

Justus Liebig University in Giessen

- founded in 1607
- since 1957 named after Justus von Liebig
- more than 150 courses of studies
- high national and international reputation
- approx. 22,000 students

Famous Persons

- Justus von Liebig
Chemist, inventor of fertilizer
- Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen
Physician, explorer of X-Rays
- Wangari Maathai
Nobel Prize laureate 2004
- Frank-Walther Steinmeier
German Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Brigitte Zypries
German Minister of Justice

The Location of Giessen

- central location in Germany and Europe
Frankfurt 60 km / 40 minutes by train
Berlin 500 km / 5 hours by car
- favorable job market conditions in the economic center of Rhein-Main-Hesse
- one of the youngest cities in Germany
- student night-life and culture
- wide-ranging university sports program
- twin cities:
Winchester, Great Britain (1962)
Ferrara, Italy (1998)
Netanya, Israel (1978)
Waterloo, USA (1981)
San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua (1986)
Gödöllő, Hungary (1988)
Hradec Králové, Czech Republic (1990)



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JUSTUS LIEBIG UNIVERSITY IN GIESSEN

Master's Degree Program

**Interdisciplinary Studies
on Eastern Europe**

**at the
Giessen Center for
Eastern European Studies**



The GiZo Master's Degree Program at a glance

- Degree: Master of Arts
- Degree Title: M.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies on Eastern Europe
- Duration of Program: 2 academic years
- Credits: 120 ECTS
- Language of Instruction: German (in most cases)
- Requirements for admission: relevant Bachelor of Arts or equivalent qualification
- Language requirements: very good knowledge of one Slavic language or an Eastern European language
- German language skills: foreign applicants must to provide evidence of their German skills (DSH exam, TestDaF or similar)*
- Start of Program: annually (October)
- Deadline for application: September 30th **
- University fee: approx. € 225 per semester

* For further information about language requirements online www.uni-giessen.de/cms/internationales/studieren/ju/sprachkenntnisse/zulassung. Additionally, Justus Liebig University offers an attractive program of German language courses for foreign students. For further information see www.uni-giessen.de/cms/internationales/sprachkurse/in.

** Detailed information about the application process for national and international applicants can be found on the university home page www.uni-giessen.de/cms/zielgruppen/Studieninteressierte.

The Giessen Center for Eastern European Studies

The Giessen Center for Eastern European Studies (GiZo) is the regional-studies research and teaching center for Eastern Europe at the Justus Liebig University in Giessen. By combining cultural and socio-scientific research on Eastern Europe, the center provides an excellent basis for interdisciplinary research on this region. Taking the term "Eastern Europe" to include Eastern Central, South-Eastern and Eastern Europe as well as Turkey and the Turkic-speaking regions of the former Soviet Union, the GiZo aims to describe, analyze and evaluate Eastern Europe within the context of Europe as a whole. The GiZo benefits from a long tradition of Eastern European research in Geography, Agriculture, Cultural Studies, and Social Sciences at the Giessen University.

The profile of the GiZo is based on:

- encouraging cooperation between the following disciplines: Eastern European History, Slavic Studies, Turkic Studies, Political Sciences, Law and Economics
- opening up a wider understanding of the notion of Eastern Europe to include the Eurasian regions
- providing comprehensive research and teaching on all the regions of Eastern Europe
- covering a broad historical range in research and teaching, from the Middle Ages to the present day

The GiZo Master's Degree Program

The Objective of the Master's Degree Program:

Interdisciplinary Studies on Eastern Europe is a newly developed Master's degree course at the GiZo. The aim is to provide students with the professional competence and expertise to analyze, reflect upon and evaluate social, political, legal, economic and cultural developments and relations in Eastern Europe.

The profile of the Master's Program:

The profile, contents and methods of the Master's degree program will be characterized by

- an early introduction to interdisciplinary Eastern European research, beginning at the very start of the program
- job-oriented and practical training through projects and internships
- research and teaching covering all the regions of Eastern Europe
- the combination of Eastern European Studies with Turkic Studies and the discussion of the Turkic regions' place in Europe
- a broad historical focus in teaching on Eastern Europe, from the Middle Ages up to the 21st century.

The Structure of the Master's Degree Program:

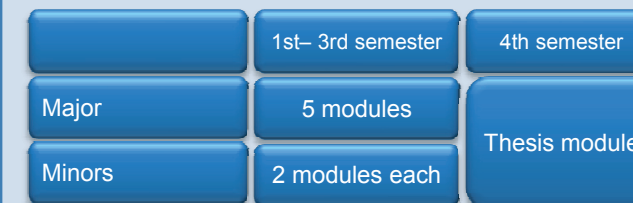
The wide range of courses offered provides students with the opportunity to design their curriculum individually and to specialize in fields of their own choice. The curriculum consists of one major subject (50 CP) and two minor elements (20 CP each). The Program concludes with a Master's thesis (30 CP) based on the major, but may also include additional interdisciplinaries.

Majors

- Slavic Studies
- History of Eastern Europe

Minors

- Slavic Studies
- History of Eastern Europe
- Turkic Studies
- Law
- Political Studies
- Economics



Module Titles (selection): Interdisciplinary Module on Eastern Europe +++ Language Module +++ Slavic Languages & Cultures +++ Turkish: Politics, Society, Language +++ Conflict & Cooperation in Europe +++ Transformational & Integrational Economy +++ European Law: Institutional Principles & Eastern Enlargement

Organizational Matters:

Students with a relevant Bachelor's degree or an equivalent university degree (first class or upper-second) are admitted to the Master's degree program. A degree is considered relevant if the former course of studies imparted knowledge in the Master's major with at least 20 CP and in one of the minors with 10 CP. Admittance also depends on language skills. In order to study the major Slavic Studies, students must have a very good command of a Slavic language; in order to study History of Eastern Europe, a very good command of an Eastern European language is required.

The Master's degree program starts annually at the beginning of the winter semester in October. The degree takes 2 academic years. Information on deadlines and application documents can be found on the university homepage (www.uni-giessen.de).



Accommodation & Cost of Living

- university accommodation (160-200€/month)
- private accommodation (250-300€/month)
- approximately 700€/month in total