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WHY JGU?

HERE ARE 11 EXCELLENT REASONS

1. Unique Profile

Find the perfect fit for you by having your pick between 75 subjects and 275 degree programs, among them Medicine, Interpreting, Art, and many more.

2. The Campus

Find everything you need on one campus - and much more! JGU is one of the few campus universities in Germany.

3. Start your Career

Find a job quickly after graduation! You will have great career opportunities in the heart of the economically strong Rhine-Main region once you have your degree.

4. International Flair

Enjoy the international atmosphere! More than 3,000 international students from over 120 countries study at JGU.

5. Diverse Sport and Recreational Offers

An evening in the university cinema, a concert at the School of Music, the campus media, one of the numerous sports programs or involvement in a student body – you'll never be bored at JGU.

6. Tradition and History

Study at one of the oldest German universities, founded in 1477 and steeped in tradition.

7. International Network

Study in several countries and go abroad a semester! JGU cooperates with more than 500 partner universities worldwide.

8. Dedicated Instructors

Meet excellent and innovative researchers, who can provide insight into the everyday course of research, as well as into the latest research findings.

9. Diversity

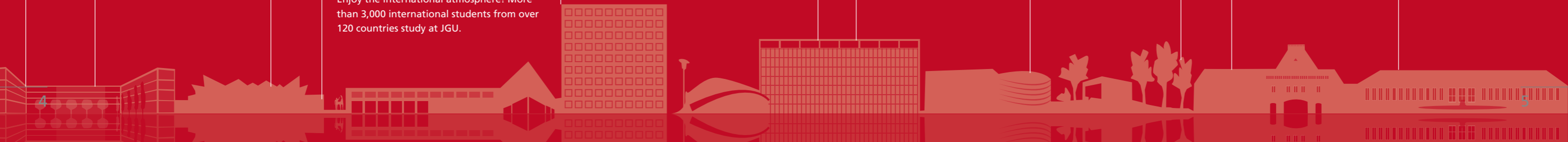
JGU values diversity and the right to an equal opportunity. The numerous activities around this topic are intended to create an environment where diversity can unfold.

10. Service and Advising Offers

Need some good advice? JGU has plenty of service and advising offers for every situation you might find yourself in.

11. Internationally Renowned Research

Become acquainted with cutting-edge research! JGU has succeeded in creating a prominent research profile with the wide range of specialist subjects it offers.



MAINZ – IN THE CENTER OF EUROPE



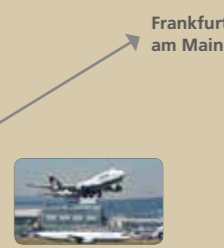
Rhineland-Palatinate:

The German state of Rhineland-Palatinate lies in the middle of Europe. Westwards, it borders France, Belgium, and Luxembourg, and towards the East, the Rhine-Main Region. With its excellent infrastructure and the famous rivers Rhine and Moselle, Rhineland-Palatinate has developed into one of the most dynamic regions in Germany.

Rhenish Hesse:

Mainz is surrounded by Rhenish Hesse, Germany's largest wine region.

The Middle Rhine Valley, beginning a few kilometers away in Bingen, is one of the most touristic regions in Germany, as well as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The beautiful landscape, studded with numerous castles along the Rhine, makes a visit by boat to the Loreley a must.



Rhine-Main:

Mainz is located in the middle of the Rhine-Main region, near the cities of Frankfurt, Wiesbaden, and Darmstadt. Many internationally significant and globally active companies are close by for your start in your career. Frankfurt airport is 20 minutes away and your gateway to the world.



MAINZ – THE CITY WITH A HEART

...THE „SMALL BIG CITY“ Mainz is located in the middle of the Rhine-Main metropolitan region and has over 215,000 inhabitants. The city has all the advantages of a metropolis, but feels like a relaxed and safe small town.

...THE CITY OF STUDENTS More than 30,000 students help shape our city. Cafés, bars, live music, and many student hotspots are a vital component of the cityscape.

...A CITY TO ENJOY LIFE IN. Open, friendly, cheerful – that’s the best way to describe the Mainz mentality. You’ll feel at home right away among the citizens of Mainz.

...THE CITY OF FESTIVALS AND MARKETS. Mainz always has a reason to celebrate, whether it’s the market breakfast, the Johannisnacht, the wine festivals or one of the many open-air concerts and festivals in the summer.

...THE CITY ON THE RIVER. The Rhine is like a small ocean for the inhabitants of Mainz and is perfect for grilling on its banks or enjoying the small, hidden city beach. At the same time, the river is a synonym for our city, which is always in flux.

...THE CITY OF WINE. Wine cultivation is a nearly 2000-year-old tradition in Mainz and the surrounding Rhenish Hesse, ever since the time of the Romans. Mainz and Rhenish Hesse are members of the network of „Great Wine Capitals“.

...THE CITY WITH HISTORY. Roman Mainz, Jewish Mainz, the Republic of Mainz, Mainz during the Napoleonic era – this city has boatloads of interesting history and a lot to tell.

...THE CARNIVAL CITY Carnival is called “Fastnacht” (or “Fassenacht”) in Mainz! And when it’s Fastnacht, schools and even the university are closed. You can find the entire city dancing in the street during the Rose Monday procession.

...THE CITY OF GUTENBERG AND THE MEDIA. Johannes Gutenberg invented the printing press with movable type here around 1450 – today, our city is the seat of the Second German Television (ZDF) and one of the locations for several other German radio and television stations.

...THE CITY OF SOCCER. The 1. FSV Mainz 05 is in the first Bundesliga. A visit to the arena is a must – and not only when Bayern Munich is a guest.



75 Subjects
120 Nations
32.000 Students

ONE CAMPUS



ABOUT JGU

FACULTIES AND INSTITUTES



With about 32,000 students from more than 120 countries, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU) is one of the largest universities in Germany. As the only comprehensive university in Rhineland-Palatinate, JGU combines almost all academic disciplines – including medicine and two art institutes – under one roof, a combination unique among German universities.

The university's namesake is the world-renowned inventor of the printing press with movable type and the most famous son of the city of Mainz: Johannes Gutenberg.

Founded in 1477 during Johannes Gutenberg's time and reopened by the French forces in 1946 after a 150-year break, the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz owes much to the man whose name it bears and his achievements. Keeping his world-wide impact in mind, the university strives to promote and implement innovative ideas and help improve peoples' living conditions, as well as their access to education and the sciences, and encourage them to overcome the many limitations they face in everyday life.

CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT THEOLOGY

SOCIAL SCIENCES, MEDIA, AND SPORTS

- Education
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Communication & Journalism
- Sociology
- Sports Science

LAW, MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMICS

- Law
- Management and Economics

UNIVERSITY MEDICINE

AND MEDICAL CENTER

- Human Medicine
- Dentistry

PHILOSOPHY AND PHILOLOGY

- English and Linguistics
- German Studies
- Romance Studies
- Slavic, Turkic, and Circum-Baltic Studies
- World Literature and Written Media
- Film, Drama, and Empirical Cultural Studies
- Philosophy

TRANSLATION STUDIES, LINGUISTICS, AND CULTURAL STUDIES

(Germersheim Campus)

HISTORY AND CULTURAL STUDIES

- Antique Studies (Ancient and Early History, Classical Philology, Classical Archeology, Egyptology and Ancient Oriental Studies)
- Anthropology and African Studies
- History
- Art History and Musicology

PHYSICS, MATHEMATICS, AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Physics
- Nuclear Physics
- Atmospheric Physics
- Mathematics
- Computer Science

CHEMISTRY, PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES, AND GEOSCIENCES

- Geography
- Inorganic Chemistry and Analytical Chemistry
- Geosciences
- Nuclear Chemistry
- Organic Chemistry
- Pharmacy and Biochemistry – Therapeutic Life Sciences
- Physical Chemistry

BIOLOGY

- Organismic and Molecular Evolutionary Biology
- Developmental Biology and Neurobiology
- Molecular Physiology

MAINZ SCHOOL OF MUSIC

MAINZ ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS


INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY COLLEGE AND LANGUAGE CENTER



STUDENT LIFE

LIVING IN MAINZ

We want you to feel at home in Mainz! In order for Mainz to become your "second home", the Studierendenwerk Mainz (Stw Mainz) has lots to offer regarding the topic of living in Mainz. The Stw Mainz rents out many different kinds of rooms in several dormitories on campus and in the city. Every room is furnished, whether single-room or "WG-Room" (flat-share). If you take advantage of the Basic Pack offered by the Stw Mainz, you won't even have to worry about bringing pots, pans, plates, and bedding! You can order the Basic Pack here:


 www.studierendenwerk-mainz.de/ab/internationales/living-international/basic-room-equipment



Our guarantee: Every international student is guaranteed a dormitory room if they apply on time (by July 15th for the winter semester and by January 15th for the summer semester) – whether you're applying for a semester or for an entire course of study!

Living in the dormitories is often the most affordable option. Additionally, you'll immediately meet lots of other students and can use the internet for free, among other benefits. Apart from the Stw Mainz dormitories, other flat-shares and dormitories from private or religious landlords can be found throughout Mainz. You'd rather look for a room privately? Then you should know that most rooms in Germany are rented out unfurnished and are often more expensive than the dormitory rooms offered by Stw Mainz. The best way to find a room rented out by private persons is to search the internet using different search machines.

Apply online using the rental portal:

 www.studierendenwerk-mainz.de/ab/wohnen/apply/tenant-app/



THE CAMPUS

A PLACE TO LIVE!

Studying at university is so much more than sitting in lectures, researching in libraries, standing in laboratories or taking exams. Studying at university also means taking advantage of the campus as a place to live. On the JGU campus, that's possible in many different ways. Student dormitories and child-care facilities, shopping facilities, restaurants and cafés – the campus has all that to offer, and more. There are parties, concerts, a cinema and sports facilities. And those looking for some peace and quiet can find it in the botanical garden.



LEISURE AND CULTURE ACTIVITIES

- Choir
- Art Courses
- Concerts
- KlubKino
- Fleamarkets
- Parties
- Sports (Sailing, Skiing, Soccer, Yoga, and much more...)



STUDENT LIFE

FINDING FRIENDS




Arriving in a new country and a new city isn't always easy. Even if the people of Mainz are, as a rule, open and open-minded, you might be asking yourself if there are other networks you can use to get connected and meet new friends. Here's a quick overview:



Buddy Program

The Buddy Program helps you get in contact with German students in Mainz. It will provide you with a Mainz Buddy, with whom you can get to know city, campus, and student life. That way you can meet new people quickly and might even find some friends for life. Every month, all of the buddies (international and German) have a get-together.

Sign up for the Buddy Program here:

 [www.studierendenwerk-mainz.de/
internationales/making-friends/buddy/?L=3](http://www.studierendenwerk-mainz.de/internationales/making-friends/buddy/?L=3)

Fremde werden Freunde (Strangers Become Friends)

Away from campus and into real life: Sign up for "Fremde werden Freunde" and get to know non-students from Mainz and the surrounding area. Get to know German culture during your free time in hands-on ways such as cooking, hiking or having coffee, and experience the region while on hikes or day trips.

Sign up for "Fremde werden Freunde":


 www.studierendenwerk-mainz.de/fwf

STUDENT LIFE

MY MAINZ – YOUR MAINZ

Campus Mainz

Would you like to know where you can find fellow students who share your interests on campus? Would you like to improve your creativity? Would you like to know what is going on on campus and in town? Then take a look at the pages of Campus Mainz. Here you can attend cultural courses, be kept up to date on everything, network or even get actively involved yourself.

 www.campus-mainz.net

ICON

An international conference of students from all over the world for students from all over the world – this is ICON (International Students' Conference Mainz)! Become part of the team, get involved in event management for the conference or submit a paper. The ICON team is looking forward to your input!

 www.icon.uni-mainz.de



In addition, there are many other student initiatives specifically meant for international students which you'll learn about after you arrive in Mainz. And you'll meet all the other students in lecture halls, in the city, or at student parties, after all ;)

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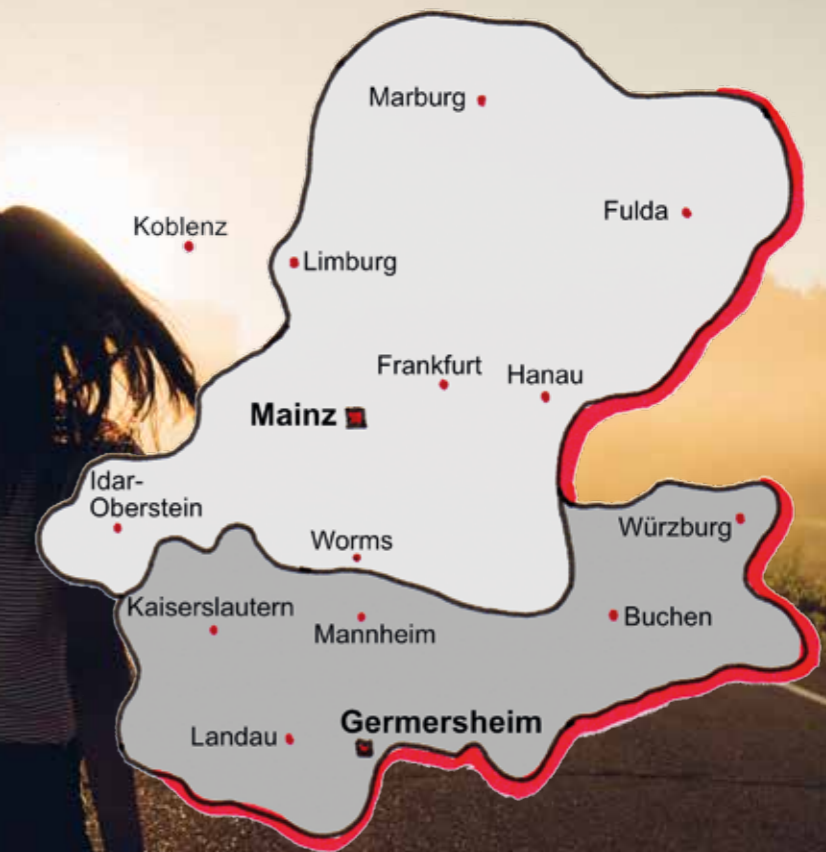
ON THE GO IN MAINZ – FOR FREE

Mainz is a small metropolis in which you can travel from point A to point B quickly and easily – and without a car, because you can use public transportation to get everywhere.

As soon as you are enrolled at JGU, you will automatically receive your semester ticket. This ticket is always valid for six months, from April to September and from October to March. Using the new tram line “Mainzelbahn” (named after the ZDFs “Mainzelmännchen”) or the bus routes, you can get to the JGU campus from downtown Mainz or the main train station in a few minutes. The bus and tram lines lead directly across campus and can bring you almost to your lecture hall.



Get to know the region! The ticket isn't only valid in the city of Mainz, but in the entire Rhine-Main region: you can travel to Wiesbaden, Frankfurt, Koblenz, Darmstadt, Limburg, or Worms for free and thus get to know that part of Germany. You can use the ticket in all of the regional trains, city and regional buses, as well as the S-Bahn, U-Bahn and tram lines. You only need an extra ticket for long-distance trains (IC, ICE, EC...).



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– YOUR WAY!

Here are your options:

Bachelor / Master at JGU

Whether bachelor's or master's degree: at JGU you will definitely find the perfect course of study for you. Take a look at this overview of all of the faculties and find all of the degree courses here:

 <https://www.studying.uni-mainz.de/subjects>.

AMERICAN STUDIES • ANCIENT AND EARLY HISTORY • ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESTORATION • ARCHEOLOGY • ART HISTORY • BIOLOGY • BIOMEDICAL CHEMISTRY • BOOK STUDIES • BUSINESS EDUCATION • CATHOLIC THEOLOGY • CHEMISTRY • CHURCH MUSIC • CIVIL LAW • CLASSICAL ARCHEOLOGY • COMMUNICATION • COMPARATIVE LITERATURE / EUROPEAN LITERATURE • COMPUTER SCIENCE • CRIMINAL LAW • CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY • DENTISTRY • ECONOMICS • EDUCATION STUDIES • EDUCATIONAL SCIENCE • EGYPTOLOGY/ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN STUDIES • ELEMENTARY MUSIC EDUCATION • ENGLISH • ENGLISH LITERATURE AND CULTURE • ETHNOLOGY • FILM STUDIES • FINE ARTS • FRENCH • GEOGRAPHY • GEOSCIENCES • GERMAN • GERMAN AND FRENCH LAW • GERMAN STUDIES • GREEK • HISTORY • INDOLOGY • ITALIAN • JAZZ AND POPULAR MUSIC • JOURNALISM • LANGUAGE, CULTURE, TRANSLATION • LATIN • LAW • LINGUISTICS • MATHEMATICS • MEDICINE • METEOROLOGY • MOLECULAR BIOLOGY • MUSIC • MUSICOLOGY • OPERA AND CONCERT • ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS • PHARMACY • PHILOSOPHY/ETHICS • PHYSICS • PIANO • POLITICAL SCIENCE • PORTUGUESE • PROTESTANT THEOLOGY / RELIGIOUS STUDIES • PSYCHOLOGY • PUBLIC LAW • RELIGIOUS STUDIES • RUSSIAN • SLAVIC STUDIES - POLISH STUDIES • SLAVIC STUDIES - RUSSIAN STUDIES • SOCIAL STUDIES • SOCIOLOGY • SPANISH • SPORT & SPORTS SCIENCE • THEATER STUDIES • TURKISH STUDIES • VOICE (OPERA AND CONCERT)





INTERNATIONAL DEGREE COURSES

The JGU degree course offering's specialty are the international degree courses. Spend part of your time studying at JGU and the other part at international partner universities, such as in Dijon, Swansea, Barcelona, Opole, or even in Canada.

You would finish your studies with two degrees – the German and the international degree. Usually, the duration of your studies won't even be influenced.

You can find an overview of the international degree courses here:

 www.studying.uni-mainz.de/international-courses

 <https://www.studying.uni-mainz.de/international-master-courses>



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– EXCHANGE STUDENTS AT JGU

One (or more!) exchange semesters at JGU: Gutenberg International School Services (GIS Services) for exchange students

Over 500 exchange students study at JGU every year. If you would like to study at JGU for one or two exchange semesters, the Gutenberg International School Services (GIS Services) is your most important contact in every matter regarding organization and implementation of your stay in Mainz.

Here you can get all of the necessary information for a trouble-free semester from start to finish. Application and admission, looking for apartments, healthcare and visa, how to choose and sign up for courses – all of that information can be found with GIS. Additionally, you can inform yourself about special offers for international students, such as German classes, special course offerings, and cultural activities.

You're welcome to stop by during the office hours, or send an e-mail at gis@international.uni-mainz.de.

 www.international.uni-mainz.de/exchange

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– SUMMER SCHOOL




summer@uni-mainz

You don't feel like spending your summer at home? Spend your Summer@Uni-Mainz! The International Summer School program Summer@Uni-Mainz is a special offer to students who want to spend their term break to learn German in an international environment. During a 4-week-long short term program, the International Summer School "Summer@Uni-Mainz" will help you to improve your German language skills. Starting in August 2020, students of all disciplines can sign up to:

- An intensive German course for learners of all levels
- Specialist lectures
- Interdisciplinary workshops
- Intercultural trainings
- An extensive cultural program

Furthermore it is possible to enroll in thematic short courses offered by the university's different faculties during the whole year, ranging from the humanities to the natural sciences. Some of these courses are also complemented by a German language class. For further information check out the website or write an e-mail at summer@uni-mainz.de.

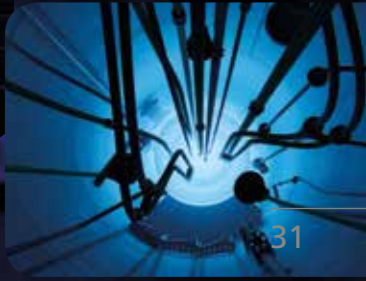
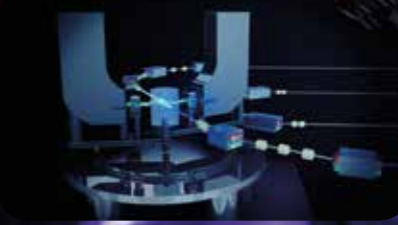
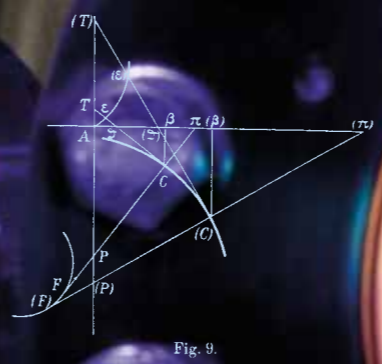
 www.summer.uni-mainz.de

#RESEARCHATJGU

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz is one of the most research-strong universities in Germany. With its more than 150 institutes and clinics, the Mainz School of Music, and the Mainz Academy of Fine Arts, the university is the scientific hub of Rhineland-Palatinate. Additionally, the university is well connected to regional, national, and international partners in science, culture, economy, and the society.

In well-known university rankings – the Leiden-Ranking, for example – JGU regularly occupies the top spots in different fields. In the Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), the Institute of Physics is one of the most productive regarding research, and in the Maths and Sciences, JGU regularly scores among the best German universities.

It's our goal to continue developing the potential we see here at JGU, to strengthen the transfer of knowledge and technology, and for all parties involved to profit from collaborating.



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GENERAL INFORMATION



HOW MUCH DOES STUDYING IN MAINZ COST?

It's a great advantage for you that you won't have to pay tuition fees at JGU.

How much studying and living in Mainz will cost ultimately depends on you. Per month, you should expect needing to spend anywhere from 800 to 1,100 euro in order to pay for your rent, food, clothing, healthcare, and other expenses.




ACADEMIC CALENDAR

At JGU, the academic year is divided into winter semester (from October 1st to March 31st) and summer semester (from April 1st to September 30th). The lecture period always stretches from mid-October to mid-February (winter semester) and mid-April to mid-July (summer semester). During the semester break in between, no courses take place, nor are there classes on national or regional holidays such as Christmas or Rose Monday (Fastnacht).



COURSES

The courses take place during the lecture period. The online course catalogue can be found on the internet platform JOGU-StlNe (you can access it without logging in – just choose “Course Catalogue”, then the desired semester, faculty, and subject).

 <https://jogustine.uni-mainz.de/>

There are different types of courses: lectures, courses, seminars, practice classes, laboratory internships.



SEMESTER FEE

At Johannes Gutenberg University, there are no tuition fees. However, every student must pay the semester fee, which includes the use of the facilities and leisure offers (such as sports), as well as the semester ticket for the use of buses and trains.

EXAMS, ECTS, AND GRADES



At JGU, you will receive grades and credit points according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). There are also classes in which you will receive ECTS points for participation, without taking an exam or submitting a certain assignment. Possible final assignments/ final exams are papers, oral exams, or tests. There is no general examination period at JGU. Every faculty determines when and how the examinations will take place, whether that's during the course, at the end of the lecture period, or during the lecture-free period.

In Germany, the best possible grade is a 1.0. In order to pass an exam, you must achieve at least a 4.0.

LET'S GET STARTED!


THE APPLICATION




Depending on which subject or which course of study you would like to apply for, there are different deadlines – between May and September for the winter semester, and November and March for the summer semester. Most courses of study can be started in either winter or summer semester and only a few can only be started in the winter semester.

The application process is made up of two parts:

1. Recognition of your international certificates/ diplomas

 www.studying.uni-mainz.de/certification-of-recognition-validation-of-foreign-certificates

2. Online application for a course of study


 www.studying.uni-mainz.de/online-application

You can easily apply online, and there are several tutorials available to guide you through the application process.



International Certificates/ Diplomas

If your international certificates or diplomas are not sufficient to allow for enrollment at a German university, you will need to take an additional exam beforehand: the assessment test ("Feststellungsprüfung" in German). In order to prepare yourself for this exam, we recommend taking part in the preparatory college ("Studienkolleg") at the ISSK.

 www.blogs.uni-mainz.de/issk-eng/

Language Level

Most courses of study at JGU (excepting very few, such as those taught purely in English) require advanced knowledge of the German language. In order to be accepted into a degree course, you must pass the DSH-2 or DSH-3 exams or an equivalent recognized German exam. You can take the preparatory German language courses or one of the DSH exams at the International Preparatory and Language Center (ISSK) right next to the university once you have applied.

 www.blogs.uni-mainz.de/issk-eng/



LET'S GET STARTED!

ORIENTATION STARTING INTO THE NEW SEMESTER

ORIENTATION DAYS

You're doing your bachelor's or master's degree at JGU? Then the orientation days will help you start off right.

After the orientation days, you will be familiar with the campus and lots of contact persons for international students. You will know how to use the module handbook and online portals – and you will probably have met your first friends already!


INFODAYS

Are you an exchange student or in the ERASMUS program? Then the Infodays are for you. The Infodays help exchange students become familiar with the university. You'll get to know the campus and have some help getting the documents together for your enrollment. Additionally, you'll receive support finding contacts in your faculty, for putting together your schedule, and – most importantly – for activating your personal account and internet access.



INTRODUCTORY EVENTS FOR FIRST-SEMESTERS

The introductory events for all of the new students take place one week before the official start of the lecture period. The different faculties and faculty advisors will give you information on your subject and will help you with the selection of your classes, for example. Additionally, the faculty representatives organize pub crawls and other leisure activities.

 [www.studying.uni-mainz.de/
introductory-events](http://www.studying.uni-mainz.de/introductory-events)



SERVICE AND ADVISING FOR STUDENTS

Offers

- Financial Support
- Legal Advice
- Health Promotion
- Studying With Children
- Gender Equality and the Promotion of Women
- Workshops and Coaching
- Buddy Programs
- Study and Career
- And many more...

Support is important. At the beginning of your studies, you'll have a lot of questions – and we can provide you with the answers (in most cases). At JGU, there are advising opportunities for any problem – such as studies, everyday life, or life after graduation – you might have beyond the first weeks of classes, too.

Whether financial support, your health, legal advice, or studying with a child – you have loads of contact persons who can help you with whatever you're dealing with. You can find an overview of different advising options here:



[www.diversitaet.uni-mainz.de/
unterstuetzungsangebote-neu](http://www.diversitaet.uni-mainz.de/unterstuetzungsangebote-neu)

(Link in German)



SERVICE AND ADVISING FOR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCHERS



Welcome Center for international researchers

Are you still studying or are you getting on with your research? You'd like to realize your passion for your field in the context of an international research stay in Mainz? Then get in contact with the JGU Welcome Center. They advise international researchers on all non-academic and practical matters regarding a research stay – here at JGU and during your planning.

If your research stay at JGU has already been determined, you can use the sign-up form on the website in order to allow for optimal advice. For doctoral students, an additional online platform (JoGuGATE) exists, which offers useful information on how to plan your stay here. The team is happy to help with questions or comments, whether during office hours or per e-mail.



[www.international-office.uni-mainz.de/
welcome-center-for-international-scholars](http://www.international-office.uni-mainz.de/welcome-center-for-international-scholars)





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