**Subject Area** Languages and Intercultural Communications

**Language** There are no general language requirements for exchange students. Some departments require proof of certain English or German language skills. We strongly recommend German language skills of at least B1 level to be able to follow classes and to communicate in everyday life.

**Academic Calendar**

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**Please note:** End dates might vary depending on exam timetable and free, non-compulsory German Intensive language courses start 3 weeks prior to the semester start.

**Module Catalogue** Have a look through the module catalogue for modules available to exchange students.

**Financial Support** As a UK Erasmus student, you are entitled to receive an Erasmus Grant for your time away at a participating Erasmus institution.
Giessen is famous for stock cubes, theatre people and the world’s first ever mathematics museum. The city is a green haven full of creative talent, known for its wild student parties, and the benefits of being close to the city of Frankfurt. The beautiful surrounding countryside with its medieval castles is ideal for taking time out.

Giessen is a friendly university town in the middle of Germany. Students here have at least one bike, and it won’t be long before you get to know fellow students. There are many places where you will run into other students in your free time.

The history of the town of Giessen is heavily influenced by science. This is where chemist Justus von Liebig invented a meat extract, a kind of seasoning used in soups. Justus von Liebig lent his name to the town’s university, one of the oldest, most venerable universities in Germany, and a museum in Giessen is dedicated to him, the Liebig-Museum. The town also boasts the world’s first ever mathematics museum, the mathematikum.

The shopping streets Seltersweg and “Elefantenklo” also influence the townscape. “Elefantenklo” is a footbridge over a crossroads that has three holes. The entire construction is disproportionately large in relation to the rest of the town. The “Drei Schwätzer” is another eye-catcher. Created in 1983, these bronze sculptures on Plockstrasse answer to the names of Mariechen, Waldemar and Justus. Like the three figures, the people of Giessen often stop to chat with each other at the weekly market.

**Population** 83,600
**Currency** Euro €
**Time difference** GMT+1

MORE INFO
study-in.de
giessen.de
giessen-entdecken.de
Giessen University is a modern institution, which can take pride in some four centuries of past achievements. With around 28,000 students, the university is prepared to meet any challenges that the future may bring.

JLU is one of Germany’s top research universities featuring an extraordinarily broad range of subjects. Both rich in tradition and highly innovative, JLU is host to a number of projects which are beacons of German research. What is more, its unique range of subjects and its high-profile international cooperation programmes in the areas of research, teaching and study ensure JLU’s competitiveness at both national and international level.

The university is dedicated to excellent research and teaching with a distinct profile in cultural studies and the life sciences. In keeping with Justus von Liebig’s principle of “research training through research”, JLU is highly committed to excellent interdisciplinary postgraduate education in all disciplines. The university’s especially diverse climate, so fertile for interdisciplinary research and discussion, is further enriched by almost 30 percent international doctoral students.

With an open-minded and lively international atmosphere, JLU is the perfect host university for international exchange students.
Erasmus code: D GIESSEN01
No of students: 28,000

Style of study: JLU combines a broad and interdisciplinary spectrum of research and teaching in the areas of law, economics and business studies, the natural sciences, and the humanities with a range of sub-disciplines that is unique for Germany.

Grade system: A 1 to 5 scale is used, where 4 is the minimum pass rate.

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Application Times

Please note that you have to apply to the exchange programme in your current year by 20 December. Applications for the host university must be submitted between April and May or September and October (depending on the Trimester), in the year following your initial application.

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Living Costs

Expect approx. € 680 per month plus a registration fee of around € 270,- for your student ID card which includes the “semesterticket” (free public transport within Hesse) and a contribution to the students’ union in order to profit from cheaper prices in the student restaurants, halls of residence, etc.

Rent 300€/month
Utilities 200€/month
Food 165€/month
Leisure Time 70€/month
Registration fee 270€/semester
Course Material 100€

More on Cost of Living in Giessen

Numbeo.com

Transport

The semester ticket is part of your Student ID Card (costs are included in the semester fee) and is valid for one semester. You can travel around in nearly the whole Federal State of Hessen (all parts served by RMV and NVV) as often as you like as long as you use regional trains, trams, buses, and the underground (your ticket is not valid on fast IC or ICE trains).

If you are an exchange student a room in one of JLU’s halls of residence will be reserved for you, so long as your online application and the application for a place in a hall of residence reach us by 15 January or 15 July for the following Summer and Winter Semester respectively.
CONTACT FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

If you’re interested in the programme or you have any queries, please contact the Edinburgh Napier University’s Global Mobility team first:

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