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# ORIENTATION WEEK FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS





## WELCOME TO JKU!

Dear international students,

In the following, you will find the programme of the Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS) organised by us — the International Office. We will assist you in mastering German bureaucracy and provide practical tips for your daily life in Germany.

We wish you a successful start of your studies at JKU and hope to see you in our info sessions!

The team of the International Office

ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OF JUSTUS LIEBIG UNIVERSITY GIESSEN

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## 01 APRIL – 10 APRIL 2026

Degree-seeking students who are enrolled in state examination, bachelor's or master's programmes and are aiming to obtain a degree at JLU should not miss the following orientation events:

- [Studieneinführungswoche](#) (07 April – 10 April, for bachelor and state examination students)
- [Orientation Days for Master's Students](#) (09 April und 10 April, for students in master's programmes)

Additionally, the International Office offers an **Orientation Week for International Students (OWIS)** which will take place partly online. The events are streamed via Zoom (except the JustInternational events) and are held in English in order to reach as many international students as possible. You can, however, ask your questions in both English and German.



If you are arriving after the start of the lecture period (e.g. due to visa issues) and need support, please get in touch with us via email: [international.students@uni-giessen.de](mailto:international.students@uni-giessen.de).

Visit our [OWIS website](#) for a detailed overview of the programme, an FAQ and downloads.

## SUMMER SEMESTER 2026 ORIENTATION WEEK PROGRAMME

Here you will find an overview of all events offered for **degree-seeking students** during the Orientation Week. More upcoming events can be found online in the [International Calendar](#).



### Just Ask! - Welcome Desk for International Students

From Wednesday, 01.04. until Friday 10.04. (except for the Easter Holidays and Tuesday, 07.04.) we offer an information desk in room 36 at Goethestrasse 58, 35390 Giessen from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
No registration required – just come along with your questions.

#### 01 APRIL WEDNESDAY

**11 a.m.** [Information Session For International Degree-Seeking Students](#)

**Online**

Information on important contacts, semester dates, late arrival, first steps after arrival, (re-)enrolment, student ID and German language courses.

**1 p.m.** [German Language Courses](#)

**Online**

Overview of offers and detailed information on German evening courses.

**2 p.m.** [Navigating German \(University\) Culture](#)

**Online**

Understand German university culture, classroom expectations, and living and studying in Giessen from experienced international students.

2 p.m. **Open Office Hour for International Degree-Seeking Students** (2 p.m. – 4 p.m.)  
Address: Room 38, Goethestrasse 58, 35390 Giessen | No registration required.

7:30 p.m. **JustInternational: Welcome and Speed-Friending**  
*Online* Alternative online event to the Welcome Reception – get to know fellow students and play online games together.

## 02 APRIL THURSDAY

12 p.m. **An Overview of the Electronic Systems**  
*Online* Information on your JLU account, Student ID, Stud.IP, ILIAS etc.

2:30 p.m. **Group appointment for registration at the city office**  
**Meeting point:** in front of Erwin Stein Building, Goethestrasse 58, 35390 Giessen | No registration required.  
**Bring along:** passport and confirmation of tenancy

4:30 p.m. **City Rallye**  
Discover Giessen by solving puzzles with fellow students.  
**Meeting point:** in front of JLU main building, Ludwigstrasse 23, 35390 Giessen | No registration required.

## 03 April – 06 April EASTER HOLIDAYS

No events – the university will be closed.

## 07 APRIL TUESDAY

12 p.m. **Faces & Places: Get to Know the Support Services**  
Meet the International Office team, learn about the services and support available to you, and get answers to your questions about studying and living in Giessen.  
**Address:** Auditorium in JLU's main building, Ludwigstrasse 23, 35390 Giessen

5 p.m. [Welcome Reception for International Students](#)  
Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Information on studying and living in Giessen with drinks, snacks and the opportunity to meet fellow students.  
**Address:** Lokal International, Eichendorffring 111, 35394 Giessen (final bus stop of bus no. 2)

## 08 APRIL WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. [Residence Permit for Your Study Period](#)  
*Online* Legal information on your residence permit.

2 p.m. [Open Office Hour for Degree-Seeking Students](#) (2 p.m. – 4 p.m.)  
**Address:** Room 38, Goethestrasse 58, 35390 Giessen | No registration required.

1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. [Group appointment for registration at the city office](#)  
**Meeting point:** in front of Erwin Stein Building, Goethestrasse 58, 35390 Giessen | No registration required.  
**Timing:** 1:30 p.m. for EU students, 2:30 p.m. for non-EU students. | **Bring along:** passport and confirmation of tenancy.

7:30 p.m. [JustInternational: Germany Made Easy – A Guide for International Students](#)  
*Online* Tips on navigating daily German life and cultural insights.

## 09 APRIL THURSDAY

4 p.m. [Campus Tour](#)  
Get to know your campus area, including student support services, libraries and cafeterias.  
**Meeting point:** in front of JLU main building, Ludwigstrasse 23, 35390 Giessen | No registration required.

## 10 APRIL FRIDAY

12 p.m. [Studying in Germany: The Academic System](#)  
*Online* Information on types of classes, grading systems and the curriculum.

2 p.m. [Academic Survival Workshop](#)  
*Online* Key tips for term papers, submissions, and effective presentations.

## SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The International Office is your first contact point for questions on e.g. visa and residence permit extension, health insurance, finding accommodation and financial support. Each semester, we organise an orientation week (OWIS) and other (informative) events. Visit us during our open office hours or make an individual appointment for consultation.

Follow the link or scan the QR code for further information on our support services:

[www.uni-giessen.de/international-pages](http://www.uni-giessen.de/international-pages)



### CONTACT INFORMATION

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