

# Refugee Law Clinic

Practical training program of the  
Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen



## Lecture

Students willing to offer practical legal support for asylum seekers will be attending the lecture "German, European and international asylum law" which is held during the winter term.

## Internship

First practical experiences will be gathered during an internship at asylum lawyers, state authorities or NGOs related to asylum law.

## Hospitalation

Giving legal advice independently will gradually increase after the internship. Students will shadow the legal counseling service of the Ev. Dekanat Gießen in its offices which are located in the primary reception centre for refugees in Gießen.

## Seminar

In the seminar "Asylum and refugee law" students will work independently on a case they have encountered during their internship. The seminar is offered during the summer term.

## Traning course

Theoretical and practical knowledge will be deepened in the course "Asylum cases from the practical legal support work", during which legal advice sessions will be practiced.

## Legal advice

Students of the RLC will mainly advise asylum seekers in terms of their asylum procedures and legal protection. In particular cases rights of residence will be discussed.

## Project team

Beginners and advanced students work together in offering concrete legal advice. Members of the team take part in a number of practical off-campus workshops and training courses.

## Supervision

Students will receive legal supervision during which recent cases are discussed. Additionally psychological supervision is offered.

## Publicity

The RLC organizes conferences and workshops to contribute to a differentiated debate on issues concerning asylum and migration.



The concept of clinical legal education was developed in the anglo-american judicial area. Most well-known universities, especially in the USA, include law clinics with a variety of focuses.

The concept of these practical trainings comprises 3 areas:

1. Students deepen their knowledge in one special area during their studies.
2. Hereby they are supervised and trained by their lecturers and practioners.
3. Advanced members of these law clinics practically apply their acquired skills, e.g. in legal advice.



The Refugee Law Clinic Gießen (RLC) chose Migration and Asylum law as their main topic.

The RLC offers a well-founded training in asylum law, enables a close cooperation with practioners and empowers students to get involved in legal support while still studying.

Our offer of legal advice addresses asylum seekers who live in the reception facility for refugees in Gießen and whose asylum procedure has already been initiated.

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