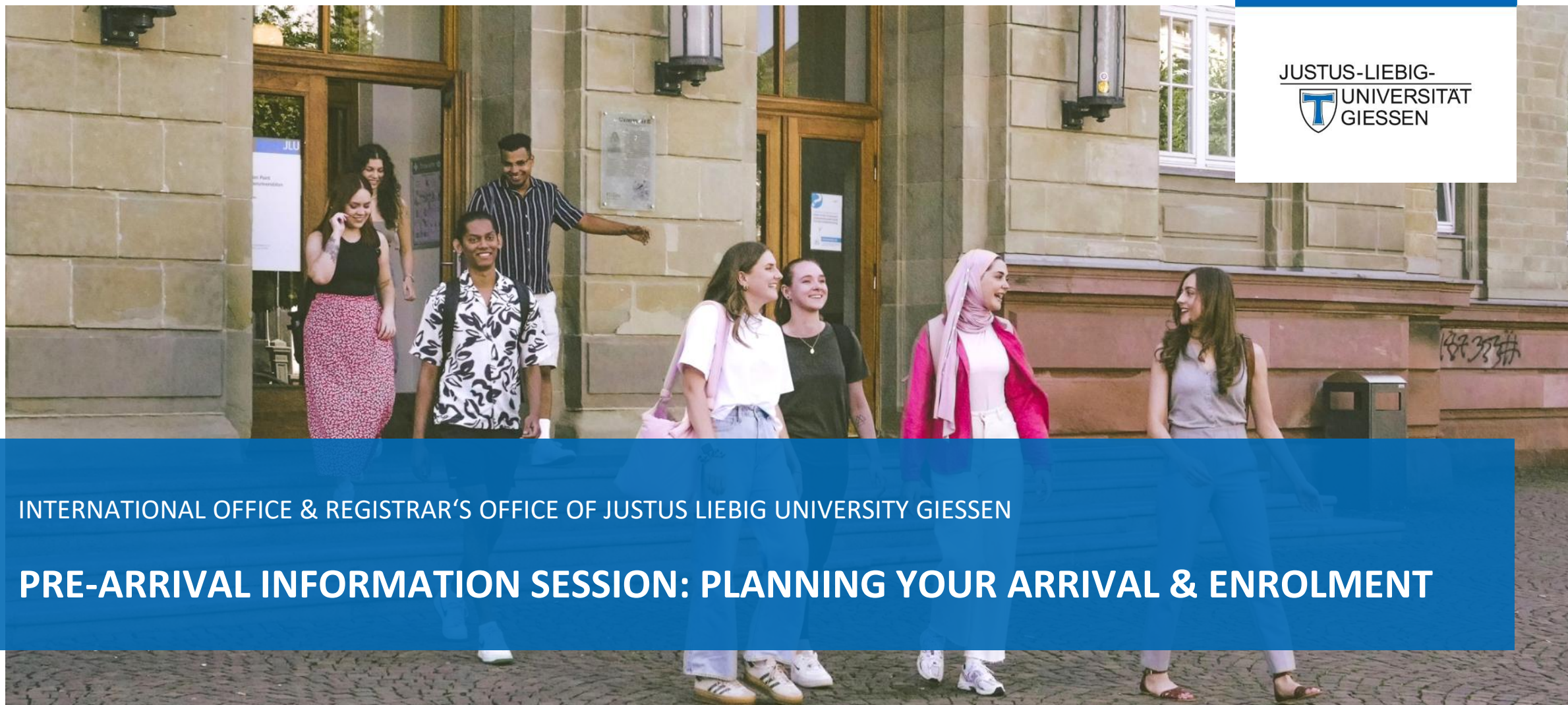


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PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION SESSION: PLANNING YOUR ARRIVAL & ENROLMENT

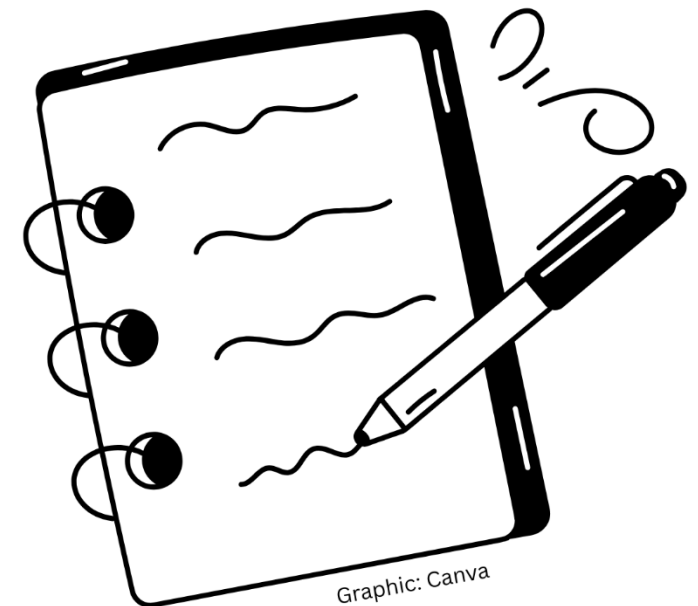
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BEFORE WE START...

- Please keep your microphone muted until the question times inbetween agenda blocks
- Presentation slides are available for download on our website:
<https://www.uni-giessen.de/en/international-pages/study/enrol>
- Chat will be closed during presentation but opened during question times

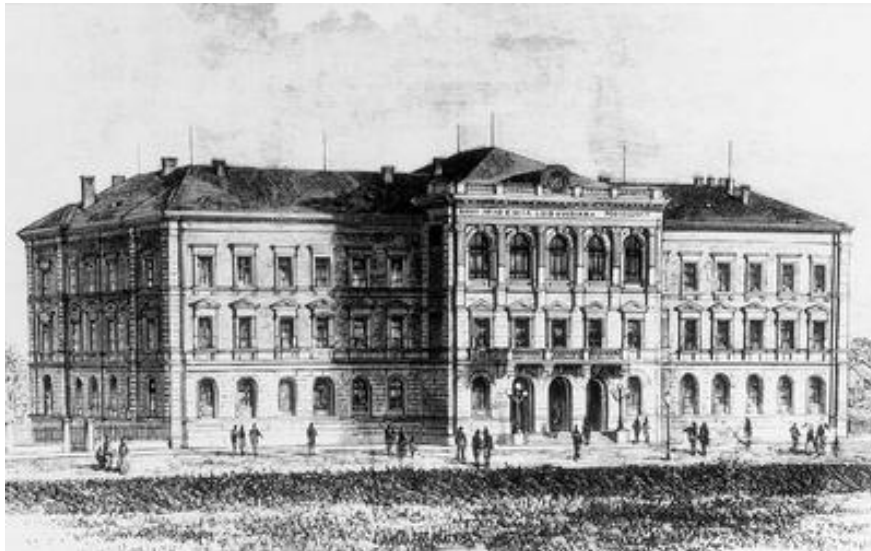
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1. INTRODUCTION TO JLU AND GIESSEN

- 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: 3,800
- No tuition fees (only a semester contribution of approx. 420€/semester)
- 4 Graduate Centres
- 8 Interdisciplinary Research Centres



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PERKS OF STUDYING IN GIESSEN

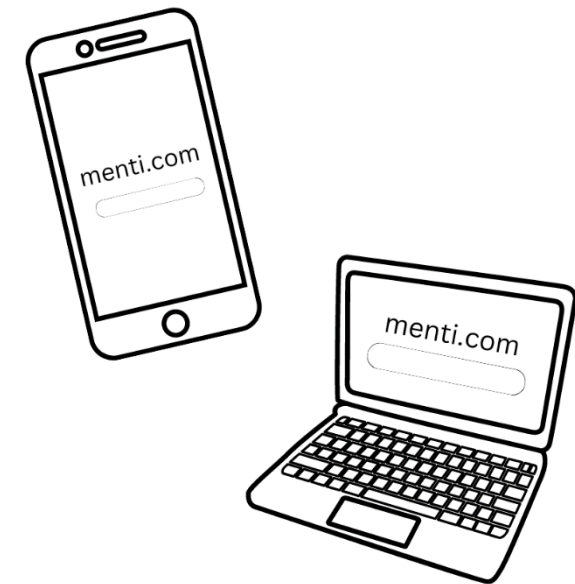
- Giessen is a student-friendly city – almost half of the inhabitants are students
- Centrally located in Germany, 45min by train from Frankfurt and close to nature
- Student ID: free tickets for theatre, cinema, public swimming pool and access to free bike rental
- „Deutschlandticket“: public transport 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 Your Studies
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) for your registration
- For an **extension** of your residence permit, submit an application for extension to the Immigration Authorities at least 2 month before expiry (Landkreis Giessen > 6 months before expiry)

3.2. FINANCING YOUR STUDIES

- **Financial proof** for your visa (e.g. blocked account – Sperrkonto): for each year that you are studying 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](#))

3.2. FINANCING YOUR STUDIES - RECOMMENDATIONS

- 992€ / month is the bare minimum > aim for more than 1,000€ / month at your disposal
- Especially for the start of your studies: have a buffer of extra money at hand
- Working alongside studies is a good idea as long as it does not jeopardize your studies, however finding a job with no German skills will be difficult

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
- Recommendation: **statutory/public health insurance** (e.g. Barmer, Techniker, AOK, ...)
- Please clarify the start of payment with your chosen health insurance
- 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

- Why do we recommend statutory health insurances and what are the pros and cons?
 - Coverage of cost of more services and treatments than private insurers, like therapy, pregnancy care or medication and treatment for chronic illnesses
 - Disadvantage: more expensive than private health insurances and the start of payment will be the first day of your first semester – not your day of arrival!
 - But: if you close a contract with a private insurance and happen to need extensive treatment, it will become very costly for you, too
 - Want to get a private health insurance or are over 30 years of age?
Compare tariffs, choose a higher tariff and check whether the insurance is limited to a certain period of time!
 - Note: a change from a private insurer to a public one will in most cases not be possible after enrolment

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>

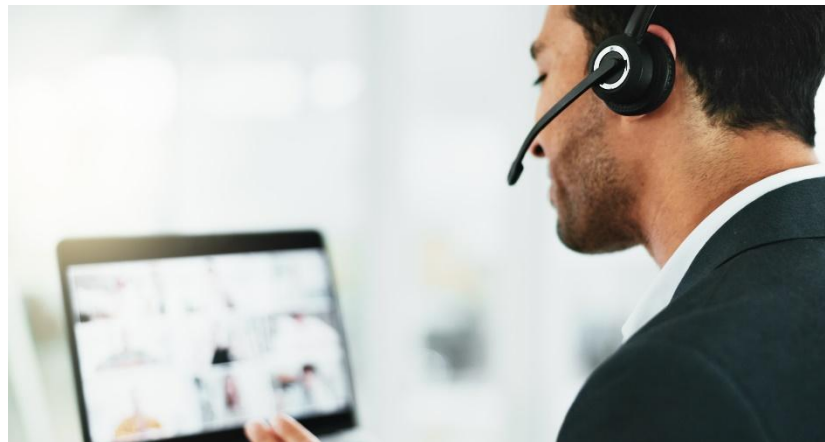
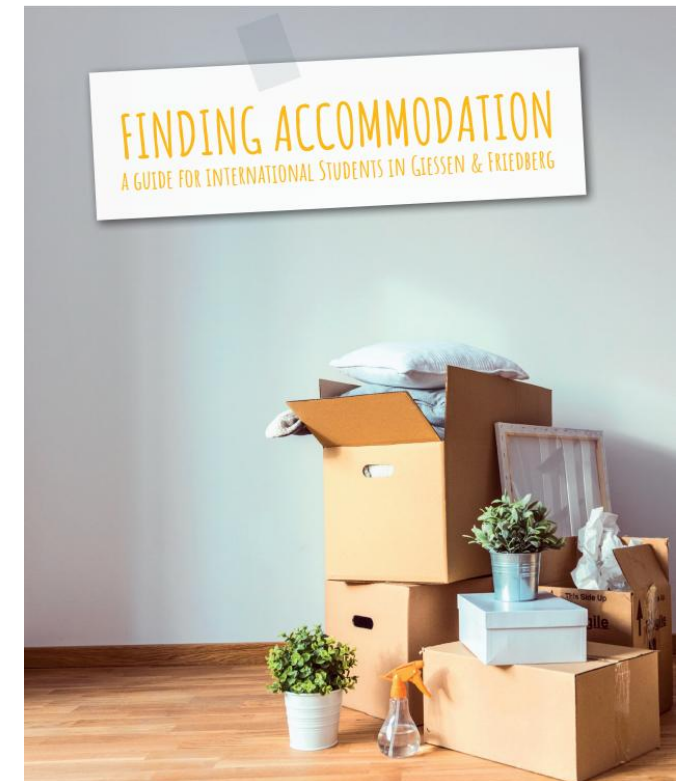


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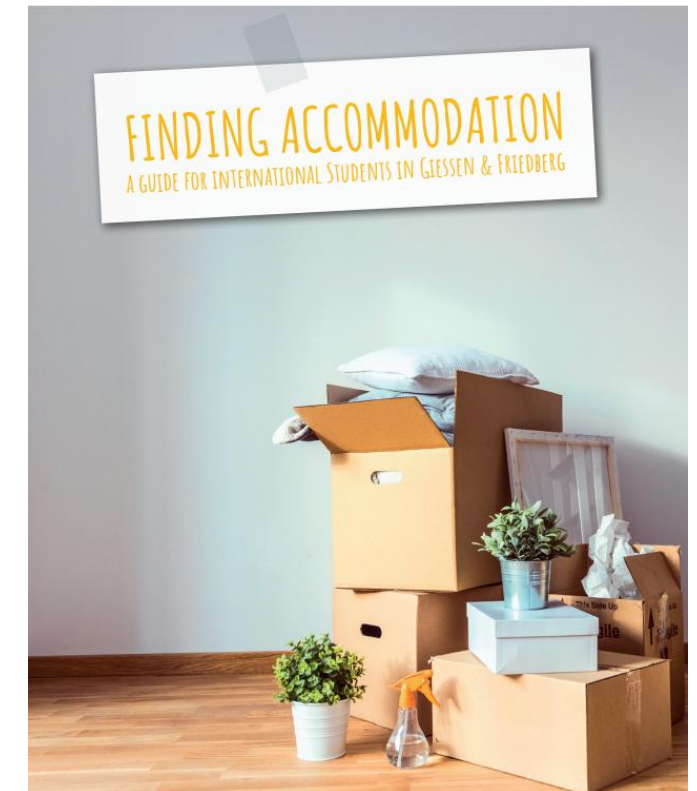
3.4. FINDING ACCOMMODATION

- Apply for a dorm room from the [Studierendenwerk](#) and/or search on the private housing market
 - Attention: There are **long waiting lists for dorm rooms from the Studierendenwerk!**
 - apply for all possible dorm options
 - confirm your interest every two weeks via link in email
- Cannot get a dorm room before arrival? Seek a **private lease even if it is limited** to e.g. 3 to 6 months and not in the city of Giessen but in the vicinity (e.g. Lollar, Kleinlinden, Wetzlar,...)!
- Portals to search for private housing: Stud.IP notice board, accommodation portal of Studierendenwerk, WG Gesucht, Kleinanzeigen, ...



3.4. FINDING ACCOMMODATION

- Be aware of **housing fraud**: watch out for fake listings and payments before having seen the apartment
- Once you find accommodation, ask the landlord to sign the confirmation of tenancy (**Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung**) for your registration with the city hall



3.5 STUDY-ACCOMPANYING GERMAN EVENING COURSES

- Courses on all levels (A1 – C1)
- Registration for degree-seeking students will be possible from **5 – 6 October** via this [German course website](#)
- Courses take place during the lecture period twice a week for 90min each (either Mo + Wed or Tue + Thu)
- Course fee: 104€ for the winter semester
- 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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3.5 NOTE ON GERMAN KNOWLEDGE

- Start learning German before coming to Germany
- Duolingo or similar apps are a great addition but cannot replace face-to-face courses
- For jobs you often need to have fluent command of German > recommendation B2 level
- The study-accompanying courses are going at a slow pace (one year per level)
- Look for courses at language schools and Volkshochschule
- Find a language learning partner ([Tandem learning](#))

3.5 ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME: JUSTINTERNATIONAL

Get answers to your questions on studying and living in Giessen and meet fellow students!

- Twice a month (either Mondays or Wednesdays) online at 7:30 pm (German time)
- Next events:
 - 19 August: [Finding Accommodation in and Around Giessen](#)
 - 7 September: [Public Transport in Giessen and Hesse](#)
- 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**
28 September – 9 October (BA/STX) & 8 – 9 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)**
5 – 9 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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SEMESTER TIMES

- Winter semester: 1 October 2026 – 31 March 2027
- Lecture period: 12 October 2026 – 12 February 2027
- 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](https://international.admission@admin.uni-giessen.de), 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 your **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“. We can only enrol you when all your documents are submitted, and all the necessary steps have been completed.
4. Check your GUDE account **inbox** for your **letter of enrolment** ("Studienbescheinigung") and take note of your matriculation number.

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 must 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. Please activate your student account immediately.
- 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 **your German address**. It will be sent to you via postal mail. 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 GUDE once you have a German address; you can do this directly in the portal.
- Your semester ticket will include the Deutschlandticket. It's valid from the first day of the semester (01.10.2026). 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

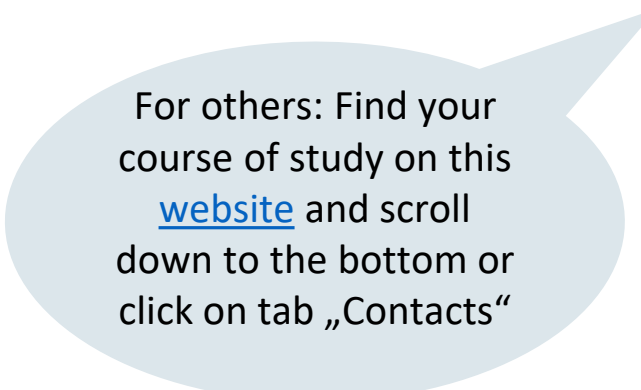
M. Sc. Human Movement Analytics: hma-support@sport.uni-giessen.de

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 programmes at faculty 09: studies@fb09.uni-giessen.de



For others: Find your course of study on this [website](#) and scroll down to the bottom or click on tab „Contacts“

CONTACTS: SUPPORT SERVICES

What we offer:

- ✓ German language courses
- ✓ Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)
- ✓ Consultations

What we give advice on:

- ✓ finding accommodation
- ✓ German statutory health insurance
- ✓ visa and residence permit for study purposes
- ✓ financing your studies
- ✓ social and individual 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

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

Address: Goethestrasse 58, 35390 Giessen

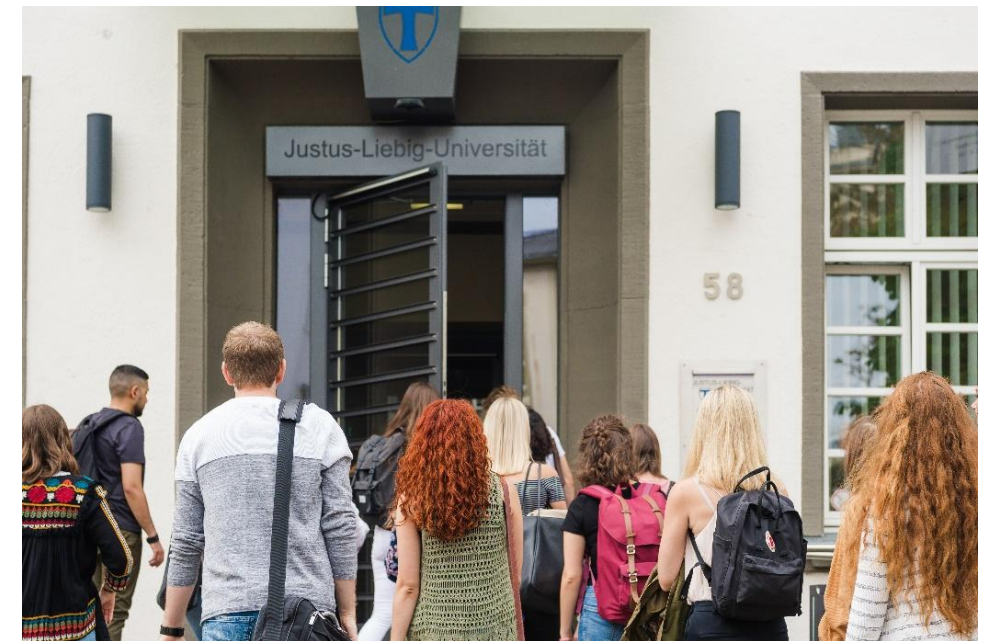


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