



IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF GIESSEN AND INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OF JLU

# RESIDENCE PERMIT FOR YOUR STUDY PERIOD

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### Law on Residence for the Purpose of Studying

#### 1. Visa Issue Requirements:

- Acceptance letter from an educational institution (eg. Acceptance for studies, German course or obligatory internship)
  - → Residence permit will be issued for 1-2 years

#### 2. Social Services und Work:

- X Social services (Housing and child benefit, BAföG [Federal Law on Support in Education] (only in special cases!))
- √ Special church / university / DAAD funds
- ✓ Part-time job: 120 days or 240 half days a year
- √ Student part-time jobs

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#### 3. Family Reunification:

- Proof of livelihood for partner and children
- Proof that the resident in Germany has enough space in their home for the whole family.
- Valid only for the duration of studies of the student.
- Gainful employment for the partner is not limited.
- Only for marriages that have been registered before entry to Germany.

(cf. § 27 Principle of Family Reunification)

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#### 4. Residence after Completion of Studies:

- can be extended up to 18 months for the purpose of searching for suitable employment opportunities
- right to take up and pursue gainful employment of any kind within this period

What is "suitable employment" ?

- Job should correspond to one's educational qualifications in terms of salary, content and position.
- Example: Student with Degree in Economics Finances finds a position in the finance department of a company. Receives a customary salary. She receives a permanent position after a year of traineeship.

#### 1. Appointment:

- <u>approximately</u> 2 months before the expiry of the residence permit, you would receive a letter with the required documents
- after the documents have been checked by the Immigration Authorities, you would receive an appointment

The Immigration Authorities are closed to public. How can I contact them?

Email: auslaenderbehoerde@giessen.de

Telephone: 0641 306 2280

Monday to Thursday: 8:00 am-12:00 pm and 2 pm-3 pm, Friday 8 am-12 pm



www.giessen.de/Rathaus /FAQ-Wichtige-Informationen-der-Ausl%C3%A4nderbeh%C 3%B6rde.php?object=tx, 2874.5&ModID=7&FID=2 874.3491.1&NavID=1894 .6&La=1

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#### FAQs - Wichtige Informationen der Ausländerbehörde

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Eine Vorsprache ist nur nach vorheriger Terminvereinbarung möglich. Hinweise und Regelungen zu die Anliegen erhalten Sie hier:

Frequently Asked Questions in other languages

#### 2. Required Documents:

- Passport
- Filled application form for extension of residence permit
- 1 recent biometric photo
- Recent certificate of matriculation
- Proof of blocked account or certificate of undertaking according to the Law on Residence for the Purpose of Studying (solvency of the applicant has to be proven)
- Proof of current health insurance (for private insurance, see information sheet)
- Proof of your previous academic performance [Leistungsnachweis]
- Fees: up to 100 € (extension fees 96€, fictional certificate 13€)
- If applicable: proof of scholarship

#### 3. Forms for Download:

- Application form for issuance / extension of a residence permit (PDF)
- Information sheet on required protection by health insurance, to be completed by insurance company (PDF)

### **Contact**

#### **Immigration Authorities [Ausländerbehörde]**

Department of Public Order Office

Berliner Platz 1

35390 Giessen

Telephone: 0641 306-2280 (transfer to contact person via Giessen's central

hotline)

Email: auslaenderbehoerde@giessen.de

### What is this?

- The Immigration Authorities may require an official statement from the university when you **renew your residence permit**.
- If this is the case, you would receive a letter of **invitation for a consultation** with the International Office, via email.
- The statement will be discussed during a personal and confidential consultation with our study advisors at the International Office.

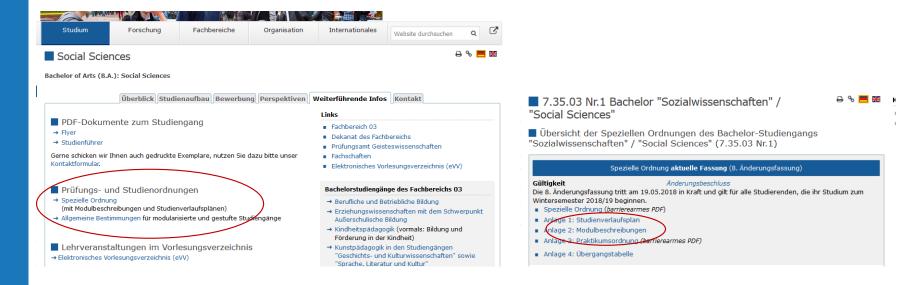
The aim of the consultation is to discuss the number of courses and exams you have completed and your plans for the rest of your studies.

#### Please hand in / bring along:

- a proof of your previous academic performance (Transcript of Records)
- a complete list of all the courses you will attend as part of your degree course
  as well as the respective amount of Credit Points
- a proof in case there are specific reasons for a delay in your study progress (e.g. medical certificate, leave of absence (Urlaubssemester), or similar)
- information on the validity of your current residence permit (expiry date)

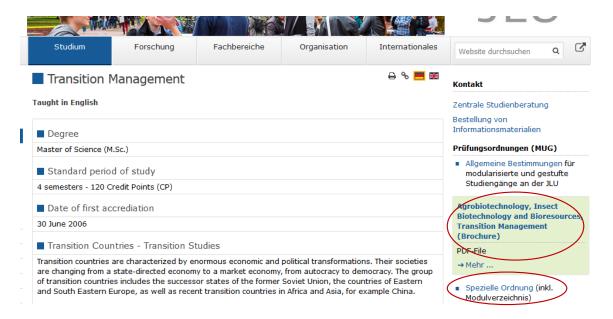
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# **Application for Leave**

#### **Reasons for an Application for Leave:**

- long-term illness (proof from doctor required)
- obligatory internship for your studies
- stay abroad for your studies
- maternity leave or care of relatives

#### **NOT** a reason for an Application for Leave:

- Preparation for graduation exams
- Late arrival
- Financial need

#### More information:

www.uni-giessen.de /studium/stichworte/urlaub

(only in German)

# **Change of Subject**

#### Take note:

- Change of subject should be applied for as early as possible!
- Subject can only be changed once within the first 3 semesters without a reason.
- A change of subject after the first 3 semesters may affect your residence permit → Go for counselling!

# **Change of Subject**

Sometimes it may be necessary to change your course. If you notice the following, please go for counselling:

- decreased motivation
- poor results and multiple failed exams
- fear of exams and permanent high stress levels

#### **Counselling at:**

#### **International Office**

Patrycja Zakrzewska

+49 (0)641 99 12174

+49 (0)641 99 12143

#### **Central Student Advisory Office**

Goethestrasse 58

1st floor

Contact:

www.uni-giessen.de/studium/beratung/zsb

### **Contact: Counselling**

In case of uncertainties, questions or concrete difficulties, do seek the advice of the experts. The counselling is free of charge.

#### **International Office**

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Goethestrasse 58, room 38

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The consultation sessions will take place via email, phone or in the office.

Please contact us:

studium-international@uni-giessen.de

More information for international students:

www.uni-giessen.de/internationales

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#### **Legal Counselling AStA**

Jan Plischke

Otto-Behaghel-Str. 25d, room 16.1 Thursday 1 pm-2 pm

More information on legal counselling (Rent, social laws):

http://astagiessen.de/service/rechtsberatung

Consultation takes place by phone only. You can email Mr. Plischke your questions on Thursdays – he will answer them during the consultation hours.

Tel: 06403-7797170

E-Mail: info@rechtsanwalt-plischke.de

### **Further events**

Workshop: "Berufseinstieg in den deutschen Arbeitsmarkt - Digitales Podiumsgespräch für internationale Studierende und Absolvent/innen"

• Wednesday, 26 April, 6pm - 8pm, on-site at THM campus

Workshop: "How to find an internship"

Wednesday, 5 July, 10am - 1pm, online

More information at:

www.uni-giessen.de/career/ver





Questions?

Thank you!