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INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OF JUSTUS LIEBIG UNIVERSITY GIESSEN

# INFORMATION SESSION FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

## TODAY'S TOPICS

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# SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## International Students

[international.students@uni-giessen.de](mailto:international.students@uni-giessen.de)

Phone: +49 641 99 12174/-43



Patrycja Zakrzewska

Head of  
Support Services for  
International Students  
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Marina Mohr

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Students



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Advisor for  
International  
Students

# SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL DOCTORAL STUDENTS

## **International Doctoral Students**

[promotionsstudium-international@uni-giessen.de](mailto:promotionsstudium-international@uni-giessen.de)

Phone: +49 641 99 12167



**Dr. Imke Neumann-Fatia**

Advisor for International  
Doctoral Students

# SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND DOCTORAL STUDENTS

## We provide information on:

- Visa and resident permits
- Financing/scholarships
- Working in Germany
- Health insurance: public and private
- Finding and changing accommodation
- Language courses
- Social and individual issues
- all consultation sessions are confidential



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# OPEN OFFICE HOURS

## **For international students:**

Mon: 10 am–12 pm & Wed: 2–4 pm

Goethestrasse 58, Room 38

## **For international doctoral students:**

Mon & Wed: 10 am–12 pm

Goethestrasse 58, Room 21

- No registration needed
- Pick-up a free tote bag with information material



Photo: Anna Pehlgrimm

# GETTING TO KNOW YOU – LIVE SURVEY

We would like to get to know you:

1. Which country are you from?
  2. Which study programme are you going to study at JLU?
  3. If you are not yet in Germany, when will you arrive?
- Scan the QR code with your smart phone to participate in the live survey



# CENTRAL STUDENT ADVISORY OFFICE

## ZENTRALE STUDIENBERATUNG

Goethestrasse 58, 1st floor

35390 Giessen

Email: [zsb@uni-giessen.de](mailto:zsb@uni-giessen.de)

Phone: 0641 99 16223 or

0641 99 16400 (via Call Justus)



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### Office Hours (via phone):

Mon: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Tue: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. (focus teacher education)

Thu: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Fri: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

### Office Hours (in person)

Tue: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Thu: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

# ORIENTATION WEEK / DAYS ORGANIZED BY THE CENTRAL STUDENT ADVISORY OFFICE AND

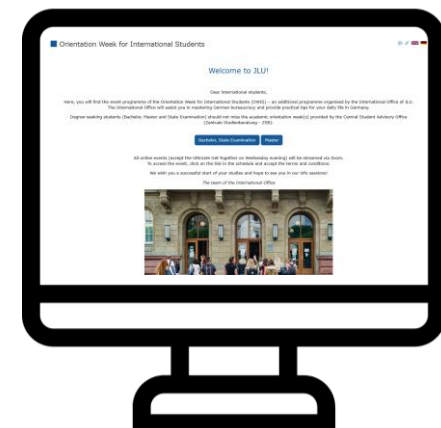
- *Studieneinführungswoche(n)* ([StEW](#)): 7 April – 10 April for Bachelor and State Examination students
- *Master-Studieneinführungstage/Orientation Days for Master's Students* ([StET](#)): 9 & 10 April
  - faculties will organize introductory events for specific master's programmes during these two days
  - In these events, you will learn about the content and structure of your study programme and can ask questions e.g. on course registration

# ORIENTATION WEEK ORGANIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

## Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS): **1–10 April 2026 for all international students**

You will find on the [website](#):

- Overview of upcoming events (“Schedule”) including links to online information sessions
- Presentation slides and flyers for download
- Contacts
- FAQ Section



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# WELCOME RECEPTION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Information on living and studying in Giessen
- Presentation of important institutions/groups of JLU & Giessen
- Informal get-together – snacks and drinks will be provided

**Tue, 7 April, 4:30 p.m.**

Lokal International  
Eichendorffring 111  
35394 Giessen



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# WELCOME & SPEED-FRIENDING (ONLINE)

- Online alternative to Welcome Reception
- Part of JustInternational series
- No password or registration required
- Organised by our student assistants

**Wed, 1 April, 7:30 p.m.**

(German time)

Where: [BigBlueButton](#)

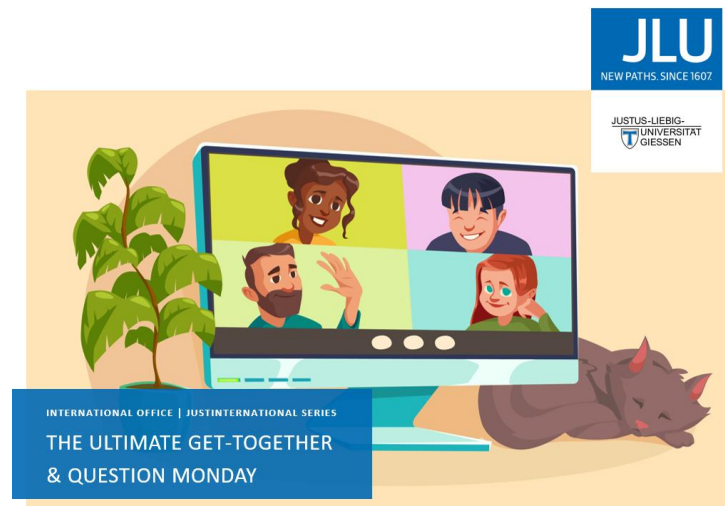
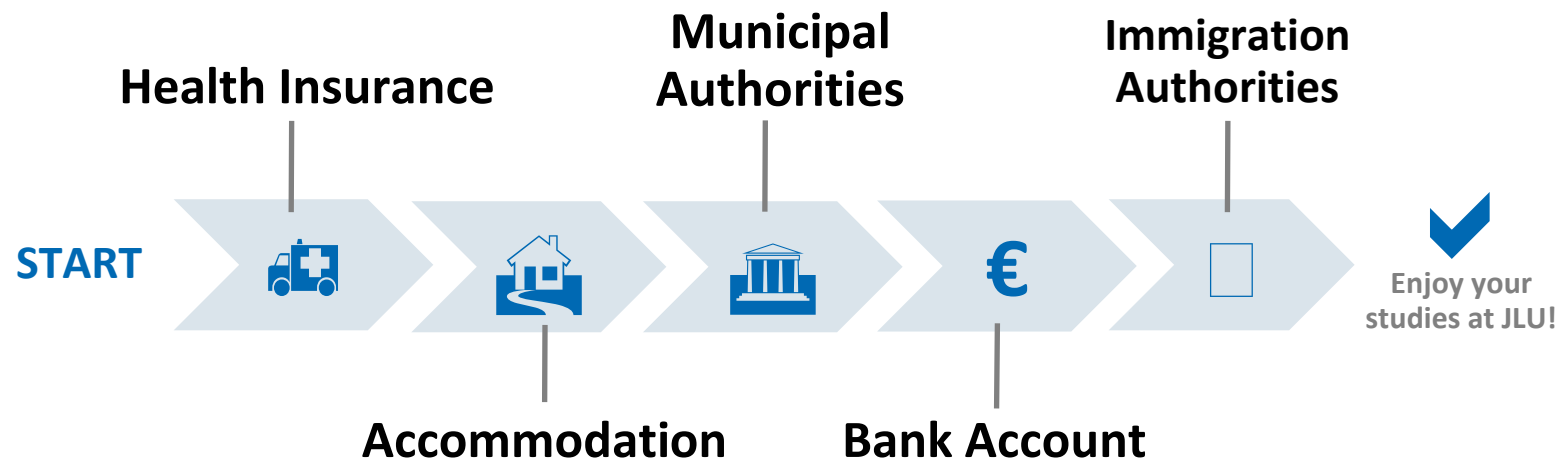


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# LATE ARRIVAL

- If you are arriving late, e.g. due to visa issues, please check 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 summer semester and stay enrolled unless you want to apply again next year
- Your admission cannot be deferred to a later semester
- Participate in extra-curricular online courses, like German courses or career workshops

# FIRST STEPS FOR YOUR STAY IN GIESSEN



You can find all necessary steps explained in our document “To Do List”.

# FIRST STEPS FOR YOUR STAY IN GIESSEN: HEALTH INSURANCE

- All students must have adequate health insurance coverage when studying and living in Germany
- We recommend to choose a statutory health insurance provider
- Statutory health insurance providers are e.g.: Barmer, Techniker, AOK,...
- If you are over 30 years old, you can choose a private health insurance. For a *private* insurance provider, please **seek our advice at the International Office first, BEFORE you sign any contracts!**

# FIRST STEPS FOR YOUR STAY IN GIESSEN: ACCOMMODATION

- Look for an apartment or a room in a flatshare (“WG”) (with the [Studierendenwerk](#)\* or from private landlords)
- Ask the landlord to sign the confirmation of tenancy (**Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung**)!
- You can find a brochure with tips on finding accommodation in the download section of our [OWIS-Website](#)

\*Waiting list of the Studierendenwerk:

It is important to stay on the waiting list. The Studierendenwerk will send an email every two weeks to which you have to reply in order to stay on the waiting list.

# FIRST STEPS FOR YOUR STAY IN GIESSEN: REGISTRATION AT THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

- Once you have found accommodation, register as a resident of the city Giessen (or the town you are staying in)
- For the registration you will need:
  - ✓ passport/identity card
  - ✓ confirmation of tenancy (Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung)
  - ✓ if applicable, your residence permit (Aufenthaltstitel) or visa
  - ✓ if applicable, previous certificates of registration (Meldebestätigung)
- In Giessen you can book an appointment online by choosing the option [„Anmeldung: Zuzug aus dem Ausland“](#)
- If you have not previously lived in Germany, you will also receive your personal **tax identification number** after your registration (keep this letter safe for working in Germany!)

# FIRST STEPS FOR YOUR STAY IN GIESSEN: BANK ACCOUNT

- If you don't have a **bank account in Germany**, open one:
  - ✓ Some banks require an appointment. Check in with them beforehand!
  - ✓ Banks and savings banks in Giessen (amongst others): Deutsche Bank branch, Postbank, Sparkasse Gießen, Volksbank Mittelhessen eG
  - ✓ Please remember to mention that you are a student to receive discounts
- If you have a **blocked account** and would like to release the funds in it, you will need a confirmation from the immigration authorities (Ausländerbehörde).

# FIRST STEPS FOR YOUR STAY IN GIESSEN: IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES - RESIDENCE PERMIT

- Contact the Immigration Authorities via email for your registration: [auslaenderbehoerde@giessen.de](mailto:auslaenderbehoerde@giessen.de) or phone **+49 641 306-2280**
- For students in Giessen: approx. two months before your visa/residence permit expires, please contact the immigration authorities for a residence permit/extension of your residence permit

**Wed, 8 April, 12:00 p.m.**

Residence Permit for Your Study Period

Join the online  
meeting for more  
information!

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Securing a grant in Germany is not easy: it usually requires **excellent academic achievements** as well as **social commitment**
  - For a first orientation: [DAAD Grants Database](#)

## **Awarded at JLU for international students:**

- DAAD Prize for outstanding academic and social achievement
- DAAD partial scholarships for international students in the closing phase of their degree
- DAAD partial scholarships for more equity and opportunity
  - More details can be found on the [website](#).

## **Other:**

- Financial hardship assistance grants (e.g. [Solifonds](#))

# REGISTRAR'S OFFICE: APPLICATIONS, ADMISSIONS & ENROLMENT

## INTERNATIONAL ADMISSION

Katarzyna Smolka & Onja Paulsen

[international.admission@admin.uni-giessen.de](mailto:international.admission@admin.uni-giessen.de)

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

Tuesday: 08:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday: 10:00 – 12:30 p.m.

# STUDIENBESCHEINIGUNG (STUDY CERTIFICATE)

Name &  
address

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Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen, Postfach 11 14 40, 35390 Gießen

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24944 Flensburg

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Immatrikulationsbescheinigung/Stammdatenblatt für das Sommersemester 2024

Matrikelnummer: 4000000  
Immatrikulationsdatum: 14.06.2017  
Hörerstatus: Haupthörer  
Hochschulsemester: 40  
Urlaubssemester: 1

Manfred Herbert Karl Friedrich Mustermann-Dingenskirchen (geb.: 11.12.1980) ist im Sommersemester 2024 vom 01.04.2024 bis 30.09.2024 an der Hochschule im Studiengang oder in folgenden Studiengängen eingeschrieben:

Abschlussziel	Studienfach	Studientyp	Fachsemester	Beginn
Baccalaureus Artium	Kultur der Antike	Vollzeitstudium	2	01.04.2024

Student ID /  
matriculation  
number: 8\*\*\*\*\*

Information on your  
study programme

Verification code

Verification link

Gießen, 18.03.2024

Dieser Bescheid ergeht gemäß § 37 Absatz 5 Hessisches Verwaltungsverfahrensgesetz ohne Unterschrift.

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# WAHLBENACHRICHTIGUNG (VOTING NOTICE)

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**Wahlbenachrichtigung**

Soweit in diesem Semester Wahlen zu den universitären oder studentischen Selbstverwaltungsgremien stattfinden und Ihre Einschreibung bis zum Stichtag für die Aufnahme in das Wählerverzeichnis erfolgt ist, sind Sie vorbehaltlich Ihrer Eintragung in das Wählerverzeichnis bei den universitären Wahlen oder bei den studentischen Wahlen wahlberechtigt.

Wer sich nicht bis zum Stichtag rückmeldet oder einschreibt, kann auch nicht in das Wählerverzeichnis aufgenommen werden. Die Wahlform (Urnen-/Briefwahl, elektronische Wahl) wird in der jeweiligen Wahlbekanntmachung festgelegt. Briefwahl ist - sofern vorgesehen - auf Ihren persönlichen Antrag möglich.

Der untenstehende Antrag auf Aushändigung der Briefwahlunterlagen ist an das Wahlamt, Ludwigstraße 23, 35390 Gießen zu richten (im Hauptgebäude, 2. Stock, Zimmer-Nummern 220). Weitere Einzelheiten entnehmen Sie bitte den jeweiligen Wahlbekanntmachungen.

Die Wahlleiterin  
der Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen

Gießen, 18.03.2024  
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Straße, Hausnummer: Zu Hause 1 ABCD 12345678901234	wahlberechtigt in Fachschaft: keine Fachschaft (Studienkolleg)
	Postleitzahl, Ort: 24944 Flensburg

Ich bitte um Übersendung der Briefwahlunterlagen an meine obenstehende Anschrift.

Ort und Datum: Gießen,  
Eigenhändige Unterschrift:  
Rücksendeadresse: Wahlamt der Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen, Ludwigstraße 23, 35390 Gießen  
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As a registered student, you may participate in the elections of the **student council**.

These pages explain the voting process.

If an election is coming up, you will be informed via email.

# RE-ENROLLMENT

- If you are staying in Giessen for the **winter semester 2026/27**, you will have to pay the semester contribution for re-enrollment.
- The amount will be published on our [website](#) **end of May 2026**.
- The contribution must arrive at JLU's bank account by the **end of July 2026** at the latest because...
- ... if you transfer the payment too late and miss this deadline, you will have to pay a delay fee of **30 €**. Please remember that it may take a couple of days until the transfer arrives.

# STUDENT ID CARD (CHIP CARD)

1. An email with the subject „Aktivieren Sie bitte Ihren JLU-Account / Please activate your JLU-Account“ has been sent to your private email address.
2. During activation, each student will be given a username and an email address. You will also need to set a password to access JLU's online services. After successful activation, you will receive a confirmation email which again contains information about your **user name** and your **university email address**.
3. Please go to **iam.uni-giessen.de** in order to request your chip card.
4. The chip card will only be sent to a German postal address. We do not send chip cards to addresses outside of Germany. Please do not forget **your room number** if you are staying in a dormitory. Please do not forget to put your **name on your mailbox** or alternatively, let us know which name is on the mailbox (c/o).
  - Please update your postal address in GUDE as well as soon as you have one.
5. After registration as a student, please communicate only via your university email address – please state your matriculation number as well as your full name whenever you contact us. We will not respond to private email addresses due to data protection restrictions. Thank you for understanding.

# IMPORTANT DATES

- **Summer Semester 2026**
  - Start: 01 April 2026      End: 30 September 2026
- **Lecture Period**
  - Start: 13 April 2026      End: 17 July 2026
- **Re-Matriculation for the Winter Semester 2026/27**
  - Start: 15 June 2026      End: 31 July 2026

# GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSES

The International Office offers German courses at all levels of proficiency:

- Intensive Courses for Study Preparation
- **Evening Courses during the semester (study-accompanying)**
- Writing Consultation & Support for Final Thesis

**Today!**

**Wed, 1 April, 01:00 p.m.**

German Language Courses

Join the online meeting for more information!

# CENTER FOR COMPETENCE DEVELOPMENT (ZFBK)

- The Centre for Competence Development (ZfbK) at JLU is your first point of contact for:
  - Career advice (Career Services of JLU)
  - Learning foreign languages
  - Enhancing your study skills



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[Career Preparation](#)



[Foreign Languages](#)



[Study Skills](#)



# JUSTINTERNATIONAL SERIES

Would you like to **meet new people** or do you have **questions** about Giessen and the university? ... Join us **online** for information sessions and Open Q&A's!

## JustInternational Series:

- Twice a month
- Mondays or Wednesdays at 7:30pm

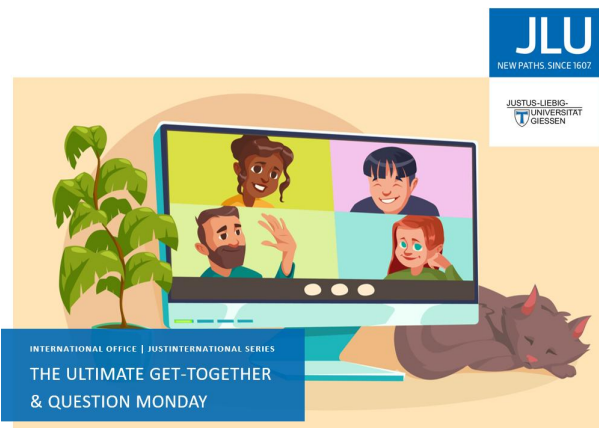


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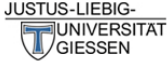
## Next events:

01 April: Welcome and Speed-Friending


8 April: Germany Made Easy – A Guide for International Students

22 April: Tips for Using the University Library and Online Resources

# INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR



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## International Pages

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**Lectures, workshops, excursions, Information sessions, cultural events and much more for all students and interested persons in Central Hessen:**

**Die nächsten internationalen Veranstaltungen der JLU**

Information Session for International Degree-Seeking Students (online)

Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)  
Apr 01, 2026 11:00 to Apr 01, 2026 12:00

German Language Courses

Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)  
Apr 01, 2026 01:00 to Apr 01, 2026 02:00

Navigating German (University) Culture

Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)  
Apr 01, 2026 02:00 to Apr 01, 2026 04:00

International Office – Open Office Hours for International Degree-Seeking Students  
Apr 01, 2026 02:00 to Apr 01, 2026 04:00

JustInternational: Welcome & Speed-Friending

Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)  
Apr 01, 2026 07:30 to Apr 01, 2026 08:30

An Overview of the Electronic System

Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)  
Apr 02, 2026 12:00 to Apr 02, 2026 02:00

Registration at the City Office Giessen


Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)  
Apr 02, 2026 02:30 to Apr 02, 2026 03:30

City Rallye


Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)  
Apr 02, 2026 04:30 to Apr 02, 2026 06:00

Faces & Places: Get to Know the Support Services


Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)  
Apr 07, 2026 12:00 to Apr 07, 2026 02:00

 Wechseln zur Kalenderansicht...


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Seminare/Workshops 


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Vorträge/Infoveranstaltungen 


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Exkursionen 


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Kultur 


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Weitere 

Der Kalender enthält Veranstaltungen der Technischen Hochschule Mittelhessen (THM), des Studierendenwerks Gießen, der Evangelischen Hochschulgemeinde (ESG), der Katholischen Hochschulgemeinde (KHG), des Lokal International sowie nachfolgender Institutionen der Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen (JLU): Career Centre am Zentrum für fremdsprachliche und berufsfeldorientierte Kompetenzen (Zfbk), Akademisches Auslandsamt, ESF-Projekt „Internationalisierung@JLU - lokal fördern, global qualifizieren“.



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**THANK YOU!**