

Important information on visa application and health insurance

Application documents:

It is very important to send your application documents in due time to JLU Giessen. For your **visa** you require a „**Confirmation of Acceptance**“ of us, which we can only issue after having processed your documents entirely. A letter from Germany to e.g. Turkey can take up to four weeks (and vice versa)! That is why you should send your application documents as early as possible.

Visa:

You have to apply for a student visa as a third-country citizen (even if you are already studying in an EU country and have a national visa or residence permit for this country) – the status of your visa cannot be changed in Germany. A tourist visa is NOT sufficient!

This applies to ANYBODY, who is not citizen of an EU country ([visa exemptions](#)) and can present a corresponding passport (e.g. incoming students from Turkey).

Health insurance:

For your period of stay in Germany you should definitely contract a German statutory health insurance! – Please also check our [Website](#) for further information. Most private health insurances do not cover all medical treatments in Germany so that you would have to pay these high costs yourself. That is why you should contract a German statutory health insurance for students in Germany right after your arrival (and cancel e.g. your Turkish insurance in order not to have double insurance costs). Remember, medical treatment in Germany is comparatively expensive when you are not sufficiently insured. You might also wish to get an insurance providing for the transport home (often offered by automobile associations) in case of serious illness. These insurances are usually quite inexpensive.

Please contract your health insurance before you come to our *Infotisch*/registration and bring your health insurance certificate (as well as your letter of acceptance). Only then you can be matriculated (and afterwards you will get your certificate of enrolment). You will have to show your letter of admission and, then, also your certificate of enrolment in order to benefit from the special student rates.

Here are some addresses of health insurance companies in Giessen:

Techniker Krankenkasse, Liebigstr.14, Tel: 0641-7967-500 oder 0180-2858585
Öffnungszeiten: Mo, Di, Mi, Fr 8.00h-16.00h; Do 8.00h-17.00h

Barmer Ersatzkasse, Marktplatz 8, Tel: 018500-482999 or 0641-93253- 148 2999
Öffnungszeiten: Mo-Mi 8.00h-17.00h; Do 8.00h-18.00h; Fr 8:00 – 16:00h

DAK, Südanlage 30, Tel: 0641-9790480,
Öffnungszeiten: Mo - Mi 8.00h-16.00h; Do 8.00h-17.00h; Fr 8.00h-13.00h

AOK Gießen, Gartenstr.10, Tel: 0180-1188111,
Öffnungszeiten: Mo, Di, Mi, Fr 8.30-16.30; Do 8.30h-18.00h; Sa 9.00-13.00h

Kaufmännische Krankenkasse, Seltersweg 7-9, Tel: 0641-399000,
Öffnungszeiten: Mo - Do 8.00h-18.00h; Fr 8.00h-16.00h