INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OF JUSTUS LIEBIG UNIVERSITY GIESSEN

STUDYING AT JLU
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1. INTRODUCTION TO JLU

• Situated in Giessen, in the middle of Hesse, near Frankfurt am Main
• Founded in 1607
• Eponym: Justus Liebig: professor of chemistry at JLU from 1824, research field: organic chemistry
• Number of faculties: 11
• Total number of students: 25,700
• Total number of international students: 3,100
• No tuition fees (only a semester contribution of approx. 315€/semester)
• 3 Graduate Centres
• 5 Interdisciplinary Research Centres
UNIVERSITY RANKING 2024

- JLU is part of the 400 best universities worldwide – not only in the QS World University Ranking but also according to Times Higher Education
- QS Ranking: Among the 50 German universities that made it into the ranking, JLU holds the 22nd spot
- The QS World University Ranking features 1,500 institutions across 104 locations
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

Live results: https://www.mentimeter.com/s/38a11644a7163ae812c66d94c662c052/9915d641957c
3. MARIAM: A STUDENT’S PERSPECTIVE
4. PREPARING YOUR STUDIES

• For your **studies and arrival** in Giessen you’ll need to plan the following steps:

1. Visa & Residence Permit
2. Financing
3. Health Insurance
4. Finding Accommodation

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4.1. 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 (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) or telephone (0641 306-2280) for your registration

• For an extension of your residence permit, contact the Immigration Authorities at least 4 weeks before its expiry
4.2. FINANCING & FINANCIAL SUPPORT

• **Financial proof** for your visa (e.g. blocked account – Sperrkonto): For one academic year you will have to deposit 11,208 € (934 € 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 Scholarship Database](#)

• You are allowed to **work** 140 full days / 280 half days per year* as an international student – however, finding a job may take some time and **German skills** are often a requirement

*as of 1 March 2024
4.3. HEALTH INSURANCE

• All students must have adequate health insurance coverage
• You will need the M10 report already for enrolment
• Contact insurance of your choice before coming to Germany to receive M10-certificate which is then transferred to the university
• Please clarify the start of payment with your chosen health insurance
• Apply for a public health insurance (e.g. Barmer, Techniker, AOK, …)
• 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!
4.4. FINDING ACCOMODATION

• Look for an apartment or a shared apartment (WG) with the Studentenwerk or from private landlords
  • e.g. "WG Gesucht", Stud.IP Notice Board
• Once you find accommodation, ask the landlord to sign the confirmation of tenancy \textit{(Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung)} for your registration with the city hall
• Be aware that there is a \textbf{long waiting list for accommodation} with the Studierendenwerk
  \rightarrow apply for all possible housing options
• If you cannot get a room from the Studierendenwerk, seek a \textbf{private lease even if it is limited} to e.g. 6 months!
5. TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDIES

- Familiarize yourself with your study programme, e.g. programme structure, modules, special regulations, standard and average duration of study: www.uni-giessen.de/en/study/courses
- Check out the dates of your faculty’s introduction days: www.uni-giessen.de/en/international-pages/study/enrol
- You will need a laptop and the common MS office tools
WORKSHOPS TO ENHANCE YOUR STUDY SUCCESS

- **Workshop programme** for international students
- Extra-curricular (online) workshops, for example:
  - Intercultural Competence
  - Academic Writing
  - Presentation Skills
  - Successful Time Management During Your Studies
  - How to Apply - Prepare Your Application for the German Job Market

➤ You can find all workshops in due time on our website:
https://www.uni-giessen.de/de/internationales/studysuccess/workshop
6. ORIENTATION WEEKS

• **Orientation Week / Days by the Faculties (StEW / StET)**
  8 – 14 April – mostly on-campus, depending on the faculty
  Please find your relevant events online:
  
  www.uni-giessen.de/de/studium/studienbeginn/stew
  www.uni-giessen.de/de/studium/studienbeginn/stet

• **Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)**
  8 – 14 April – mostly online
  You will receive an invitation via email
  
  www.uni-giessen.de/en/international-pages/study/enrol/owis
ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME: JUSTINTERNATIONAL

JustInternational Series

Every 1\textsuperscript{st} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. we meet online to give you information about important topics pertaining to studying at JLU and to answer your questions on different topics, and every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. we get together and meet online to chat, exchange ideas and play some games.

All current and future JLU students are invited!

• **Question Monday** (every 1\textsuperscript{st} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} Monday) – online

• **The Ultimate Get-Together** (every Wednesday) – online

➢ You can find all upcoming events in the [International Calender](#)! 

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7. JUST BEEN ADMITTED TO JLU? WHAT TO DO NEXT...

For enrolment you’ll need to complete these steps:

1. Log in to GUDE, the JLU applicant portal, with your user ID (see your account activation e-mail from international.admission@admin.uni-giessen.de) and your password.
   • Please read the FAQ e-mail that has also been sent to you.
   • Check your GUDE account inbox for the 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 missing documents (yellow box) in the section „documents for enrolment“. You will only be enrolled when all necessary documents have been submitted.

4. Check your GUDE account inbox for the letter of enrolment (“Studienbescheinigung”).
JUST BEEN ADMITTED TO JLU? WHAT TO DO IN DETAIL...

1. Click “request for enrolment”.

2. Answer every question.
   - (university entrance qualification = school leaving date and grade)

3. Upload a receipt of payment/transfer of the semester contribution.

4. Your statutory health insurance provider will send the M10 report to us automatically.

5. Upload a copy of your passport/ID card.

6. Upload any further documents such as the APS certificate (India, China) or a German language certificate, etc.

   If you need to upload anything, the specific documents will be indicated in a yellow box in your account.

**Important**: Please check the enrolment deadline in your applicant account as restricted-admission study programmes have a short enrolment period. We strongly recommend enrolling as early as possible.

If you send us an e-mail, please always put your application number in the subject line of the e-mail!
YOU ARE ENROLLED - IS THERE MORE 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. This also serves as a temporary semester ticket until you receive your chip card.

• After 24-48 hours, you will receive an activation e-mail for your student account from IAM.

• Please request your chip card via iam.uni-giessen.de and provide a German address. It will be sent to you via postal mail (only within Germany). Make sure to include your room number or c/o person if applicable.
  • Please also update your address in your GUDE account; you can do this by yourself.

• Problems requesting your chip card? Please contact: iam@uni-giessen.de.
8. CONTACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

Hotline “Call Justus”: +49 (0)641 99-16400

Office Hours: Monday - Friday:
8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Central Student Advisory Office: +49 (0)641 99-16223

Telephone consultation:
Monday: 10 a.m. -12 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (focus on teaching)
Thursday: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Email: zsb@uni-giessen.de
SUPPORT SERVICES INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Study consultation and preparation:
- Choice & change of subject
- German language courses
- Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)

Practical advice on:
- Accommodation
- German statutory health insurance
- Social and individual issues

Legal & Financial advice:
- Visa and resident permits
- Financial issues
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

INTERNATIONAL & REFUGEE STUDENTS

Email: studium-international@uni-giessen.de
Phone: +49 (0) 641 99 12174/-43
Office hours:
Monday, 10:00 -12:00, rooms 20/37/38 (for international students)
Friday, 10:00 -12:00, rooms 20/38 (for refugee students)

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
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 -10:30 & Thursday, 10:00 – 12:30
Follow us on Instagram: @jlu.international

THANK YOU!

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