YOUR START IN GIESSEN





Accommodations before Arriving in Germany

 Apply for an apartment or a shared flat (a WG-room) at the Studentenwerk Gießen and search in parallel for accommodation from private landlords as the waiting times for a student room are long. Alternatively, look for private accommodation only.

Accommodations after Arriving in Germany

- Ask the landlord to sign the confirmation of tenancy [Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung]!
- •Send the registrar's office at JLU your German address via email to international.admission@admin.uni-giessen.de in order to receive your student ID card. Please note that the student ID card can only be mailed to a German address.

City Hall

- Book a registration appointment [Wohnungsanmeldung] at the city hall [Stadtbüro] via this link. Address: Berliner Platz 1, 35390 Giessen
- If you do not live in Giessen, please register in the city where you live.
- •You will need your passport/identity card and confirmation of tenancy, and when applicable, your residence permit [Aufenthaltstitel] and previous certificate of registration [Meldebestätigung] for the registration.
- You will receive your certificate of registration right away.
- After 7-10 working days, you will receive a letter with your personal 11-digit tax identification number [Steuer-ID aka. Persönliche Identifikationsnummer] --> keep it safe!

Bank

- If you do not already have a German bank account, do open one here at a German bank.
- •Usually, you will need the following documents for opening an account [Kontoeröffnung]: certificate of registration, Steuer-ID, passport/identity card, and residence permit (when applicable).
- •If you have a blocked account and would like to release the funds in it, you will need a confirmation from the Immigration Authorities [Ausländerbehörde].
- •Some banks require you to book an appointment for the account opening. Check in with them beforehand!
- Bring your student ID in order to receive some benefits for opening a bank account, e.g. free account.

Immigration Authorities

- Contact the Immigration Authorities (Ausländerbehörde) via email auslaenderbehoerde@giessen.de or telephone 0641 306-2280 for your registration.
- •The Immigration Authorities will send you more information on the required documents via post, or offer an appointment to you.
- If you do not live in Giessen, contact the Immigration Authorities in the city where you live.

!! Only for non-EU Students!!

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You made it!

- •Enjoy your time in Giessen ☺
- Should you have further inquiries, please contact us via: studium-international@uni-giessen.de

The End!

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