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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 – the course offers varies each semester
- 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 2026-27

		Period	Study Cycle		Course Type	Lecturer	Interdisciplinary	Language of Instruction
		Winter Term (October - February)	Bachelor	Master				
Faculty of Law								
Construyendo Reconciliación		x	x	x	seminar	Daniel Buritica Prof. Dr. Juan Esteban Ugarriza Prof. Dr. Laly Catalina Peralta Prof. Dr. Stefan Peters		Spanish
Development Studies in Times of Political Disruption		x	x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Stefan Peters		English
Desigualdades y estructura social latinoamericana		x				Gabriel Kessler/ Prof. Dr. Stefan Peters		Spanish
Diplomacia científica, desarrollo sostenible y crisis del multilateralismo		x	x	x	seminar	Dr. Carlos M. Nupia Prof. Dr. Stefan Peters		Spanish
Fundamental and Socio-Economic Rights in Europe		x	x	x		Dr. Magdalena Jaś-Nowopolska		English
Introduction to European Energy Law		x	x	x	lecture	Dr. Magdalena Jaś-Nowopolska		English
Metodología de investigación interseccional		x		x	block seminar	Dr Juliana González Villamizar		Spanish
Migración, Mujeres y Desigualdades Sociales		x	x	x	seminar	Dr. Laura Rivera Revelo		Spanish
Política y Sociedad en el Oriente Medio		x	x	x	seminar	Rita Bitar Deeb / Prof. Dr. Stefan Peters		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	Lukas Schöffel		English
Einführung in die Mikroökonomie		x	x		lecture/tutorial	Prof. Dr. Georg Götz		German



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Faculty of Economics and Business Studies

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

Faculty of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies

Being Human – Remaining Human: International Perspectives on 'Bildung', Peace, Justice, and Inclusion		x	x	x	lecture/block seminar	Annika Brück-Hübner		English
Between Türkiye and Germany – Migration, Diaspora, and Transnational Belonging		x	x	x	block/seminar	Prof. Dr. Sascha Krannich, Zekiye Gürün-Ücem, Prof. Dr. Asli Ilgit		English
Building bridges on Rising Waters: Climate Change and International Disaster Management		x	x	x	lecture	Prof. Dr. Helmut Breitmeier		English
Can Housing be Unjust? Theories and Practises of Injustice, Property, and Housing		x		x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Regina Kreide		English
Civil Society: Critical Perspectives from Non-Democratic Contexts		x	x	x	seminar	Marina Iaroslavtseva		English
Communication, AI and Cooperation in Educational Processes/Kommunikation, KI und Kooperation in Bildungsprozessen		x	x	x	seminar	Erum Afzal		English
Critical Perspectives on Entrepreneurship		x	x	x	seminar	Farhad Feizi		English
Grenzpolitik im europäischen Vergleich		x	x		block seminar	Maraike Vandergrift		German
Metaphors & representation of violence: Critical analyses of contemporary visual media and literature		x	x	x	seminar	Miguel Ángel Castro Caballero		English




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Faculty of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies							
Open Data Fundamentals	x		x	lecture/tutorial	Ievgen Bilyk		English
Queer Diaspora and the Politics of Belonging: Performance, Resistance, and Digital Citizenship	x		x	block seminar	Ekin Durmaz		English
Sociology of the Future	x	x		block seminar	Prof. Dr. Jörn Ahrens		English
Faculty of History and Cultural Studies							
The History of Islam in Southeast Europe and Beyond	x	x	x	seminar/exercise	Ninja Bumann		English
Faculty of Language, Literature, Culture							
Dalle macerie alla pagina: Immaginari letterari dell'Italia nel dopoguerra (From rubbles to the page: Literary depictions of post-war Italy)	x	x	x	seminar	Isabella David		English
Ein Rahmen für alle? Der GeR in unterschiedlichen Lernkontexten	x		x	block seminar	Prof. Dr. Jana Gamper-Düsterhöft		German
'Italian for beginners with no prior knowledge (A1.1)		x	x	seminar	Isabella David		Italian
Italiano Preintermedio		x	x	seminar	Isabella David		Italian
Kreatives Schreiben - zusammen mit der Autorin Nirina Ralantoaritsimba	x	x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Kirsten von Hagen		German

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Faculty of Language, Literature, Culture							
Memories of War and Peace in Lebanese Anglophone Literature	x	x	x	seminar	Mortada Haidar		English
Nominalstil	x	x		seminar	Prof. Dr. Mathilde Henning		German
Prix Goncourt - Lektüre und Kritik aktueller französischsprachiger Literaturen	x	x	x	lecture	Prof. Dr. Kirsten von Hagen		German/ French
Skvoroda and the Migration of Cultural Concepts 	x	x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Thomas Daiber, Prof. Dr. Rostyslav Semkiv		English
Ukraine digital: Kinder- und Jugendliteratur im postmigrantischen Kontext lesen (Lektüreseminar) 	x	x		seminar	Prof.in Dr. Juliane Dube		German
Sprachlerncoaching und selbstreguliertes Lernen im Französisch- und Spanischunterricht: Konzepte, Forschung und Praxis	x	x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Hélène Martinez		German
Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, Physics, Geography							
Education for Sustainable Development and Transformative Learning in primary schools	x	x	x	seminar	Anna Chiara Reupke		English
Faculty of Biology and Chemistry							
Colloid Chemistry 	x	x	x	lecture	Prof. Dr. Richard Göttlich, Prof. Dr. Siegfried Schindler		English
General Chemistry 	x	x		lecture	Prof. Dr. Richard Göttlich, Prof. Dr. Siegfried Schindler		English
Introduction to Sustainability and Sustainable Chemistry	x	x	x	lecture	Lecturers from Ljubljana, Padua, Zagreb and Giessen		English

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Faculty of Biology and Chemistry								
Organic Materials		x	x	x	lecture	Prof. Dr. Richard Göttlich, Prof. Dr. Siegfried Schindler, Prof. Dr. Artur Mardyukov		English
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		English
Sustainable Organic Chemistry		x	x	x	lecture	Lecturers from Ljubljana, Padua, Zagreb and Giessen		English
Water Treatment		x	x	x	lecture	Lecturers from Ljubljana, Padua, Zagreb and Giessen		English
Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences and Environmental Management								
Applied Statistics		x		x	lecture/ tutorial	Dr. Carola Zenke-Philippi		English
Theory and Practice of Economic Development		x		x	lecture	Prof. Dr. Martin Petrick		English
Transdisciplinary research for sustainability		x		x	seminar	Vera Lange		English
Faculty of Medicine								
Basic Books - Global Health		x	x	x	seminar	TBA		English

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Language Courses							
Italiano B2.1	x	x	x	language course	Grazia Caiati		Italian
Italiano B2.2 Listening & Speaking Skills	x	x	x	language course	Grazia Caiati		Italian
Language learning in (online) tandem	x	x	x	language course	Dr. Johanna Lea Korell		English/ target language



5. APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES

The application process is conducted online, and the application form is accessible from now until the 31st of Juli, 2026. Detailed course descriptions, along with additional information regarding the application process and requirements, can be found on the [Digital Campus](#).



Question Time for Applicants July 2026


Please find further information on our websites

Save the Date box! <https://www.jlu-digitalcampus.de/>



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: 1st to 10th April 2026
Winter Semester: 5th to 9th October 2026



7. ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME

The International Office organises the Ultimate Get-together, 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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