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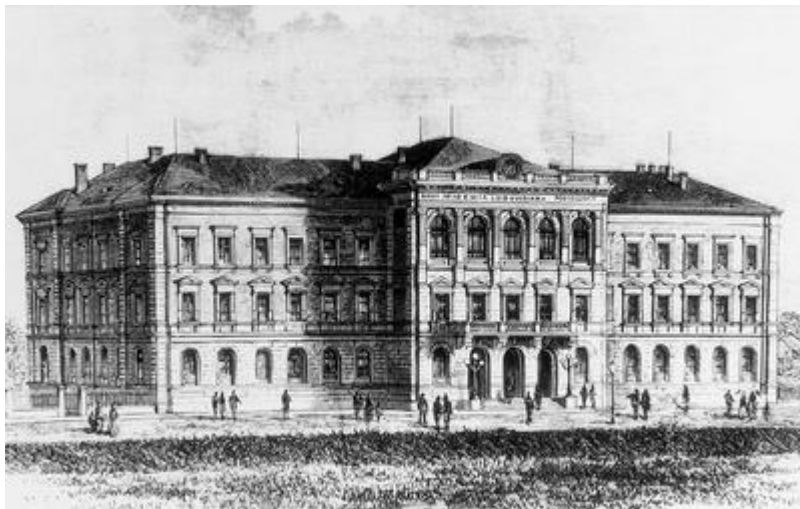
STUDYING AT JLU

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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



# INTRODUCTION TO JLU - MORE FACTS AND FIGURES

- 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



 [jlu.international](https://www.instagram.com/jlu.international)

## 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



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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](mailto: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 Sholarship 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 (**Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung**) **for your registration with the city hall**
- Be aware that there is a **long waiting list for accommodation** with the **Studierendenwerk**  
→ apply for all possible housing options
- If you cannot get a room from the Studierendenwerk, seek a **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](http://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](http://www.uni-giessen.de/en/international-pages/study/enrol)
- You will need a **laptop** and the common MS office tools



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# 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](http://www.uni-giessen.de/de/studium/studienbeginn/stew)

[www.uni-giessen.de/de/studium/studienbeginn/stet](http://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](http://www.uni-giessen.de/en/international-pages/study/enrol/owis)



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# ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME: JUSTINTERNATIONAL

## JustInternational Series

**Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1st and 3rd 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:promotionsstudium-international@uni-giessen.de)

Phone: +49 (0) 641 99 12167

Office hours:

Monday and Wednesday, 10:00 - 12:00, room 21

International Office  
Goethestrasse 58  
35390 Giessen



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# REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

## APPLICATION, ADMISSION, ENROLMENT

**Katarzyna Smolka & Onja Paulsen**

Email: [international.admission@admin.uni-giessen.de](mailto: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

Registrar's Office  
Goethestrasse 58  
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**THANK YOU!**