

JLU | FACULTY 09

INTERNATIONAL DEGREE PROGRAMMES

LATE ARRIVAL

HOW TO START YOUR STUDIES FROM ABROAD



A Guide for International Students at Faculty 09

Your visa is delayed and you cannot arrive in Giessen in time for the start of your studies?

The most important thing is to **complete your enrolment on time**. Once you are enrolled, a delayed arrival does not mean that you lose your place. You can make productive use of the time before your arrival by starting with a digital course from abroad.

Please note: A late arrival does not mean that you cannot start your Degree programme. However, postponing modules can extend the duration of your studies. If circumstances beyond your control prevent you from arriving on time, here is what you can do.

This guide explains:

- what you need to do before you arrive,
- how you can start studying online,
- what a late arrival means for your study schedule,
- what to do once you arrive in Giessen, and
- which digital option is available for your degree programme.

PART 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

1 | YOUR FIRST STEPS

1. Complete your enrolment

Complete your enrolment in GUDE and make sure that all administrative requirements are fulfilled.

Your enrolment is complete once your certificate of enrolment (Immatrikulationsbescheinigung) is available in GUDE.

Important: Admission cannot simply be deferred to a later semester. If you want to take up your place at JLU, you must complete your enrolment for the semester for which you were admitted. If you do not enrol, you will need to apply again in a future admission cycle.

2. Activate your JLU account

After enrolment and payment of the semester contribution, you will receive information on how to activate your JLU student account.

Your JLU account also includes your personal JLU email address. Important information from the university and Faculty 09 will be sent to this address, so please check your JLU email regularly – even while you are still abroad.

You will also need your JLU account to access university services such as Stud.IP, where lecturers provide information and materials for their modules.

3. Start studying online

If you are still waiting for your visa, you do not necessarily have to wait to start studying.

For each of our international degree programmes, we aim to provide at least one module that can be studied completely online from abroad.

→ Go to **Part 2 – Your Degree Programme** to find your digital option and information on how to participate.

4. Come to Giessen as soon as possible

The digital course helps you make productive use of the time before your arrival, but it does not replace the other modules scheduled for your first semester. You should therefore plan to come to Giessen as soon as your visa and travel arrangements allow.

2 | HOW DOES LATE ARRIVAL AFFECT MY STUDIES?

Your study schedule may change

If you cannot attend all modules scheduled for your first semester, you may need to complete some of them at a later stage. Most modules at Faculty 09 are offered once a year – either in the winter or summer semester. If you miss a module, you can generally take it the next time it is offered. This means that your individual study schedule may differ from the recommended schedule and that your studies may take longer.

You can still continue your studies – but your individual study schedule may change.

What does that look like?

Recommended schedule

Winter Semester

Module A	Module B	Module C	Module D	Module E
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Summer Semester

Module F	Module G	Module H	Module I	Module J
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Winter Semester

Profile	Profile	Profile	Profile	Profile
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Example: your arrival is delayed

Winter Semester – still abroad

Online Module A

Summer Semester

Module F	Module G	Module H	Module I	Module J
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Winter Semester

Module B	Module C	Module D	Module E	Profile
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Later
Remaining modules + Master's thesis

This is a simplified example. Your individual schedule depends on your degree programme, the modules you have completed and the semester in which modules are offered.

What about the modules I miss?

The digital course allows you to start studying while you are still abroad, but it does not replace the other modules in your degree programme. Modules that you cannot complete because of your late arrival remain part of your degree and will need to be completed later.

You do not need to plan all of these changes while you are still abroad. Once you arrive in Giessen, you can determine which courses you can still join and how to organise the following semesters.

3 | AFTER YOU ARRIVE IN GIESSEN

Can I still join other modules?

Possibly. This depends on how much of the course you have missed and on the structure of the module. Check the relevant information in Stud.IP and contact the lecturer to find out whether you can still join and catch up on missed content.

Do I have to take the exam if I join a module late?

No. Attending a module and registering for its examination are separate processes. If you do not feel sufficiently prepared, you do not have to register for the examination. Examination registration is handled separately via FlexNow. You can complete the module when it is offered again.

What if I cannot come to Giessen at all during the first semester?

You can remain enrolled and continue your studies in a later semester, provided that you meet all administrative requirements. However, the digital course is not a substitute for a complete first semester in Giessen. Modules you miss will need to be completed later, and your overall study duration will normally increase.

Don't forget to re-register

If you want to remain enrolled at JLU, you must re-register for each new semester. Make sure you check the re-registration deadline yourself.

To re-register, you need to pay the semester contribution within the specified re-registration period. Once the payment has been received, you will be re-registered automatically. You can find the current re-registration deadlines and semester contribution on the JLU website.

KEEP YOUR STUDIES ON TRACK

Our recommendation:

- ✓ Enrol on time
- ✓ Activate and regularly check your JLU account
- ✓ Complete the online module offered for your programme
- ✓ Come to Giessen as soon as your circumstances allow
- ✓ Review your individual module schedule after your arrival

For international students, academic progress may also be relevant when dealing with immigration authorities.

PART 2 – Your Degree Programme

M.SC. AGROBIOINFORMATICS

M.SC. AGROBIOTECHNOLOGY

M.SC. INSECT BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIORESOURCES

Your digital course:

MK-002-EN Applied Statistics

6 CP · Core Module

Applied Statistics is a mandatory core module in your degree programme and can be completed online from abroad.

This means that even if you cannot arrive in Giessen in time for the start of the semester, you can already complete one of the modules required for your Master's degree.

What to do:

- Activate your JLU student account
- Register for MK-002-EN Applied Statistics in Stud.IP
- Follow the information provided for the module in Stud.IP

M.SC. ONE HEALTH

Your digital course

Digital German Language Course
6 CP · Profile Module

If your arrival in Giessen is delayed, you can take a German language course online from abroad. The course can be recognised as a profile module and therefore counts towards your Master's degree.

Why a profile module in your first semester?

Profile modules are normally scheduled for the later semesters of your Master's programme. However, you do not have to complete all modules in the order shown in the recommended module schedule.

Taking the German language course in your first semester simply means that you complete one of your profile modules earlier. You can complete core modules that you miss when they are offered again.

Placement test required

Before you can be assigned to a German language course, you must complete a placement test. The result determines which German course is suitable for your current language level.

What to do:

→ Activate your JLU student account

You need your JLU account to access Stud.IP and take the placement test.

→ Complete the German placement test between 14 and 27 September

The placement test is available in Stud.IP. You will find detailed instructions on how to take the test there.

→ Wait for your course assignment

Based on your test result, the German language instructors will assign you to a course that matches your language level and enrol you in the course in Stud.IP. Please check your JLU email account regularly for information about your course assignment.

→ Start your German course online

Once you have been enrolled in your course, you can participate online from abroad.

M.SC. TRANSITION MANAGEMENT

Your digital course

For Transition Management, two mandatory core modules are available online:

MK-067-EN-DI Theory and Practice of Economic Development
6 CP · Core Module

MK-102-EN-DI Global Food Markets
6 CP · Core Module

Both modules are part of the regular core curriculum of your Master's programme and can be completed online from abroad.

This gives you the opportunity to complete up to 12 CP even if your arrival in Giessen is delayed.

What to do:

- Activate your JLU student account
- Register for the module(s) in Stud.IP
- Follow the information provided for the modules in Stud.IP

3 | NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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

Ready to get started?

Find out what you need to do before your studies begin – from enrolment and your JLU account to important dates and first steps:

→ [Getting started](#)

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](#)

QUESTIONS?

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

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We look forward to welcoming you to Faculty 09!

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