Student Advisory Office

Studying at Justus Liebig University Giessen – Information for International Students

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Types of Colleges in Germany

College = Cover Term for several different institutions

1. A full University offers study programs in basically all fields of study
2. Technical Universities are specialized in technical programs (e.g. engineering) but also offer other non-technical study programs
3. Art Schools specialize in art, music, architecture or theatre. Usually, they do not offer other study programs
4. Universities of Applied Sciences offer a wide range of programs and specialize in applied sciences.
Types of Colleges in Germany

Colleges, schools or universities can be

• state-run (e.g. Justus Liebig University, Phillips University Marburg, ...)

• private (e.g. Frankfurt Business School, ...)

• church-run or in church sponsorship
Fields of Study

• Law and Economics
• Cultural and Social Studies and Humanities
• Sciences
• Medical Sciences
• Teacher Training
• Engineering
Faculties at Justus Liebig University

• 01 – Law
• 02 – Economics and Business Studies
• 03 – Social Sciences and Cultural Studies
• 04 – History and Cultural Studies
• 05 – Language, Literature, Culture
• 06 – Psychology and Sports Sciences
• 07 – Mathematics and Computer Science, Physics and Geography
• 08 – Biology and Chemistry
• 09 – Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences and Environmental Management
• 10 – Veterinary Medicine
• 11 – Medicine
Degrees

1. Bachelor programs
   • 6 semesters (3 years)
   • many different programs from almost all fields of study

2. Master programs
   • 4 semesters (2 years)
   • can be studied after completing a Bachelor program
   • many different programs from almost all fields of study

3. State Examination programs
   • between 6 and 13 semesters (3-7 years), depending on the program
   • Law, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Teacher Training
Degrees

1. Bachelor programs
   - Psychology, Economics and Business Administration, Agricultural Sciences, History and Culture, ...

2. Master programs
   - Biology, Physics, Choreography and Performance, Anglophone Studies, Democracy and Governance, ...

3. State Examination programs
   - Veterinary Medicine, Teacher Training for Primary Schools, Law, ...
Curriculum

• In Bachelor, Master and some State Examination programs, classes are offered as part of **modules**
  • modules bundle together classes sharing a thematic and/or methodological approach.
  • modules usually consist of two or three different classes.
  • module contents, kinds of examinations and learning goals are codified.

• International students studying an entire program at Justus Liebig University must pay attention to module structures in order to successfully complete their studies.
Curriculum

• For each class, there is a pre-defined **workload**. The workload for a class is the sum of the hours of work spent for the respective class. It includes class participation and preparations for classes and examinations.

• 30 hours of work = 1 CP / ECTS point

• Credit points thus measure the *quantitative* workload students must spend for their classes.

• Additionally, for a successfully completed class, you will be awarded **grades**

• Grades measure the *qualitative* success of a class.
Curriculum

• Lectures
• Seminars
• Tutorials
• Exercise Courses
• Practical/Lab Training
• Field Trips
• Colloquium
Curriculum - Time

c.t. = cum tempore (with time),
  i.e. 10 c.t. = 10:15 h
s.t. = sine tempore (without time)
  i.e. 10 s.t. = 10:00 h

Example:
  Lecture „Introduction to Business Studies“
  Wednesdays 18 – 20 h
  = 18.15 - 19.45 h
Curriculum – University Calendar

• German term: Elektronisches Vorlesungsverzeichnis (eVV)
• contains all classes offered at Justus Liebig University during a semester
• is divided by faculties and study subjects
• can be accessed online: http://evv.uni-giessen.de

• some lecturers offer additional electronic material for classes (e.g. presentations, texts, exercises, ...). Usually, the material is provided via Stud.IP: https://studip.uni-giessen.de/studip/
• in case Stud.IP is used in a class, the lecturer will announce it in the first session
## Introduction to Black Feminist Thought and Activism

**Assessment:** Students will be evaluated with three categories: participation in class and presentation in the seminar will count 30% of the final grade; and a final exam that will be written, will count 15% of the final grade.

**Dozent/-in:** Bento, Katucha (LA)

**Zielgruppen:** SoSc Ba, WPV, GS | AB Ba, WPV, GS | BFK Ba, WPV, oSem | L2, L5: WPV, oSem | L3, UF Sozk, WPV, oSem | VWL Ba, WPV, oSem | BWL Ba, WPV, oSem | @P-Learning Ergänzung

**Kommentar:** This course aims to discuss key ideas about how the contemporary idea of “Feminism” is present in the writings of racialized women. Through the historiography about Black Feminist writings and claims from the perspectives from Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, US, UK and Asia. The topics will be around (1) concepts, (2) methodological and ethical issues around the voice and agency of women of color, and (4) activism involving both: the authors’ biographies and the way political police will be designed with three moments: presentation of one or a group of authors, group work, and collective reflection upon the discussed topic. The short sessions will be mediated by the teacher, presented in a seminar format by the students with depth analysis and group discussions. All sessions will involve group exercises.
Curriculum – Types of Examinations

• Regular attendance
• Presentation
• Written Exam
• Term Paper
• Essay
• Oral Exam
• Lab Report
• Thesis
• ...

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Contacts

• Academic Advisors in the departments help with subject-specific questions

• Fachschaft: Active students in a department or faculty who organize events, offer student counselling ...

• AStA (Allgemeiner Studierendenausschuss): Active students on university level who offer a range of counselling, e.g. section Representation for International Students (ASV)
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