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INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OF JUSTUS LIEBIG UNIVERSITY GIESSEN

OPENING SESSION DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

TODAY'S TOPICS

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SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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Advisor for International
Doctoral Students

SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND DOCTORAL STUDENTS

We provide information on:

- visa and resident permits
- scholarships
- working in Germany
- health insurance: public and private
- finding and changing accommodation
- language courses
- social and individual issues
- all consultation sessions are confidential



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OPEN OFFICE HOURS

For international students:

Mon: 10 am–12 pm & Wed: 2–4 pm

Goethestrasse 58, Room 38

For international doctoral students:

Mon & Wed: 10 am–12 pm

Goethestrasse 58, Room 21

- No registration needed
- Pick-up a free tote bag with information material



Photo: Anna Pehlgrimm

GETTING TO KNOW YOU – LIVE SURVEY

We would like to get to know you:

1. Which country are you from?
 2. Which study programme are you going to study at JLU?
 3. If you are not yet in Germany, when will you arrive?
- Scan the QR code with your smart phone to participate in the live survey



CENTRAL STUDENT ADVISORY OFFICE

ZENTRALE STUDIENBERATUNG

Goethestrasse 58, 1st floor

35390 Giessen

Email: zsb@uni-giessen.de

Phone: 0641 99 16223 or

0641 99 16400 (via Call Justus)



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Office Hours (via phone):

Mon: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Tue: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. (focus teacher education)

Thu: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Fri: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Office Hours (in person)

Tue: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Thu: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

ORIENTATION WEEK / DAYS ORGANIZED BY THE CENTRAL STUDENT ADVISORY OFFICE AND FACULTIES

- *Studieneinführungswoche(n)* ([StEW](#)): 29 Sept – 10 Oct for Bachelor and State Examination students
- *Master-Studieneinführungstage/Orientation Days for Master's Students* ([StET](#)): 9 & 10 Oct
 - faculties will organize introductory events for specific master's programmes during these two days
 - In these events, you will learn about the content and structure of your study programme and can ask questions e.g. on course registration

ORIENTATION WEEK ORGANIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS): **6–10 October 2025 for all international students**

You will find on the [website](#):

- Overview of upcoming events (“Schedule”) including links to online information sessions
- Presentation slides and flyers for download
- Contacts
- FAQ Section

Wed, 7 October, 4 p.m.

Guided City Tour Giessen

Registration until **6 October** via
international.students@uni-giessen.de

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Information on living and studying in Giessen
- Presentation of important institutions/groups of JLU & Giessen
- Informal get-together – snacks and drinks will be provided 😊

Tue, 7 October, 4:30 p.m.

Lokal International
Eichendorffring 111
35394 Giessen



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WELCOME & SPEED-FRIENDING (ONLINE)

- Online alternative to Welcome Reception
- Part of Just.International series
- No password or registration required
- Organised by our student assistants 😊

Wed, 8 October, 7:30 p.m.

(German time)

Where: [BigBlueButton](#)

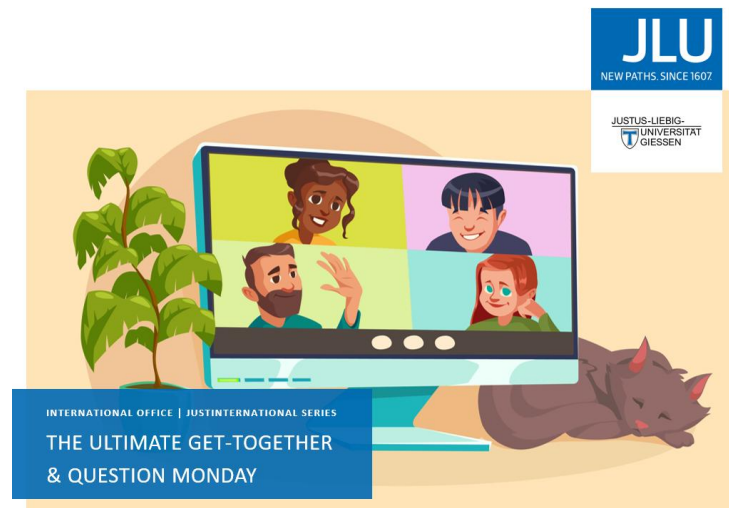
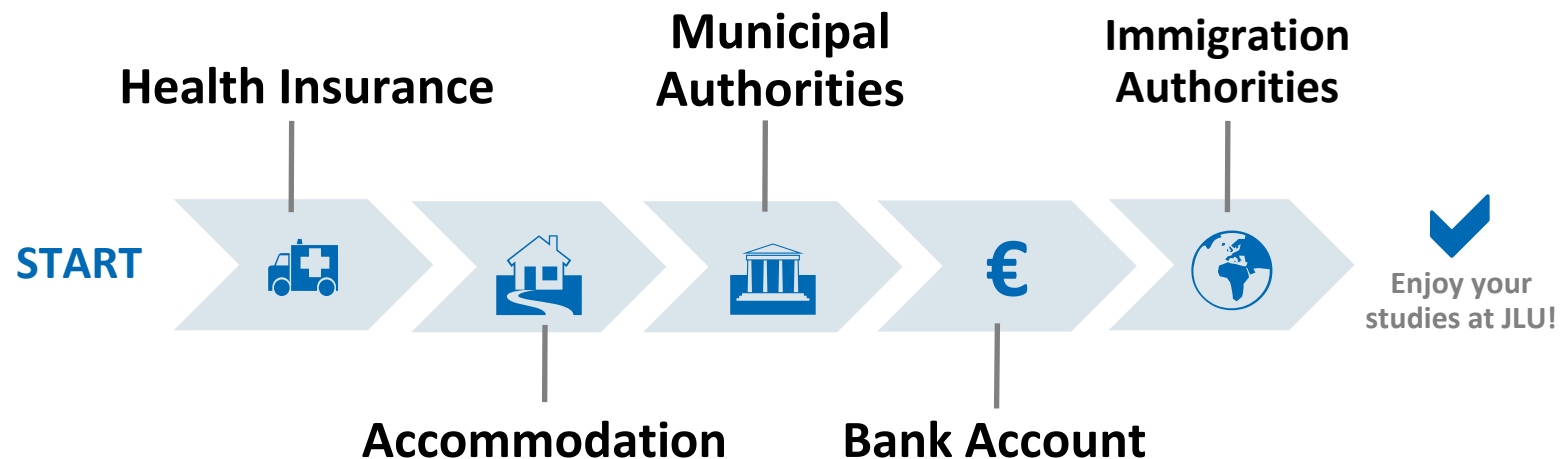


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LATE ARRIVAL

- If you are arriving late, e.g. due to visa issues, please check in with your faculty whether online courses or blocked seminars (usually towards the end of the semester) are offered
- Also check in with your faculty up to which week you can join a course and still gain credits
- Enrol for the winter semester and stay enrolled unless you want to apply again next year
- Your admission cannot be deferred to a later semester
- Participate in extra-curricular online courses, like German courses or career workshops

FIRST STEPS FOR YOUR STAY IN GIESSEN



You can find all necessary steps explained in our document “To Do List”.

FIRST STEPS FOR YOUR STAY IN GIESSEN: HEALTH INSURANCE

- All students must have adequate health insurance coverage when studying and living in Germany
- We recommend to choose a statutory health insurance provider
- Statutory health insurance providers are e.g.: Barmer, Techniker, AOK,...
- If you are over 30 years old, you can choose a private health insurance. For a *private* insurance provider, please **seek our advice at the International Office first, BEFORE you sign any contracts!**

FIRST STEPS FOR YOUR STAY IN GIESSEN: ACCOMMODATION

- Look for an apartment or a room in a flatshare (“WG”) (with the [Studierendenwerk](#)* or from private landlords)
- Ask the landlord to sign the confirmation of tenancy (**Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung**)!
- You can find a brochure with tips on finding accommodation in the download section of our [OWIS-Website](#)

*Waiting list of the Studierendenwerk:

It is important to stay on the waiting list. The Studierendenwerk will send an email every two weeks to which you have to reply in order to stay on the waiting list.

FIRST STEPS FOR YOUR STAY IN GIESSEN: REGISTRATION AT THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

- Once you have found accommodation, register as a resident of the city Giessen (or the town you are staying in)
- For the registration you will need:
 - ✓ passport/identity card
 - ✓ confirmation of tenancy (Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung)
 - ✓ if applicable, your residence permit (Aufenthaltstitel) or visa
 - ✓ if applicable, previous certificates of registration (Meldebestätigung)
- In Giessen you can book an appointment online by choosing the option [„Anmeldung: Zuzug aus dem Ausland“](#)
- If you have not previously lived in Germany, you will also receive your personal **tax identification number** after your registration (keep this letter safe for working in Germany!)

FIRST STEPS FOR YOUR STAY IN GIESSEN: BANK ACCOUNT

- If you don't have a **bank account in Germany**, open one:
 - ✓ Some banks require an appointment. Check in with them beforehand!
 - ✓ Banks and savings banks in Giessen (amongst others): Deutsche Bank branch, Postbank, Sparkasse Gießen, Volksbank Mittelhessen eG
 - ✓ Please remember to mention that you are a student to receive discounts
- If you have a **blocked account** and would like to release the funds in it, you will need a confirmation from the immigration authorities (Ausländerbehörde).

FIRST STEPS FOR YOUR STAY IN GIESSEN: IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES - RESIDENCE PERMIT

- Contact the Immigration Authorities via email for your registration: auslaenderbehoerde@giessen.de or telephone **0641 306-2280**
- For students in Giessen: approx. two months before your residence permit expires, you will receive a letter with information on the extension of your residence permit from the Immigration Office.
- If you don't receive any letter, please contact the immigration authorities **at least two weeks before your residence permit expires!**

Tue, 7 October, 12:00 p.m.

Residence Permit for Your Study Period

Join the online
meeting for more
information!

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- 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 Grants Database](#)
- DAAD Prize for outstanding academic and social achievement of an international student at JLU
- Partial scholarships for international students at JLU in the closing phase of their degree
- DAAD partial scholarships for more equity and opportunity
- Financial hardship assistance grants (e.g. [Solifonds](#))
- More details can be found on the [website](#).

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE: APPLICATIONS, ADMISSIONS & ENROLMENT

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSION

Katarzyna Smolka & Onja Paulsen

international.admission@admin.uni-giessen.de

+49 (0)641-99 16400 (via Call Justus)

Tuesday: 08:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday: 10:00 – 12:30 p.m.

STUDIENBESCHEINIGUNG (STUDY CERTIFICATE)

Name &
address

JUSTUS-LIEBIG-
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Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen, Postfach 11 14 40, 35390 Gießen

Herr
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Telefax: (0641) 99 - 12159
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Internet: <http://www.uni-giessen.de>

Immatrikulationsbescheinigung/Stammdatenblatt für das Sommersemester 2024

Matrikelnummer: 4000000
Immatrikulationsdatum: 14.06.2017
Hörerstatus: Haupthörer
Hochschulsemester: 40
Urlaubssemester: 1

Manfred Herbert Karl Friedrich Mustermann-Dingenskirchen (geb.: 11.12.1980) ist im Sommersemester 2024 vom 01.04.2024 bis 30.09.2024 an der Hochschule im Studiengang oder in folgenden Studiengängen eingeschrieben:

Abschlussziel	Studienfach	Studientyp	Fachsemester	Beginn
Baccalaureus Artium	Kultur der Antike	Vollzeitstudium	2	01.04.2024

Student ID /
matriculation
number: 8*****

Information on your
study programme

Verification code

Gießen, 18.03.2024

Dieser Bescheid ergeht gemäß § 37 Absatz 5 Hessisches Verwaltungsverfahrensgesetz ohne Unterschrift.

Verifikationsnummer: Naa2vXFkJKIL

Diese Bescheinigung kann bis 180 Tage nach der Erstellung verifiziert werden. Zur Verifikation wählen Sie bitte folgende

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Verification link

WAHLBENACHRICHTIGUNG (VOTING NOTICE)

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Wahlbenachrichtigung

Soweit in diesem Semester Wahlen zu den universitären oder studentischen Selbstverwaltungsgremien stattfinden und Ihre Einschreibung oder Rückmeldung bis zum Stichtag für die Aufnahme in das Wählerverzeichnis erfolgt ist, sind Sie vorbehaltlich Ihrer Eintragung in das Wählerverzeichnis bei den universitären Wahlen oder bei den studentischen Wahlen wahlberechtigt.

Wer sich nicht bis zum Stichtag rückmeldet oder einschreibt, kann auch nicht in das Wählerverzeichnis aufgenommen werden. Die Wahlform (Urnen-/Briefwahl, elektronische Wahl) wird in der jeweiligen Wahlbekanntmachung festgelegt. Briefwahl ist - sofern vorgesehen - auf Ihren persönlichen Antrag möglich.

Der untenstehende Antrag auf Aushändigung der Briefwahlunterlagen ist an das Wahlamt, Ludwigstraße 23, 35390 Gießen zu richten (im Hauptgebäude, 2. Stock, Zimmer-Nummern 220). Weitere Einzelheiten entnehmen Sie bitte den jeweiligen Wahlbekanntmachungen.

Die Wahlleiterin
der Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen

Gießen, 18.03.2024
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(Sommersemester 2024)

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Ich bitte um Übersendung der Briefwahlunterlagen an meine obenstehende Anschrift.

Ort und Datum: Gießen,
Eigenhändige Unterschrift:
Rücksendeadresse: Wahlamt der Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen, Ludwigstraße 23, 35390 Gießen
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As a registered student, you may participate in the elections of the **student council**.

These pages explain the voting process.

If an election is coming up, you will be informed via email.

RE-ENROLLMENT

- If you are staying in Giessen for the **summer semester 2026**, you will have to pay the semester contribution for re-enrollment.
- The amount will be published on our [website](#) **end of December 2025**.
- The contribution has to arrive at our bank by the **end of February 2026** at the latest because...
- ... if you transfer the payment too late and miss this deadline, you will have to pay a delay fee of **30 €**. Please remember that it may take a couple of days until the transfer arrives.

STUDENT ID CARD (CHIP CARD)

1. An email with the subject „Aktivieren Sie bitte Ihren JLU-Account / Please activate your JLU-Account“ has been sent to your private email address.
2. During activation, each student will be given a username and an email address. You will also need to set a password to access JLU's online services. After successful activation, you will receive a confirmation email which again contains information about your **user name** and your **university email address**.
3. Please go to **iam.uni-giessen.de** in order to request your chip card.
4. The chip card will only be sent to a German postal address. We do not send chip cards to addresses outside of Germany. Please do not forget **your room number** if you are staying in a dormitory. Please do not forget to put your **name on your mailbox** or alternatively, let us know which name is on the mailbox (c/o).
 - Please update your postal address in GUDE as well as soon as you have one.
5. After registration as a student, please communicate only via your university email address – please state your matriculation number as well as your full name whenever you contact us. We will not respond to private email addresses due to data protection restrictions. Thank you for understanding.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Winter Semester 2025/26**
 - Start: 01 October 2025 End: 31 March 2025

- **Lecture Period**
 - Start: 13 October 2025 End: 13 February 2026

- **Re-Matriculation for the Summer Semester 2026**
 - Start: 15 January 2026 End: 28 February 2026

GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSES

The International Office offers German courses at all levels of proficiency:

- Intensive Courses for Study Preparation
- Evening Courses during the semester
- Courses for the Enhancement of Competency in written German

Tue, 7 October, 10:00 a.m.

German Language Courses

Join the online
meeting for more
information!

CENTER FOR COMPETENCE DEVELOPMENT (ZFBK)

- The Centre for Competence Development (ZfbK) at JLU is your first point of contact for:
 - Career advice (Career Services of JLU)
 - Learning foreign languages
 - Enhancing your study skills



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[Career Preparation](#)



[Foreign Languages](#)



[Study Skills](#)



JUSTINTERNATIONAL SERIES

Would you like to **meet new people** or do you have **questions** about Giessen and the university? ... Join us **online** for information sessions, language cafés, board game nights and Just(us) Talks!

[JustInternational Series:](#)

Question Monday: every **1st and 3rd Monday** at 7:30 p.m.

Ultimate Get-Together: every **Wednesday** at 7:30 p.m.



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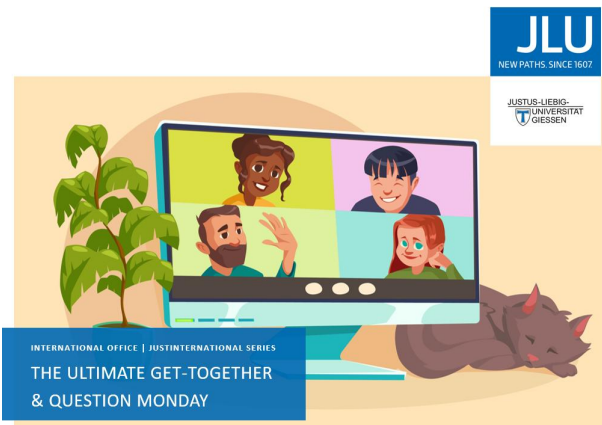


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Next events:

6 October: Germany Made Easy – A Guide for International Students

8 October: Welcome and Speed-Friending

15 October: Tips for Using the University Library and Online Resources

INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR



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Studieren und Promovieren an der JLU

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Erasmus+

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Internationale Studienangebote der JLU

Virtual International Programme (VIP)

Abkommen mit ausländischen Hochschulen

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Internationalisierung der Lehrkräftebildung

Berufseinstieg für Internationale Studierende - JLU Career Services

Angebote für Geflüchtete und Gefährdete

Internationales


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Vorträge, Workshops, Exkursionen, Infoveranstaltungen, Kultur-Events und vieles mehr für alle Studierenden und Interessierten in Mittelhessen

Die nächsten internationalen Veranstaltungen der JLU



International Office – Open Office Hours for International Degree-Seeking Students

06.10.2025 10:00 to 06.10.2025 11:30

[Opening Session Degree-Seeking Students \(online\)](#)

Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)

06.10.2025 12:00 to 06.10.2025 14:00

[An Overview of the Electronic Systems](#)

Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)

06.10.2025 14:00 to 06.10.2025 16:00

[IMPACCT for Peace: Shaping Intercultural Teacher Education for Diverse Classrooms](#)

06.10.2025 18:30 to 08.10.2025 15:30

[Germany Made Easy – A Guide for International Students](#)

JustInternational Series & Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)

06.10.2025 19:30 to 06.10.2025 20:30

[German Language Courses](#)

Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)

[Wechseln zur Kalenderansicht...](#)

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