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Overview of recurring courses

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

The virtual exchange programmes welcome up to 350 virtual exchange students each semester. Students have the opportunity to select from approximately 40 courses offered by 8 faculties of JLU, open to Bachelor's, Master's, PhD and Teacher Training students. Recently, the course catalogue included courses taught in English, German and Spanish.

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
- Dynamic and flexible online curriculum, featuring:
 - Diverse Online Courses – covering a wide spectrum of subjects from 8 faculties of JLU
 - Multilingual Options – courses available in English, German, Spanish and various other languages, catering to both undergraduate and graduate students
- International Collaborative Teaching: breaking barriers, elevating academic experiences
- Academic Recognition: VIP alumni receive a Transcript of Records, including Credit Points/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, recurring courses and an innovative, semester-changing curriculum. Students and doctoral candidates can select up to five courses.

- **RECURRING COURSES** – Always on offer: our regular courses are recurring, either available in the summer and/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.



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

4. COURSE CATALOGUE – Overview of recurring courses

Overview of the regular courses offered in the VIP for the winter and/or summer semester. Find the current course offerings for the upcoming semester online on our Digital Campus or in the brochure A Student's Guide to the VIP Galaxy.

	Period		Study Cycle		Course Type	Lecturer	Interdisciplinary	Language of Instruction
	summer term (April - July)	winter term (Oct - Feb)	Bachelor	Master				
Faculty of Law								
Caminos hacia la paz en Colombia: Discutiendo el legado del Informe Final de la Comisión para el esclarecimiento de la Verdad 		x	x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Stefan Peters, Tatiana Quintero (CAPAZ), Alexandra Koball	x	Spanish
Critical Development Studies in Times of Global Turmoil		x		x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Peters	x	English
Comparative European Constitutional Law	x		x	x	lecture	Dr. Magdalena Jaś-Nowopolska		English
Desigualdades de género y trabajo de cuidado	x		x	x	seminar	Dr. Laura Rivera Revelo		
Individual and socio-economic rights: A comparative perspective		x	x	x	seminar	Dr. Magdalena Jaś-Nowopolska		English
Introduction to European Energy Law	x		x	x	lecture	Dr. Magdalena Jaś-Nowopolska		English
Memory Studies: The Contributions from the Latin American Experience	x	x	x	x	lecture	Tatiana Quintero	x	English
Migration and Human Rights	x		x	x	block seminar	Juliana González Villamizar	x	English
Metodologías críticas y decoloniales para la investigación social 	x			x	seminar	Tatiana Quintero, Andrea Neira	x	Spanish
Migración, Mujeres y Desigualdades Sociales		x	x	x	seminar	Dr. Laura Rivera Revelo	x	Spanish
Pedagogías de los discursos sociales: memorias, ambiente, desigualdades 	x		x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Stefan Peters, Dr. des. Andrea Cagua Martínez, MA Lorena Díez		Spanish

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Faculty of Law									
Sachenrecht			x	x	x	lecture	Prof. Dr. Elena Dubovitskaya		English
The Language of Law: A Comparative Study of Polish, German, and European Union Legal Systems		x		x		lecture	Dr. Magdalena Jás-Nowopolska		English
Faculty of Economics and Business Studies									
Accounting		x	x	x		lecture/ tutorial	Prof. Dr. Corinna Ewelt-Knauer, Prof. Dr. Arndt Wöhrmann		German
Competition Policy and Strategy		x	x	x		lecture/ tutorial	Daniel Lüke		English
Economics of Innovation		x			x	lecture/ tutorial	Prof. Dr. Georg Götz		English
Economics of Regulation		x			x	lecture/ tutorial	Prof. Dr. Georg Götz		English
Empirical economic research and econometrics			x	x	x	lecture/tutorial	Prof. Dr. Peter Winker		English
Industrial Organization			x		x	lecture/tutorial	Prof. Dr. Georg Götz		English
International Economics			x	x	x	lecture/tutorial	Prof. Dr. Meckl, Kathrin Stock		English
Virtual Summer School in Economics		x			x	lecture/ block course	Prof. Vesely (UWM), PD Dr. Mandler (JLU), Prof. Dr. Meckl (JLU)	x	English
Faculty of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies									
Artificial intelligence and tech autocracy		x	x		x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Regina Kreide	x	English
Building Bridges on Rising Waters: Climate Change and International Disaster Management		x	x	x	x	lecture	Prof. Dr. Helmut Breitmeier et al.	x	English

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Faculty of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies								
Business Ethics and Responsible Entrepreneurship	x		x	x	seminar	Farhad Feizi	x	English
Climate Change & Society in Botswana & South Africa	x		x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Jörn Ahrens		English
Communication, AI and Cooperation in Educational Science	x		x	x	seminar	Erum Afzal	x	German, English
Democratic Development in Times of Migration and Mobility	x		x	x	block seminar	Zekiye Gürün-Ücem, Dr. Sascha Krannich		English
Exploring Digital Pedagogy: Integrating Technology in Schools		x	x	x	seminar	Erum Afzal	x	English
Grenzpolitik im europäischen Vergleich		x	x		block seminar	Maraike Vandergrift		German
Introduction to Academic Writing		x	x	x	seminar	Erum Afzal	x	English
Open Data Fundamentals	x	x		x	seminar	Ievgen Bilyk	x	English
Platforms, Power & Care: Critical Feminist Analyses of Media and Governance	x		x	x	seminar	Marina Iaroslavtseva	x	English
Virtual International Exchange: Advancing Intercultural Learning, Inclusion, Peace, and Justice in Global Educational Context	 x		x	x	seminar	Dr. Annika Brück-Hübner, Dr. Tatiana Joseph		English
Faculty of History and Cultural Studies								
Gold and Silver Metalwork from the Carolingian Period to the Baroque	 x		x	x	seminar	Dr. Antje Bosselmann-Ruickbie		English
Jüdische Erinnerung an jüdisches Leben und Holocaust: Die Yitzkor-Bücher in Polen und Ostmitteleuropa	 x	x	x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Bömelburg; Prof. Dr. Krystyna Radziszewska		German
Politische Theologien	x		x	x	lecture	Prof. Dr. Ansgar Kreutzer, Prof. Dr. Bernhard Emunds		German

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Faculty of History and Cultural Studies									
The Gift in the Middle Ages: The Material Culture of Diplomacy in Times of Peace and War		x		x		seminar	Dr. Antje Bosselmann-Ruickbie		English
Faculty of Language, Literature and Culture									
Aktuelle Fragen der Forschung. Französisch, Spanisch und Komparatistik		x		x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Kirsten von Hagen		German, French
Ausgewählte Probleme der Linguistik und Sprachdidaktik		x		x		seminar	Prof. Dr. Mathilde Hennig / Dr. Anna Bratysya, Collaborative Teaching: National University Zaporizhzhia Polytechnic		German
Coach statt Lehrkraft? Wege zum selbständigem Sprachenlernen im Französisch- und Spanischunterricht		x	x	x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Hélène Martinez		German
Dimensiones glotopolíticas de las lenguas y las literaturas			x		x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Falk Seiler		Castellano
Extractivismo en América Latina desde la Colonia hasta la actualidad: oportunidades y desafíos (except summer semester 2026)		x	x	x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Verena Dolle, Prof. Laly Peralta, Collaborative Teaching: Universidad del Rosario	x	Spanish
Erzählen in unterschiedlichen Medien - Schreibwerkstatt mit der Autorin Nirina Ralantoaritsimba		x	x	x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Kirsten von Hagen, Nirina Ralantoaritsimba	x	German/English
Grammatik, Text und Wandel			x	x		seminar	Prof. Dr. Mathilde Hennig (JLU), Dr. Polina Yatsenko, Collaborative Teaching: National University Zaporizhzhia Polytechnic		German
Helden und Heilige in Handschriften: Mittelalterliche deutsche Literatur im mittel-osteuropäischen Kontext			x	x	x	block seminar	Prof. Dr. Cora Dietl, Dr. Elzbieta Kapral (Lodz)	x	German
History of the English Language		x	x	x	x	lecture	Dr. Barbara Gildenring	x	English

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Faculty of Language, Literature and Culture									
Intercultural Communication		x		x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Anna Ladilova (JLU), Prof. Dr. Ulrike Schröder, Collaborative Teaching: Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais	x	English
Introduction to English Linguistics (Group A)		x	x	x	x	seminar	Dr. Barbara Gildenring	x	English
Introduction to Gender and Sexuality, Critical Race Theory and Anti-Racism, to Decolonial Thought, and Disability			x	x	x	lecture	Prof. Dr. Great Olson	x	English
Kinder- und Jugendliteratur verstehen und vermitteln: Theorie trifft Praxis			x	x	x	block seminar	Prof. Dr. Juliane Dube, Olha Dobrynychuk		German
Nominalstil			x	x		block seminar	Prof. Dr. Mathilde Hennig / Dr. Anna Bratysya, Collaborative Teaching: National University Zaporizhzhia Polytechnic		German
Nuevas formas de justicia transicional: crímenes de guerra y justicia restaurativa (except summer semester 2026)		x		x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Verena Dolle, Prof. Laly Peralta, Collaborative Teaching: Universidad del Rosario	x	Spanish
Literarisches Lernen mit aktueller KJL im handlungs- und produktionsorientierten Deutsch		x		x		seminar	Prof. Dr. Juliane Dube, Dr. Olha Dobrynychuk		German
Schreibkompetenz in Deutsch als Zweit- und Fremdsprache			x	x	x	block seminar	Prof. Dr. Jana Gamper (JLU), Dr. Ganna Bratysya, Collaborative Teaching: Kamianets-Podilskyi Ivan Ohienko National University (Ukraine)	x	German

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Stories of War and Conflict: Peace Education in Foreign Language Learning and Teaching		x		x		block seminar	Jennifer Ehrhardt		English
Text- und Medienlinguistik		x			x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Katrin Lehnen, Dr. Tetiana Kalyniuk		German
The importance of Being Similar: Metaphor, analogy, seriality		x	x	x		seminar	Prof. Dr. Thomas Daiber, Dr. Rostyslav Semkiv		English
The United States in the Twenty-First Century and after Trump		x		x	x	lecture	Prof. Dr. Great Olson		English
Von der Vielfalt zum Mehrwert: Mehrsprachigkeit als Ressource im Französisch- und Spanischunterricht		x		x		tutorial	Prof. Dr. Hélène Martinez		German
Faculty of Biology and Chemistry									
Scientific Writing and Data Dissemination		x	x	x	x	lecture/ seminar	Prof. Dr. Peter R. Schreiner		English
Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences and Environmental Management									
Applied Statistics			x		x	lecture/ tutorial	Prof. Dr. Matthias Frisch		English
Resource Economics and Sustainable Management		x			x	lecture	Prof. Dr. Michael Hübler		English
Theory and Practice of Economic Development			x		x	lecture	Prof. Dr. Martin Petrick		English
Transdisciplinary Sustainability Research			x		x	lecture/ tutorial	Prof. Dr. Jasmin Godemann / Vera Lange		English

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Faculty of Veterinary Medicine								
One Health in Infection Biology	x	x		x	block seminar	Prof. Dr. Sascha Knauf		English
3R Principles and laboratory animal welfare		x	x	x	seminar	Prof. Dr. Stephanie Krämer		English
Faculty of Medicine								
Basic Books - Global Health	x	x	x	x	seminar	Dr. Sascha Krannich		English
Language Courses								
B2.2 Comprensione e produzione orale - B2.2. Listening and Speaking Skills	x		x	x	language course	Grazia C. Caiati	x	Italian
Italiano B2.1	x	x	x	x	language course	Grazia C. Caiati	x	Italian
Language learning in (online) tandem	x	x	x	x	language course	Dr. Johanna Lea Korell	x	open
Key competences								
Grundlagen der mündlichen Kommunikation	x		x	x	lecture	Dr. Ulrike Nespital	x	German
Regionalkompetenz Irland	x		x	x	block seminar	Hannah Klaas	x	German



5. 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. Various online 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.



6. 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 at the end of February, and for the winter semester (October-February), end of July/ mid-August.

Please check the website for up to date information.

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