

JLU | FACULTY 09

INTERNATIONAL DEGREE PROGRAMMES

GETTING STARTED

YOUR FIRST STEPS AT FACULTY 09



Welcome to Faculty 09!

Your studies will begin soon. This guide tells you what you need to do now, which dates you should keep in mind, and what you need to know about your first days and first modules.

Please note: You do not need to organise everything before your studies begin. However, there are a few important steps you need to complete and dates you should not miss. This guide will help you take care of the essentials and get ready for your start at Faculty 09.

This guide explains:

- what you need to do before your studies begin,
- which important dates you need to keep in mind,
- what to expect during the Introduction Week or Welcome Days,
- what you need to know about your first modules, and
- where to find further information and support.

1 | BEFORE YOUR STUDIES BEGIN

COMPLETE YOUR ENROLMENT

Your first step is to make sure that you are enrolled at JLU.

Enrolment deadline: 20 September 2026

Complete all required enrolment steps by this date and follow the instructions provided by JLU.

Important: Do not wait until you arrive in Giessen to complete your enrolment. You must complete the enrolment process even if you are still abroad or waiting for your visa.

ACTIVATE YOUR JLU ACCOUNT

Once your enrolment has been completed, you will receive instructions on how to activate your JLU account.

Please activate it as soon as possible. You will need your account to access JLU's digital services and information for your studies.

CHECK YOUR JLU EMAIL

Once your JLU account is active, **check your JLU email regularly.**

From now on, important information about introductory events, courses and the start of your studies will be sent to this address.

Make checking your JLU email a regular habit from the beginning.

2 | SAVE THE DATES

Please save the dates that apply to your degree programme. Our introductory events will help you get started, meet your fellow students and prepare for your first semester.

INTERNATIONAL BACHELOR'S STUDENTS

Introduction Week

B.Sc. Environmental Sciences · B.Sc. Global Food Systems

28 September – 2 October 2026 · On campus

Before lectures begin, JLU and Faculty 09 offer an Introduction Week for all first-semester students. **We strongly recommend that you participate.**

You will receive important information about your studies, register for your first modules and get to know your fellow students, the university and the city. Further activities with your mentor group will take place throughout the week.

Monday, 28 September

Official Welcome & Mentor Groups

10:30 a.m. CEST

Location: Margarete-Bieber-Saal, Ludwigstraße 34, 35390 Giessen

Start the week with the official JLU welcome and meet your mentor group.

Please make sure to attend.

Tuesday, 29 September

Q&A with the International Office

9:00–10:00 a.m. CEST

Location: Lecture Hall 1 (AUB 1), Alte Universitätsbibliothek, Bismarckstraße 37, 35390 Giessen

Ask your questions about practical matters such as housing, visa issues and arriving in Germany.

Tuesday, 29 September

Faculty 09 Kick-off

2:00–3:00 p.m. CEST

Location: Zeughaus, S4, 1st floor, Senckenbergstraße 3, 35390 Giessen

Get the essential information you need to start your studies at Faculty 09.

Wednesday, 30 September

Meet Your Programme Directors

Time: 10:00 a.m. CEST

Location: Lecture Hall 1 (AUB 1), Alte Universitätsbibliothek, Bismarckstraße 37, 35390 Giessen

Meet your programme directors and learn more about your degree programme and first semester.

INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S STUDENTS

M.Sc. Agrobiotechnology · M.Sc. Agrobioinformatics · M.Sc. Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources · M.Sc. One Health · M.Sc. Transition Management

Welcome Days

Get ready for your first semester and meet your fellow students. The Faculty 09 Study Deanery and your student mentors will introduce you to your degree programme and help you with practical first steps such as planning your timetable and registering for modules in Stud.IP. **We strongly recommend that you participate.**

Monday, 5 October

Kick-off & Mentor Groups

10:00 a.m. CEST

Location: Lecture Hall 1 (AUB 1), Alte Universitätsbibliothek, Bismarckstraße 37, 35390 Giessen

Meet the Faculty 09 team and join your programme's mentor group for further activities, including module registration and a visit to the university canteen.

Tuesday, 6 October

City Walk

10:00 a.m. CEST

Meeting point: Alte Universitätsbibliothek, Bismarckstraße 37, 35390 Giessen

Explore Giessen with your mentors and fellow students and get practical tips for student life in the city.

M.SC. SUSTAINABLE TRANSITION

Online Welcome Session

24 September 2026 · 11:00 a.m. CEST (German time)

Online: <https://webconf.hrz.uni-giessen.de/rooms/mdn-8tr-gfz>

Get to know JLU, Faculty 09 and your Master's programme. After a general introduction, your programme director will introduce the M.Sc. Sustainable Transition and what to expect from your studies.

A student mentor will then guide you through the practical side of getting started – including your timetable, core and profile modules and how to register for your first modules.

FOR ALL NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT FACULTY 09

Digital Back-up Session

9 October 2026 · 10:00 a.m. CEST (German time)

Online: <https://webconf.hrz.uni-giessen.de/rooms/mdn-8tr-gfz>

Still have questions after your introductory events? Join our digital back-up session to clarify any open questions about starting your studies at Faculty 09.

MORE EVENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Looking for more support or opportunities to meet other international students?

The JLU International Office offers an additional Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS) as well as other events throughout the semester.

The programme includes practical information about living in Germany, administrative matters and student life, as well as opportunities to meet other international students.

Please note: These events are additional to the Introduction Week and Welcome Days organised for your degree programme. Make sure to attend the Faculty 09 events listed in this guide.

The OWIS programme is updated by the International Office. Check the website for current dates and events:

→ [Orientation Week for International Students \(OWIS\)](#)

3 | YOUR FIRST MODULES

You do not need to organise your entire degree programme before you arrive. We will help you get started and provide further information during the Introduction Days or Welcome Days. There are, however, a few things you may need to know or do before your courses begin.

B.Sc. Environmental Sciences & B.Sc. Global Food Systems

Language Acquisition

BK-103-EN Language Acquisition I • 6 CP

Language Acquisition I is a mandatory module in your first semester.

If your German is **below C1 level**, you will take a German language course as part of this module. If you already have German language skills at **C1 level or above**, you may take another language instead.

Placement test required

Before the courses begin, you must complete a placement test. Your test result determines which German course is suitable for your current language level.

For information about the placement test, course dates and next steps, visit:

[German Courses at Faculty 09](#)

After the placement test, the German language instructors will assign you to a suitable course. **Check your JLU email regularly:** You will receive information about your course assignment there.

Master's students

Your first modules depend on your degree programme. You will receive information about the modules recommended for your first semester from your programme and during the Welcome Days. There is no need to organise your entire semester before you arrive.

Check your JLU email regularly for programme-specific information before the start of classes.

READY TO START?

Before your studies begin, check that you have:

- ☐ completed your enrolment
- ☐ activated your JLU account
- ☐ started checking your JLU email regularly
- ☐ saved the dates of your introductory events
- ☐ planned to attend the Introduction Week or Welcome Days
- ☐ completed the German placement test, if required

That's it for now.

4 | NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Different questions need different answers. Our other guides provide more detailed information.

How does studying at Faculty 09 work?

Modules, study planning, Stud.IP, FlexNow, examinations and important contacts:

→ [Studying at Faculty 09](#)

Looking for a place to live?

Information and practical tips for finding accommodation in Giessen:

→ [Accommodation](#)

Unable to arrive in Giessen on time?

For Master's programmes with late-arrival options, please see the programme-specific information in:

→ [Late Arrival](#)

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about starting your studies at Faculty 09, please contact:

Faculty 09 Study Deanery

studies@fb09.uni-giessen.de

We look forward to welcoming you to Faculty 09!

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