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# VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE FOR STUDENTS FROM PARTNER  
UNIVERSITIES OF JLU GIESSEN.

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TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
FROM PARTNER UNIVERSITIES OF JLU GIESSEN



## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Virtual International Programme (VIP) was launched in the winter semester of 2020/21. It provides an additional exchange opportunity for students from our partner university twice a year. The VIP includes a range of courses that are revised on a semester basis, as well as a selection of regular courses that are continuously available. VIP courses form part of JLU's curriculum, enabling JLU and international students to collaborate within a digital classroom.

Since launching in 2020, the VIP has welcomed between 350 and 500 virtual exchange students each semester. Every semester, students can choose from about 50 courses offered by all 11 faculties of JLU, available to both Bachelor's and Master's students.

Recently, the course catalogue included courses taught in English, German, Spanish, French, Portuguese, and Arabic.

In the context of remote internationalization, VIP presents an opportunity to gain an international experience from the comfort of home, with a focus on inclusivity and sustainability.



## 2. INSIGHTS AND ADVANTAGES

- VIP stands as the ultimate gateway for delving deeper into the world of JLU, right from the comfort of home
- Tailored online programme to cater to the unique requirements of international students
- a dynamic and flexible online curriculum, featuring:
  - Diverse Online Courses – covering a wide spectrum of subjects from all 11 faculties of JLU
  - Multilingual Options – courses available in English, German, and various other languages, catering to both undergraduate and graduate students
  - Online German Language Courses – for Beginners and Advanced Learners from A0 up to B2+ Level (German Language Courses can only be selected in combination with at least one subject course)
- International Collaborative Teaching: breaking barriers, elevating academic experiences
- Academic Recognition: VIP alumni receive a Transcript of Record, including CP/ECTS
- VIP is completely free of charge for students from our partner universities



### 3. VIP COURSE PROGRAMME

VIP offers a diverse catalogue comprising both established, regular courses and an innovative, semester-changing curriculum. Students and doctoral candidates have the option to choose up to five courses.



- **REGULAR COURSES** – Always on offer: 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** – organized by lecturers from different faculties. This provides diversity in the cultural and academic exchange. The academic dialogue and interactive learning help acquire intercultural and digital key competences as well as teamworking skills during the virtual study experience.
- **INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL COLLABORATIVE TEACHING** – seminars offered in collaboration with universities from all over the world. Developed and taught jointly by JLU-lecturers and teachers from partner universities. Professors and lecturers coordinate their research interests, bundle their resources, and collaboratively design a seminar.

#### 4. VIP COURSE CATALOGUE – REGULAR COURSES (always on offer)

Overview of the regular courses offered in the VIP for the winter and summer semester. Current course offerings for the upcoming VIP semester are available online on our [Digital Campus](#) or in the brochure *A Students Guide to the VIP Galaxy*.

|  | Period                        |                            | Study Cycle |        | Course Type            | Lecturer  | Language of Instruction |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------|------------------------|---|-------------------------|
|  | summer term<br>(April - July) | winter term<br>(Oct - Feb) | Bachelor    | Master |                        |   |                         |
| <b>Faculty of Law</b>                            |                               |                            |             |        |                        |   |                         |
| Peace and Conflict studies                       | ×                             |                            | ×           | ×      | seminar                | Prof. Dr. Stefan Peters                                     | English                 |
| <b>Faculty of Economics and Business Studies</b> |                               |                            |             |        |                        |   |                         |
| Accounting                                       | ×                             | ×                          | ×           |        | lecture/tutorial       | Prof. Dr. Corinna Ewelt-Knauer;<br>Prof. Dr. Arnt Wöhrmann  | German                  |
| Competition Policy and Strategy                  | ×                             | ×                          | ×           |        | lecture/tutorial       | Daniel Lücke  | English                 |
| Economics of Regulation                          | ×                             |                            |             | ×      | lecture/tutorial       | Prof. Dr. Georg Götz  | English                 |
| Economics of Innovation                          | ×                             |                            |             | ×      | lecture/tutorial       | Prof. Dr. Georg Götz  | English                 |
| Rechnungslegung nach HGB                         | ×                             | ×                          | ×           |        | lecture                | Prof. Dr. Corinna Ewelt-Knauer                              | German                  |
| Virtual Summer School: Economics of Debt Crises  | ×                             |                            |             | ×      | lecture & block course | Prof. Vesely (UWM), PD Dr. Mandler (JLU), Prof. Meckl (JLU) | English                 |

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| <b>Faculty of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies</b>   |                               |                            |             |        |                  |   |                         |
| Open Data Fundamentals   | ×                             |                            |             | ×      | seminar          | Ievgen Bilyk  | English                 |
| Climate Change & Society in Botswana & South Africa  | ×                             |                            | ×           | ×      | seminar          | Prof. Jörn Ahrens   | English                 |
| <b>Faculty of Language, Literature and Culture</b>   |                               |                            |             |        |                  |   |                         |
| History of the English Language  | ×                             | ×                          | ×           | ×      | seminar          | Dr. Barbara Güldenring  | English                 |
| Introduction to English Linguistics  | ×                             | ×                          | ×           |        | seminar          |   |                         |
| Literatur als Welterschließung Schreibatelier mit verschiedenen Autorinnen   | ×                             |                            | ×           | ×      | seminar/tutorial | Prof. Kirsten von Hagen   | German/<br>French       |
| Aktuelle Fragen der Forschung. Französisch, Spanisch und Komparatistik   | ×                             |                            | ×           | ×      | seminar/tutorial |   |                         |
| The United States in the 21st Century*   | ×                             |                            | ×           | ×      | lecture          | Prof. Greta Olson   | English                 |
| Introduction to Gender and Sexuality, to Race and Anti-Racism, to Decolonial Thought, and Disability*                              |                               | ×                          | ×           | ×      | lecture          | Prof. Greta Olson   | English                 |
| Grammatik in Deutsch als Zweit- und Fremdsprache  | ×                             |                            | ×           | ×      | block course     | Prof. Dr. Jana Gamper (JLU),<br>Dr. Polina Yatsenko,<br><a href="#">Collaborative Teaching:</a><br>Universität Kamjanets-Podilsky | German                  |

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| Grammatik im DaZ-Unterricht  |  | ×                             |                            | ×           | ×      | seminar      | Dr. Lena Bien-Miller,<br><a href="#">Collaborative Teaching</a> :<br>Universität Kamjanets-Podilsky                             | German                  |
| Funktionale Grammatik  |  | ×                             |                            | ×           |        | seminar      | Prof. Dr. Mathilde Hennig,<br>Dr. Anna Bratytsya,<br><a href="#">Collaborative Teaching</a> :<br>Universität Kamjanets-Podilsky | German                  |
| <b>Faculty of Psychology and Sports Sciences</b>                       |   |                               |                            |             |        |              |   |                         |
| Work and Organizational Psychology                                     |   | ×                             | ×                          | ×           |        | seminar      | Prof. Ute-Christine Klehe   | English                 |
| Current Topics of Exercise Physiology                                  |   | ×                             | ×                          |             | ×      | block course | Prof. Karsten Krüger  | English                 |
| <b>Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, Physics, Geography</b> |   |                               |                            |             |        |              |   |                         |
| Climate Modelling: Energy Balance Models                               |   | ×                             |                            | ×           | ×      | seminar      | Dr. Elena Xoplaki   | English                 |
| <b>Faculty of Biology and Chemistry</b>                                |   |                               |                            |             |        |              |   |                         |
| Biology  |   | ×                             |                            | ×           |        | lecture      | Dr. Patrick Schubert  | English                 |

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#### Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences and Environmental Management

|   |   |   |  |   |                  |                          |         |
|---|---|---|--|---|------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Applied Statistics                            |   | × |  | × | lecture/tutorial | Prof. Matthias Frisch    | English |
| Resource Economics and Sustainable Management | × |   |  | × | seminar          | Dr. Michael Hübler       | English |
| Theory and Practice of Economic Development   |   | × |  | × | lecture          | Prof. Dr. Martin Petrick | English |


#### Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

|  |   |   |  |   |              |                    |         |
|--|---|---|--|---|--------------|--------------------|---------|
| Tropical Veterinary Medicine: From EcoHealth to One Health | × | × |  | × | block course | Prof. Sascha Knauf | English |
| One Health in Infection Biology                            | × | × |  | × | block course | Prof. Sascha Knauf | English |

#### Faculty 11 – Medicine

|                                     |   |   |   |   |         |   |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---------|---|---------------------|
| Emergency Medicine and Traumatology | × | × | × | × | lecture | Dr. med. Alexander Schlier,<br>Dr. med. Daniel Heinrich | English             |
| Basic Books – Global Health         | × | × | × | × | seminar | Dr. Sascha Krannich                                     | English<br>(German) |



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| <b>Interdisciplinary Courses</b>   |                               |                            |             |        |                 |  |                         |
| Desafíos para las sociedades en Latinoamérica: temas actuales desde un enfoque interdisciplinario*  | x                             | x                          | x           | x      | seminar         | Prof. Stefan Peters, Prof. Verena Dolle, Prof. Laly Peralta<br><a href="#">Collaborative Teaching: Universidad del Rosario</a> | Spanish                 |
| Peacebuilding and Human Rights   | x                             |                            | x           | x      | seminar         | Dr. Rosario Figari Layus   | English                 |
| Global Governance, Peace and the Crisis of Liberal World Order   | x                             |                            | x           | x      | lecture         | Prof. Dr. Helmut Breitmeier  | English                 |
| <b>German Language Courses</b>   |                               |                            |             |        |                 |  |                         |
| German Language Course: AO Taster Course (Beginners)   | x                             | x                          | x           | x      | language course | N.N.   | German                  |
| German Language Course: A1.1+ in-depth course  | x                             | x                          | x           | x      | language course | N.N.   | German                  |
| German Language Course: A1.2+ in-depth course  | x                             | x                          | x           | x      | language course | N.N.   | German                  |
| German Language Course: B1+ in-depth course  | x                             | x                          | x           | x      | language course | N.N.   | German                  |
| German Language Course: B2+ in-depth course  | x                             | x                          | x           | x      | language course | N.N.   | German                  |

\* Lectures take recent events into account, title and course description can be updated accordingly



#### 4. E-MENTORING TEAM & ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME

The E-Mentors are JLU-students from different faculties who help international virtual students providing personal advice on student issues by e-mail and video call as well as tech-support.



- **ONLINE ORIENTATION WEEK:** At the start of each semester, JLU conducts a virtual orientation week specifically designed for international students. The sessions provide crucial information about the university's organization, as well as guidance on the IT tools and administrative systems utilized at JLU.



- **ONLINE INFORMATIONAL & SOCIAL EVENTS:** Throughout the semester, various online meet-ups and social gatherings are arranged to address inquiries related to academic studies at JLU and to foster connections among students. On the first and third Monday of each month, the Question Monday provides insights into topics relevant to studying at JLU. Moreover, each Wednesday we host a casual Online Get-Together, providing students with an opportunity to connect outside the academic setting. Participants can join discussions, ask questions, participate in online games, or even find a Tandem partner.



## 5. DIGITAL CAMPUS

All information about the programme, including application deadlines, forms, and course descriptions, can be found on the [Digital Campus](#).

**DEADLINES:** The application deadline for the summer semester (April-July) is in February, and the application deadline for the winter semester (October-February) is in August.

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