

German Year FAQ / Covid-19

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Questions relating to the Study Semester in Germany

<p>What happens with the already paid registration fee at the German host university?</p>	<p>This depends on the host university, and if the semester will be cancelled or if they can offer online courses. The student should discuss this directly or through the IO with his /her host university. As the <i>Kultusministerkonferenz</i> has decided that all public German universities will offer the semester, there should not be any case for reimbursement for those students who already registered in or are still in Germany.</p>
<p>Will courses taken in Jordan as substitute to the GY be acknowledged as GY courses?</p>	<p>Yes, if they are specifically and expressly offered for that purpose. Be aware that it will be mentioned on your GJU ToR that these courses were attended in Jordan.</p>
<p>Regarding the money of the blocked bank account (Fintiba): Is there access to the money (after canceling GY and returning to Jordan)?</p>	<p>The student cannot access/withdraw all his/her money by himself as it is a blocked account, s/he can access/withdraw the monthly amount only. In this case, the student should contact the customer service team to support and provide them with full details support@fintiba.com</p>
<p>Will I pay for the GJU courses/internship fees if I decided to go back to Jordan?</p>	<p>Yes, you need to pay the fees for the credit hours you will register for. For legal reasons, the University is not allowed to waive fees as they are considered public revenue.</p>
<p>I am in Germany now, but I am afraid that all banks in Germany as well as the Ausländerbehörden will close. How would I be able to activate my account and start receiving the monthly payouts?</p>	<p>You can open a so called 'Basiskonto'/ basic account at a bank of your choice even without a registration letter. Students can access that through their web app or app in the "Current Account" section, by correctly answering the questions that Fintiba asks there. Please check the following link for further support: https://help.fintiba.com/hc/en-gb/articles/115003440754-Can-I-open-a-current-account-without-a-registration-letter-Anmeldung-</p>
<p>How can I activate my DAK insurance and receive the insurance card, although my host university is closed and I cannot get the required enrolment certificate?</p>	<p>Fintiba can provide you with an intermediary insurance until your insurance agency is open again. Please contact support@fintiba.com for further instructions.</p>

Questions related to the Internship in Germany

<p>Is it possible to do an internship in Jordan or outside Germany (applying the regular “GY internship in Germany regulations”)?</p>	<p>Students who are supposed to be in their internship semester are allowed to do their 20 weeks internship in Jordan or elsewhere (including any other country and not necessarily a German company) as an exception due to the corona situation. This internship needs to be approved by the OIL and the Dean of the respective School. Students should send their internship contract and a company description to the Office for Industrial Links (oil@gju.edu.jo) to get the approval. The OIL will follow up with the Dean for final approval. Approval might be conditioned to a rough risk assessment regarding the situation in the country of destination.</p>
<p>Do students have to pay the 12 credit hours tuition fees when canceling the GY internship and completing their internship outside Germany?</p>	<p>Yes, you need to pay the fees for the credit hours you will register for. For legal reasons, the University is not allowed to waive fees as they are considered public revenue.</p>
<p>When is the deadline for the registration and tuition fee for doing an internship in Jordan?</p>	<p>The deadline for the internship registration is extended until <u>further notice</u>.</p>
<p>How long should the internship be if it was transmitted to Jordan?</p>	<p>The internship duration for the Jordan internship should be 20 weeks and it would need the prior approval of the Office for Industrial Links and the Dean, too.</p>
<p>Is it possible to take CHs (courses) and do the internship in Jordan at the same time?</p>	<p>No, it is not allowed to register for any other university courses when doing the internship.</p>
<p>Is it possible to do part of the 20 weeks internship in Amman and complete the rest of the internship in Germany?</p>	<p>Splitting the internship in Germany and Jordan is possible. If the student already completed some weeks in Germany or Jordan, s/he would need to provide the OIL with a confirmation from the company about the weeks s/he already trained and continue in Jordan/Germany the remaining weeks. A prior approval of the internship by the OIL is required. Also, both companies in Jordan and Germany have to agree on it. Please, be aware that competition in Germany will be very high due to the postponement of a large number of internships and most companies might prioritize long-term internships. There is absolutely no guarantee that you will be successful finding a seat.</p>

<p>If students complete the internship in both countries, Germany and Jordan, does the internship report include both?</p>	<p>Yes, it should include both internships but in separate reports. The length of the report and further requirements are stated in the table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="938 443 2036 683"> <tr> <td>internship less than 5 weeks</td> <td>only certificate/company confirmation, no report required</td> </tr> <tr> <td>internship 5-9 weeks</td> <td>certificate + 2-3 pages summary report (not necessarily signed by the company)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>internship 10 weeks and more</td> <td>certificate + full internship report (signed and stamped by the company)</td> </tr> </table>	internship less than 5 weeks	only certificate/company confirmation, no report required	internship 5-9 weeks	certificate + 2-3 pages summary report (not necessarily signed by the company)	internship 10 weeks and more	certificate + full internship report (signed and stamped by the company)
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<p>I am currently doing my internship, but would like to return to Jordan as soon as the borders will open again. What can I do about the cancellation period of my internship contract?</p>	<p>The cancellation period of internship contracts is usually 2 weeks or 4 weeks until the end of the month. If you need to cancel your contract earlier, you can ask your company to issue an “Aufhebungsvertrag” (Cancellation Agreement). Be aware that you might not have a claim for such an agreement.</p>						
<p>I want to work home office but my company is not allowing me to do that. What can I do?</p>	<p>There is no general legal basis for doing home office because of the Corona crisis. Only the company can decide whether home office is an option. However, the company should assess the possibility under the given individual circumstances (balancing interests, including on the one hand the interests of the company, e.g. feasibility, productivity or costs and on the other hand the interest of the interne.g. extraordinary infection risk, possible protection measures, belonging to a risk group). If you believe, you have a claim for home office because of extraordinary individual circumstances, you could seek legal advice in Germany.</p>						
<p>My company cancelled/shortened my internship contract. What can I do?</p>	<p>The company can always cancel or shorten your internship according to the cancellation period of the contract. If your company cancels your internship, please inform the Office for Industrial Links and start looking for a new internship. Please make sure that your company issues you a confirmation for the weeks you have already done.</p>						

<p>If a student comes back to Jordan and does the internship later in Germany, does s/he have to stay enrolled at the German university s/he is currently registered at?</p>	<p>The student has to inform the host university that s/he left Germany to go back to Jordan, but s/he should stay enrolled and pay the semester fees, if s/he wants to do the internship in Germany the following semester.</p>
<p>Is it still possible to find an internship during the Covid-19-crisis?</p>	<p>Yes, you can still find an internship. However, it is currently more difficult to find an internship as many companies have closed their production sites, reduced their working capacities or simply do not hire new employees.</p>
<p>In case of the delayed internship in Germany, will GJU provide the students with the needed document (new Bestätigung) for the extension process?</p>	<p>Yes, the GJU will support the students with the visa extension process depending on the situation in Germany.</p>
<p>I am a DAAD scholarship holder. What will happen to my scholarship if my internship was cancelled?</p>	<p>For all DAAD Scholarship related questions, please turn to Ms. Eman Asenwar (scholarship.coordinator@gju.edu.jo).</p>
<p>Is it possible to postpone the internship start (to July/August)?</p>	<p>Yes, this is possible; the GJU will help the students in this case with the visa extension process. The student can either complete the full 20 weeks in Germany and extend his/her stay or do the internship partly in Germany and complete the remaining weeks in Jordan.</p>
<p>Is it possible to do the internship in Germany via home office?</p>	<p>Yes, home office is accepted if and as long the company in Germany is offering home office solutions. It is important that at the end of the internship the students receive an internship certificate that shows the complete internship duration: home office + “normal” work inside the company.</p>
<p>If the company in Germany is reducing the working hours because of the corona virus, how is this affecting the internship GJU-requirements (required hours)?</p>	<p>This will not affect the overall internship duration as long as the current situation requires special measures by the companies, which apply to employees and/or interns in general.</p>

<p>Can students who are currently doing their internships in Germany register to take remaining CH at GJU with the online courses in case the internship was cancelled? And if they do so, do they have to pay the regular credit hour fee?</p>	<p>Because of the progression of the current second semester at GJU, it is not possible to register for running courses anymore. Crash courses in between the semester to make up for the courses missed in Germany for Corona related reasons will be offered for those who will have returned to Jordan in time to register for these courses. Whether they will be held physically or online will totally depend on the Corona development. These courses will be offered exclusively for those GY students who decided and managed to come back to Jordan in time for registration. Crash courses will have the normal contact hours of the course as any other course given, but in a compact manner. Students will have to pay the regular fees.</p>
<p>If students do the internship outside Germany & Jordan, will they still be enrolled in the German host university during that time, and if so, would they be able to attend exams in Germany in July?</p>	<p>As this situation is associated with your residence title as “exchange student in Germany”, you need to discuss this with your German host university. Please set in the correspondence your outgoing coordinator of GJU in cc to be in the loop.-</p>
<p>I am now in my internship semester. Which procedures should be taken in case the company will have to close?</p>	<p>Please contact the OIL team to look individually into your special situation: oil@gju.edu.jo</p>
<p>Are the deadlines of submissions of internship documents for outgoings batch spring 2019 extended because of the corona situation?</p>	<p>The deadline for the internship documents submission (report and certificate) is extended from the 6th of April, 2020 until further notice. We will provide updated information by email to all students. In case of any related questions please contact: Lama.Seryanie@gju.edu.jo</p>

General Questions regarding the stay in Germany

<p>If the virus is threatening the safety of students in Germany, are there solutions or plans in case of a community breakdown?</p>	<p>Students need to follow the instructions of German authorities and be registered in the lists of their embassies to receive updated information about possible evacuation scenarios.</p>
<p>Are there plans of bringing back the students to Jordan (since the borders are closed)?</p>	<p>GJU has submitted all student data received through the form sent out by the International Office by the dead line to the Jordanian Embassy in Berlin. The decision of possible repatriation flight lies with the Jordanian government. Currently the government advises to stay in the host countries and has not made specific plans for evacuation flights from Germany.</p>
<p>Should I consider the flight offered to Jordan on 18th April (Frankfurt-Amman)?</p>	<p>Please keep checking with the respective Airlines to make sure that the flight is still planned. Keep in mind that Jordan announced that the borders will be closed at least until after Ramadan.</p>
<p>Will I go to quarantine upon arrival?</p>	<p>It depends on the decision of the Jordanian ministry of health. According to the current announcement, yes. The same was mentioned for any possible future option of evacuation flights.</p>
<p>What should I do if I am still in Germany?</p>	<p>Please be aware about two facts. Any other developments are possible, but at the moment these are the coordinates to take a decision. 1) Jordan closed its borders at least until after Ramadan. 2) In Germany all universities will start on 20th of April (universities in Saarland, Saxonia and Thuringia will start on 4th May). Most probably, they will start the semester via online courses, later on and depending on the development they plan to switch to courses on campus. Please be aware that every university will decide on its own policy and capacities.</p>

<p>When can I come back to Jordan?</p>	<p>At the moment, the Jordanian Government asks all citizens abroad to stay abroad. Anyhow, GJU submitted a list of students that expressed their urgent demand for repatriation to the Jordanian Embassy in Berlin. The Jordanian Government is well aware of the situation of students abroad and tries to support them in the best possible manner.</p>
<p>I would like to leave Germany as soon as the borders will be open. What do I have to consider about the contract cancellations and de-registrations in Germany?</p>	<p>If you leave Germany on short notice, you still need to do all contract cancellations (e.g. rental contract, internship contract, phone contracts) and de-registrations (e.g. de-registration at the host university, closing of the bank account, de-registration from the city, cancellation of health insurance). While some of those can be done by e-mail or official mail (for example de-registration at the host university might be possible online), in some cases you need to do it in person. We therefore recommend you to already check what is mandatory to be done in person and create a list for yourself. Please also contact your host university for more guidance on this matter.</p>

Questions related to schools

<p>Are the students allowed to start graduation project before finishing the German Year? (And continuing their internship once they are done with the graduation project?)</p>	<p>No, German Year students are not allowed to register for graduation project courses before they finish their German year requirements if they already started their German Year. If they did not start with their German Year so far, it is possible if the specific study plan allows to do so. However, at the moment and depending on the further development of the Corona situation, graduation projects follow similar restrictions as internships (see the related questions there).</p>
<p>What can students do who already started their graduation project with a German company, but cannot go to Germany at the moment?</p>	<p>They should contact their graduation project supervisor in order to find a suitable solution in cooperation with the German company.</p>

<p>What will happen to my German year if I decided and managed to go back to Jordan, knowing that I am a summer semester 2020 student?</p>	<p>You should contact your School. The School will try to provide crash courses in the weeks before summer term in order not to delay your study progress. Take regard to the related FAQ.</p>
<p>Will the crash courses specifically offered to make up for the missed GY courses be acknowledged as GY courses?</p>	<p>Yes. They will be counted exclusively for this purpose.</p>

General Questions

<p>What can I do if I have already received funding for a stay abroad? (Erasmus+)</p>	<p>From the view of IO of GJU 3 scenarios exist. !!Be aware that the German host university as the <i>program country member</i> has the responsibility and right to decide upon the funding!!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Students decide to cancel their Erasmus+ mobility based on Corona Virus. This is possibly referring to force majeure regulation. Students would not have to pay money already spent for the period there were at the host university. However, they will have to return the part of the grant already received for any unused period. students are requested to keep all original receipts. Only with original receipts, the university is able to reimburse them. 2) Students decide together with IO of German host university to pause the mobility. If so, they can later on resume their mobility. Be aware that this option at the moment is not available for students in Germany as Jordan closed the borders until at least after Ramadan. 3) Students continue their Erasmus+ stay and will receive their scholarships. <p>Please stay in every case in steady contact with your German host university!</p>
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<p>Where can I find more information about the regulations in my city / federal state in Germany?</p>	<p>Here is a list of sources for each state of Germany. Additionally, please check your host universities website as many German universities have started their own CORONA website Baden-Württemberg: https://www.baden-wuerttemberg.de/de/service/aktuelle-infos-zu-corona/ Bayern: https://www.bayern.de/service/coronavirus-in-bayern-informationen-auf-einen-blick/vorlaeufige-ausgangsbeschraenkung-anlaesslich-der-corona-pandemie/?fbclid=IwAR3wEmR9BA_3B9R-fh0Yb4hCkNq5m1OHUSdHxHh6MlocxvZzYS3RLVXALyY Berlin: https://www.berlin.de/corona/ Brandenburg: https://www.brandenburg.de/cms/detail.php?gsid=bb1.c.662099.de&fbclid=IwAR3OhaKqwpRtsFrJBFEdVR3nmEqxJF9pqz7gdzpdS2pm1HmxrTEHADf8FY Bremen: https://www.bremen.de/corona Hamburg: https://www.hamburg.de/coronavirus/ Hessen: https://www.hessen.de/fuer-buerger/aktuelle-informationen-zu-corona-hessen?fbclid=IwAR14HL4OxcupS3c6oXbHm2Q64tWGPrVlyTVzIGVDGcg0V7fCkllpnKcygKw Mecklenburg-Vorpommern: https://www.regierung-mv.de/Landesregierung/wm/Aktuelles--Blickpunkte/Wichtige-Informationen-zum-Corona%E2%80%93Virus?fbclid=IwAR2CvlsfnX5fX0tNFETJTSw9oG1qrOMINxxYb8bBFpomhsNql2_QEo2K2NM Niedersachsen: https://www.niedersachsen.de/Coronavirus Nordrhein-Westfalen: https://www.land.nrw/corona Rheinland-Pfalz: https://msagd.rlp.de/de/unsere-themen/gesundheits-und-pflege/gesundheitsliche-versorgung/oeffentlicher-gesundheitsdienst-hygiene-und-infektionsschutz/infektionsschutz/informationen-zum-coronavirus-sars-cov-2/?fbclid=IwAR05P2zXwHDW3lbCLg8LbllomyJSnyewpB61gew9suVmcD2JGMcqWYPNr6Y</p>

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<p>Who should I contact at GJU if I have health related questions about Covid-19?</p>	<p>If you are in Jordan, you can call Dr. Hatef at GJU (0797876555) or the hotline number of the Ministry of health 111.</p>
<p>What are the current regulations against Covid-19 in Germany?</p>	<p>The regulations differ in each state of Germany. In a conference between the German Federal Government and the Federal States on March 22nd, the following guidelines were decided upon. Please keep in mind, that these are only guidelines meaning that the restrictions in each state can be even more strict (as for example lock downs in certain cities, areas or whole Federal States) and recommendations for sure will be amended in the future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public gatherings of more than two people will be banned. There will be exceptions for families and those living together. ○ General contact with others should be reduced to a minimum. ○ A 1.5-meter (4.9 feet) distance should be kept at all times when in public ○ Gastronomy businesses must close. Businesses offering food delivery and collection will be allowed to remain open. ○ Service providers such as hair-dressers, cosmetic, massage and tattoo studios where a 2-meter distance between people is not possible must also close. Businesses and centers offering medical treatments may remain open. ○ Police and other law enforcement agencies will enforce any infractions of the new rules.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hygiene regulations must be implemented for staff in the workplace or for visitors. ○ Commuting to work, helping others and exercising alone outside will still be permissible, as long as the activities are carried out in abidance with the guidelines.
<p>Where can I find more general information?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WHO https://apps.who.int/medicinedocs/documents/s17296e/s17296e.pdf - RKI https://www.rki.de/EN/Home/homepage_node.html - Jordan Times https://www.jordantimes.com/opinion/mohammad-majed-abufaraj/jordans-efforts-contain-covid-19-careful-interpretation-encouraging - Ministry of Health http://healthcovid.gov.jo/ - Covid-19 website launched by the Jordanian Government https://corona.moh.gov.jo/ar - Roya News https://en.royanews.tv/news/20530/2020-03-31