

Study at faculty 09 – Winter Semester 2020/21

Information Package 2 – Preparing your stay in Giessen

Digital start

Classes will start digitally on 2 November 2020. At the moment we expect you to come to Giessen in January for the exams and practical trainings taking place in February/March 2021.

How can international students enter Germany during the corona situation?

The gradual lifting of the EU-wide travel restrictions for third country travellers allows international students to (re-)enter Germany for study or research purposes. For nationals of some third countries, entry to Germany is possible without restriction due to low infection rates (based on the current recommendation of the European Council). All other third-country nationals may enter Germany for study purposes if the studies or the research project cannot be carried out entirely from abroad.

This situation must be confirmed by the German host institution, and a corresponding confirmation must be presented in the visa procedure and at border controls. International students who need such a certificate can contact the International Office (Akademisches Auslandsamt / AAA): internationales@admin.uni-giessen.de (AAA Secretary; phone: +49 641 99 12137).

Student Visa

In order to apply for a student visa you need a certificate of matriculation by Justus Liebig University Giessen and a proof of financing. You will receive the certificate of matriculation via e-mail after enrolment.

In case you have not applied for a student visa yet, we strongly recommend doing so as soon as possible in your home country at your nearest German consulate. Depending on your country of residence it could take a long time (up to a few months) until you receive your student visa.

Do NOT try to enter Germany on a tourist visa if you intend to study here. It is not possible to convert a tourist visa into a student visa – you would have to travel back home again and apply for the correct type of visa at your German embassy or consulate.

Exceptions: citizens of the EU, the USA, and a few other countries are exempted from the obligation to possess an entry visa. Information on your particular status is available from the German embassy and consulates in your home country, and at Giessen's International Registration Authority.

Accommodation

Important: Enrolment at Justus Liebig University does not include a room reservation. All students have to organize their accommodation on their own. In the following, we provide information and contact details on how to find an accommodation in Giessen.

If you are interested in an accommodation at the student residence hall, you should apply for a room or an apartment as soon as possible at the "Studentenwerk Giessen" (Student Welfare Service). You

need to contact the "Studentenwerk Giessen" (Student Welfare Service) directly as it is an organization of its own and not part of the university.

The student welfare service offers a wide range of types of accommodation, e.g. single rooms, double apartments, shared apartments etc. at various locations. There is a long waiting list (2-4 months!) for accommodation via the Giessen student welfare service, so please apply immediately.

Depending on the kind of accommodation there are different student dormitories in Giessen:

<https://www.studentenwerk-giessen.de/wohnen/unsere-wohnheime.html>

Application for a student's accommodation

<https://ipack.studwerk.uni-giessen.de/ipack3/index.html#admission>

In order to apply for an accommodation you only need to fill in your personal details, the room or rooms that you are applying for. You will be asked to upload your permission of study or certificate of matriculation. If you do not have it available at the time of registration, you can also upload it later when you accept the room.

This application is not final, applying for a room via the website only means that you will be informed when there is a room available suitable to your request. Then you can still decide whether you accept it or not.

If you have received a confirmation for a room by the student welfare service, you have to arrange an appointment with student welfare service (note the office hours) to sign the contract and to pick up the keys for your room. Upon signing the contract, you will need to provide a first cash payment (first monthly rate + deposit). Furthermore, you need to present the enrolment certificate of the JLU Giessen.

If you intend to rent a private accommodation, please consider as well an alternative accommodation, e.g. hostel or hotel for a few days until you find a suitable room or apartment.

If you have further questions:

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