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## VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME (VIP)

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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), launched in the winter semester of 2020/21, 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.

The VIP welcomes up to 350 virtual exchange students each semester. Students have the opportunity to select from approximately 50 courses offered by all 11 faculties of JLU, open 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 serves as the ultimate gateway to explore JLU's academic environment 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, Spanish 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 within JLU's partner network



### 3. VIP COURSE PROGRAMME

VIP provides a varied catalogue featuring both traditional, ongoing courses and an innovative, semester-changing curriculum. Students and doctoral candidates can select up to five courses.

Find the current course offerings for the upcoming VIP semester online on our [Digital Campus](#) or in the brochure *A Student's Guide to the VIP Galaxy*.

- **REGULAR COURSES** – Always on offer (ongoing): 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** – Led by faculty members from diverse disciplines, fostering cultural and academic exchange. Through academic dialogue and interactive learning, students acquire intercultural and digital competencies, along with teamwork skills, enhancing their virtual study experience.
- **INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL COLLABORATIVE TEACHING** – Seminars offered in collaboration with universities worldwide. Developed and co-taught by JLU lecturers and instructors from partner universities, these seminars see professors and lecturers aligning their research interests, pooling resources, and jointly designing the course curriculum.



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

The E-Mentors are JLU students from various faculties who assist international virtual students by providing personal advice on student-related matters via email and video calls, as well as offering technical support.



- **ONLINE ORIENTATION WEEK FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (OWIS):** At the beginning of each semester, JLU hosts a virtual orientation week tailored for international students. These sessions offer essential information about the university's structure, along with guidance on the IT tools and administrative systems used at JLU.



- **ONLINE INFORMATIONAL & SOCIAL EVENTS:** Throughout the semester, we organize a range of online meet-ups and social gatherings to address academic inquiries and encourage student connections. Every first and third Monday of the month, Question Monday offers insights into relevant topics related to studying at JLU. Additionally, every Wednesday, we host a relaxed Online Get-Together, providing students with the chance to socialize outside of academic settings. Participants can join discussions, ask questions, engage 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 accessed on the [Digital Campus](#).

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

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