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A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO THE VIP GALAXY

VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME AT
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VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME (VIP) OF JLU GIESSEN



1. ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

At JLU, our foremost objective is to provide an outstanding virtual learning experience. As a VIP student, you will not only benefit from exceptional online education but also:

- Gain Insight into JLU and the German Education System from Anywhere: Dive into the world of JLU and grasp the specifics of the German education system, all from the comfort of your home.
- Customize Your Learning Experience: Enjoy the freedom to select courses that align with your personal interests from our diverse course catalogue, ensuring your academic journey is tailored to your goals.
- Connect with German Students and Professors: Forge valuable connections with both fellow German students and experienced professors, fostering cross-cultural dialogues and enriching your educational experience.
- Online Support: Access robust online support structures specifically designed to cater to the needs of international students at JLU, ensuring a smooth and successful educational journey.

At JLU we are committed to offering you an all-round virtual experience!



2. INSIGHTS AND ADVANTAGES

- VIP serves as the ultimate gateway to explore JLU's academic environment from the comfort of home
- Tailored online programme to cater to the unique requirements of international students
- Dynamic and flexible online curriculum, featuring:
 - Diverse Online Courses – covering a wide spectrum of subjects from eight faculties of JLU
 - Multilingual Options – courses available in English, German, Spanish and various other languages, catering to both undergraduate and graduate students
 - Online German Language Courses – for Beginners and Advanced Learners from A0 up to B2+ Level (German Language Courses can only be selected in combination with at least one subject course)
- International Collaborative Teaching: breaking barriers, elevating academic experiences
- Academic Recognition: VIP alumni receive a Transcript of Records, including Credit Points/ECTS
- The programme is completely free of charge for students from our partner universities



3. COURSE PROGRAMME

VIP provides a varied catalogue featuring both traditional, ongoing courses and an innovative, semester-changing curriculum. Students and doctoral candidates can select up to five courses.

- **REGULAR COURSES** – Always on offer (ongoing): our regular courses are either available in the summer or winter semesters. High-quality teaching on fundamental topics.
- **COURSE CATALOGUE** – Current Topics & New Perspectives: we offer a semester-changing course programme to give our lecturers and students the opportunity to focus on current academic, political, and economic topics and trends.
- **INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINARS** – Led by faculty members from diverse disciplines, fostering cultural and academic exchange. Through academic dialogue and interactive learning, students acquire intercultural and digital competencies, along with teamwork skills, enhancing their virtual study experience.



- **INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL COLLABORATIVE TEACHING** – Seminars offered in collaboration with universities worldwide. Developed and co-taught by JLU lecturers and instructors from partner universities, these seminars see professors and lecturers aligning their research interests, pooling resources, and jointly designing the course curriculum.

4. COURSE CATALOGUE – Winter Semester 2025-26

		Period	Study Cycle		Course Type	Lecturer	Interdisciplinary	Language of Instruction
		Winter Term (October - February)	Bachelor	Master				
Faculty of Law								
Development Studies in Times of Political Disruption		x	x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Stefan Peters	x	English
Educación en tiempos inciertos: diálogos entre la educación histórico-política y para el desarrollo sostenible de cara a las desigualdades sociales		x		x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Stefan Peters, Dr. des. Andrea Cagua Martínez, MA Lorena Díez	x	Spanish
Individual and socio-economic rights: A comparative perspective		x	x	x	seminar	Dr. Magdalena Jaś-Nowopolska		English
Migración, Mujeres y Desigualdades Sociales		x	x	x	seminar	Dra. Laura Rivera Revelo	x	Spanish
Política Exterior Feminista en Europa y América Latina		x	x	x	seminar	Luisa Salazar, Indira Murillo, Andrea Neira, Prof. Dr. Stefan Peters	x	Spanish
Faculty of Economics and Business Studies								
Accounting		x	x		lecture/tutorial	Prof. Dr. Ewelt-Knauer, Prof. Dr. Arnt Wöhrmann		German
Competition Policy and Strategy		x	x		lecture/tutorial	Daniel Lüke		English
Einführung in die Mikroökonomie		x	x		lecture/tutorial	Prof. Dr. Georg Götz		German
Empirical economic research and econometrics		x	x	x	lecture/tutorial	Prof. Dr. Peter Winker		English
Industrial Organization		x		x	lecture/tutorial	Prof. Dr. Georg Götz		English
International Economics		x	x	x	lecture/tutorial	Prof. Dr. Jürgen Meckl, Kathrin Stock		English

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Faculty of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies

Artificial intelligence and the democratic public sphere		x		x	seminar	Prof. Regina Kreide		English
Building Bridges on Rising Waters: Climate Change and International Disaster Management		x		x	lecture	Prof. Dr. Helmut Breitmeier, Prof. Dr. Sandra Schwindenhammer, Katrin Stroehn	x	English
Environmental Justice		x		x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Sandra Schwindenhammer	x	English
Global Governance, Peace and the Crisis of Liberal World Order		x	x	x	lecture	Prof. Dr. Helmut Breitmeier	x	English
Introduction to academic writing		x	x	x	seminar	Erum Afzal		English
Multi-professional Collaboration and Digital Innovation		x	x	x	seminar	Erum Afzal	x	English
Open Data Fundamentals		x		x	lecture/tutorial	Ievgen Bilyk	x	English
Peace, Migration and Democratic Development in Europe		x	x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Sascha Krannich, Prof. Dr. Asil Ilgit, Prof. Dr. Romina Venturi, Prof. Dr. Cecilia Estrada Villasenor		English
Virtual Intercultural Exchange Worldwide: Advancing Intercultural Learning, Inclusion, Peace and Justice		x	x	x	seminar	Dr. Annika Brück-Hübner		English
Europäisierung im Vergleich		x	x		lecture	Lea Konrad		German

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Faculty of History and Cultural Studies								
Jüdische Erinnerung an jüdisches Leben und Holocaust: Die Yitzkor-Bücher in Polen und Ostmitteleuropa – eine bisher vernachlässigte Perspektive (Schwerpunkt Lodz)		x	x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Bömelburg, Prof. Dr. Krystyna Radziszewska		German
Re-reading Samizdat: New Approaches to the Study of Cultural and Political Opposition in the Soviet Union		x		x	seminar	Dr. Tatsiana Astrouskaya	x	English
Faculty of Language, Literature, Culture								
Dimensiones glotopolíticas de las lenguas y las literaturas	 	x		x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Falk Seiler	x	Castilian
Gesture Across Cultures		x	x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Anna Ladilova	x	English
Grammatik, Text, Wandel		x	x		block seminar	Prof. Dr. Mathilde Hennig		German
History of English Language (Group A)		x	x	x	lecture	Dr. Barbara Ann Gölndenring	x	English
Introduction to English Linguistics (Group A)		x	x	x	seminar	Dr. Barbara Ann Gölndenring	x	English
Introduction to English Linguistics (Group D)		x	x		seminar	Dr. Tobias Bernaisch	x	English

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Faculty of Language, Literature, Culture

Introduction to Gender and Sexuality, Critical Race Theory and Anti-Racism, Decolonial Thought, and Disability Studies and Activism		x	x	x	lecture	Prof. Dr. Greta Olson	x	English
Kurzformen des Erzählens - Die Novelle		x	x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Kirsten von Hagen		German
Nominalstil		x	x		block seminar	Prof. Dr. Mathilde Henning		German
Praxisorientierte Einführung in die französische Literaturwissenschaft – ein Projektkurs mit der Autorin Nirina Ralantaoritsimba		x	x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Kirsten von Hagen		German
Romantik		x	x	x	block seminar	Dr. Kirsten Prinz	x	German
Sprachlernberatung macht Schule		x	x		block seminar	Prof. Dr. Hélène Martinez		German

Faculty of Biology and Chemistry

General Chemistry		x	x		lecture	Prof. Dr. Richard Göttlich, Prof. Dr. Siegfried Schindler		English
Introduction to Sustainability		x	x	x	lecture	Lecturers from Ljubljana, Padua, Zagreb and Giessen	x	English
Organic Materials		x	x	x	lecture	Prof. Dr. Bernd Smarsly, Prof. Dr. Arthur Mardyukov		English

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Faculty of Biology and Chemistry								
Scientific Writing and Data Dissemination		x	x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Peter R. Schreiner		English
Sustainable Materials Chemistry: Energy Materials		x	x	x	lecture	Lecturers from Ljubljana, Padua, Zagreb and Giessen	x	English
Sustainable Organic Chemistry		x	x	x	lecture	Lecturers from Ljubljana, Padua, Zagreb and Giessen	x	English
Sustainable Water Treatment		x	x	x	lecture	Lecturers from Ljubljana, Padua, Zagreb and Giessen	x	English
Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences and Environmental Management								
Applied Statistics		x		x	lecture/ tutorial	Prof. Dr. Matthias Frisch		English
Theory and Practice of Economic Development		x		x	lecture	Prof. Dr. Martin Petrick	x	English
Transdisciplinary research for sustainability		x		x	seminar	Vera Lange		English
Faculty of Medicine								
Basic Books - Global Health		x	x	x	seminar	Dr. Sascha Krannich		English

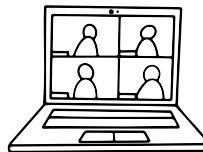
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Language Courses							
German Language Course: Schnupperkurs A0 - Taster course A0	x	x	x	language course	/		German
German Language Course: Vertiefungskurs A1.1+	x	x	x	language course	/		German
German Language Course: Vertiefungskurs A1.2+	x	x	x	language course	/		German
German Language Course: Vertiefungskurs B1+	x	x	x	language course	/		German
German Language Course: Vertiefungskurs B2+	x	x	x	language course	/		German
Italiano B2.1	x	x	x	language course	Grazia Caiati		Italian
Pomeriggio italiano: comprensione e produzione orale ai livelli B1/B2	x	x	x	language course	Grazia Caiati		Italian
Language learning in (online) tandem	x	x	x	language course	Dr. Johanna Lea Korell		open



5. APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES

The application process is conducted online, and the application form is accessible from now until the 10th of August, 2025. Detailed course descriptions, along with additional information regarding the application process and requirements, can be found on the [Digital Campus](#).



Question Time for Applicants

Thursday, 10th of July 2025 at 2 p.m (CEST)

<https://uni-giessen.zoom-x.de/j/66442114951>



6. ONLINE ORIENTATION WEEK FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (OWIS)

The online OWIS occurs every semester in the week prior to the start of lectures and provides various sessions to assist in preparing for the semester. These include an introduction to the electronic system landscape at JLU, tips on how to use it, access to the library system as well as interactive Question & Answer sessions. Additionally, the OWIS is an excellent opportunity to socialize. For instance, attending the online Welcome Session at the beginning of the week allows you to meet the VIP team at JLU, and the Ultimate Get-together provides a chance to network with your peers. Be sure to mark your calendar for OWIS!



Summer Semester: 14th to 17th April 2025
Winter Semester: 6th to 10th October 2025



7. ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME

The International Office organises the Ultimate Get-together, weekly student-to-student online meetings, and a twice-monthly Question Monday. The programme is published monthly and invites you to get to know each other and network. You'll have the opportunity to meet JLU students and other international students in an informal setting at the Online Language Café or at the Quiz Night. Our Student Assistants are always keen to hear from enthusiastic students, so you are very welcome to contribute your own ideas to the programme planning during the semester!



- Throughout the application process and the semester, we provide online consultations. In Stud.IP (Teaching and Learning Platform), we establish a Group that provides the option to chat using Blubber, enabling virtual exchange students to connect with each other regardless of their chosen courses.



- Weekly Newsletter featuring information about studying at JLU, important online events and quirky anecdotes about cultural peculiarities of Hessians and Germans.

So gear up, future Virtual Exchange Students! Let's shoot for the stars, break through boundaries, and make history together.

🚀☀️ See you in the Virtual Exchange Galaxy!

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