

German Year FAQ / Covid-19

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(The FAQ's are relevant for students of the Outgoings semester 1st + 2nd 2019/20 and 1st semester 2020/21))

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Questions relating to the Study Semester in Germany

<p>Will courses taken in Jordan as substitute to the German Year 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 decide to take them in 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>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>
<p>Do I have to start my study semester in the Winter semester?</p>	<p>As an exception of the German Year Regulations, GJU will neither force GY students to go to Germany for their GY study semester in the German winter semester 2020/21, nor will GJU prohibit its students to go. Instead, GJU puts the decision into the hands of the students to decide themselves subject to legal and governmental regulations of both Jordan and Germany.</p>
<p>What are my options if I decide not to start my study semester in Germany in the Winter semester (1st semester 2020/21)?</p>	<p>As an exception of the German Year Regulations, those students who decide to withdraw from the start of the German Year will be offered the following alternatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) They are allowed to ask for a postponement of the study semester of their German Year to a future semester, if requested so, until latest the end of the registration period for the first semester 2020/21, being fully aware, that future seats for GY

study semesters are limited in capacities, and distribution will prioritize the outgoing batches that would regularly fulfill the criteria for being eligible for the German Year of the future semesters and apply for the first time. For the time of postponement, they are allowed to register courses at GJU in compliance with their study plan.

- b) They are allowed to switch the GY study and internship semester, register at GJU an approved internship by paying the regular fees for 12 CH and conduct it in Jordan or elsewhere, if requested so until latest the end of the registration period for the first semester 2020/21, being fully aware, that future seats for GY study semesters are limited in capacities, and distribution will prioritize the outgoing batches that would regularly fulfill the criteria for being eligible for the German Year of the future semesters and apply for the first time. The internship will have the same duration as the one in Germany (20 weeks). The certificate will indicate that the internship was not conducted in Germany.
- c) They are allowed to register for special GY make-up courses at GJU in the first academic semester 2020/21, if they announce the withdrawal from their seat at the German university to the International Office of GJU until latest June 30, 2020. Subject to capacities, the courses will try to meet the needs of the students known at the given date, will be organized in the responsibility of the School and should integrate flying faculty (physically or virtually) as far as possible; Schools are allowed to coordinate joint offers. The certificate will indicate that the GY study semester was not conducted in Germany. The student will continue the German Year in the second semester 2020/21 with an internship in Germany according to the regulations, subject to upcoming Deans' Council decisions taking into consideration the development of the Corona situation then.

	<p>d) They are allowed to register for the above mentioned special GY make-up courses at GJU in the first academic semester 2020/21, if they announce the withdrawal from their seat at the German university to the International Office until latest one week before the start of the registration period for the first semester 2020/21, subject to available offers and capacities and subsidiary to students mentioned under lit. c. The certificate will indicate that the GY study semester was not conducted in Germany. The student will continue the German Year in the second semester 2020/21 with an internship in Germany according to the regulations, subject to upcoming Deans' Council decisions taking into consideration the development of the Corona situation then.</p> <p>e) They can also spend the second semester 20/21 in Jordan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the second semester is the GY study semester, they will be allowed to register for special GY make-up courses at GJU for the second semester 20/21 if they do not apply for a seat at a German partner university within a certain deadline still to be published by the IO. The certificate will show that the GY study semester was not conducted in Germany. • If the second semester is the GY internship semester, students can conduct their internship or elsewhere outside of German speaking countries by registering it at GJU and paying the regular fees for 12CH. The internship has to have the same duration as the one in Germany (20 weeks) and needs prior approval by the Dean of the school and the OIL. The certificate will show that the GY internship semester was not conducted in Germany.
<p>Do I have to fulfil different requirements if I make use of the semesters in Jordan?</p>	<p>No, the requirements for the GY in Jordan are the same as for the GY in Germany. This also holds true for the German Language requirements.</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 before starting 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 semester fees and 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 should I register for the internship in Jordan (or elsewhere).</p>	<p>Students of the Outgoing group Fall 2019 can register their approved internship outside Germany in the summer term (2019/20). In general, the internships will be registered in the actual internship semester of the German Year.</p>
<p>How long should the internship be if it was conducted in Jordan or other countries?</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>Am I allowed to work on the premises/offices of the companies ?</p>	<p>Students are allowed to work inside companies or doing their internship remotely (online in home-office) depending on the company’s current precaution regulations. Students are themselves responsible to adhere to precaution and safety measures specified by the company.</p>

<p>How many credit hours do I need to register and pay for if I do my GY internship partially or entirely outside Germany?</p>		<p>Internship duration completed in Germany</p>	<p>Number of weeks required outside Germany</p>	<p>Number of credit hours the student need to register and pay for</p>			
		<p>0 –up to less than 5 weeks</p>	<p>20 -16 weeks</p>	<p>12 CHs</p>			
		<p>5 weeks up to less than 10 weeks</p>	<p>15 -11 weeks</p>	<p>9 CHs</p>			
		<p>10 weeks up to less than 15 weeks</p>	<p>10-6 weeks</p>	<p>6 CHs</p>			
		<p>15 weeks up to less than 20 weeks</p>	<p>5-1 weeks</p>	<p>3 CHs</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="947 1364 2040 1442"> <tr> <td data-bbox="947 1364 1480 1442"> <p>internship less than 5 weeks</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1491 1364 2040 1442"> <p>only certificate/company confirmation, no report required</p> </td> </tr> </table>					<p>internship less than 5 weeks</p>	<p>only certificate/company confirmation, no report required</p>
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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 ?	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.				
I want to work home office but my company is not allowing me to do that. What can I do?	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.				
My company cancelled/shortened my internship contract. What can I do?	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.				
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?	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>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/interns.</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</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>If students do the internship outside Germany & Jordan, will they still be enrolled in the German</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>host university during that time, and if so, would they be able to attend exams in Germany in July?</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>I am a DAAD scholarship holder in my second semester of the Germany Year and in Germany. Unfortunately, I could not find an internship so far. Will the DAAD scholarship be affected by this?</p>	<p>Throughout the period of time when the students are stuck in Germany and cannot return to Jordan, the payment of the monthly scholarship rate continues (until the end of the GY – 12 paid monthly rates of scholarship).</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>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</p>

	<p>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>
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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>Crash courses are offered between the second semester and the summer semester of the academic year 2019/2020. The courses will be offered by the following Schools: SMLS, SNREM, SATS. The courses are offered to the students who have already registered for them. However, depending on capacity and the Dean's approval, more students might be enrolled until the end of the enrollment period.</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>

Can I also register for normal courses to make up for missed courses in Germany?

Students are allowed to register for additional compulsory or elective courses during the Summer Semester of the academic year 2019/2020 to make up for missed courses in Germany subject to the offers provided and the prior approval by the Dean of their School.

General Questions

What can I do if I have already **received funding for a stay abroad? (Erasmus+)**

From the view of IO of GJU 3 scenarios exist. !!Be aware that the German host university as the *program country member* has the responsibility and right to decide upon the funding!!

- 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.

Please stay in every case in steady contact with your German host university!

More details about the Erasmus+ rules for early termination of the mobility and the force majeure's rules please refer to the Erasmus+ Handbook for Participating Organisations in the below link *page 26,27*

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus2/files/international-credit-mobility-handbook_en.pdf

<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</p> <p>Baden-Württemberg: https://www.baden-wuerttemberg.de/de/service/aktuelle-infos-zu-corona/</p> <p>Bayern: https://www.bayern.de/service/coronavirus-in-bayern-informationen-auf-einen-blick/vorlaeufige-ausgangsbeschraenkung-anlaesslich-der-corona-pandemie/?fbclid=IwAR3wEmR9BA_3B9R-fh0Yb4hCKng5m1OHUSdHxHh6MIocxvZzYS3RLVXALyY</p> <p>Berlin: https://www.berlin.de/corona/</p> <p>Brandenburg: https://www.brandenburg.de/cms/detail.php?gsid=bb1.c.662099.de&fbclid=IwAR3OhaKqwpRtsFrJBFEedVR3rnmEqxJF9pqz7gdzpdS2pm1HmxrTEHADf8FY</p> <p>Bremen: https://www.bremen.de/corona</p> <p>Hamburg: https://www.hamburg.de/coronavirus/</p> <p>Hessen: https://www.hessen.de/fuer-buerger/aktuelle-informationen-zu-corona-hessen?fbclid=IwAR14HL4OxcupS3c6oXbHm2Q64tWGPrVlyTVzIGVDGcg0V7fCkllpnKcygKw</p> <p>Mecklenburg-Vorpommern: https://www.regierung-mv.de/Landesregierung/wm/Aktuelles--Blickpunkte/Wichtige-Informationen-zum-Corona%E2%80%93Virus?fbclid=IwAR2CvlsfnX5fX0tNFETJTSw9oG1qrOMINxxYb8bBFpomhsNql2_QEo2K2NM</p> <p>Niedersachsen: https://www.niedersachsen.de/Coronavirus</p> <p>Nordrhein-Westfalen: https://www.land.nrw/corona</p> <p>Rheinland-Pfalz: https://msagd.rlp.de/de/unsere-themen/gesundheitsdienst-hygiene-und-infektionsschutz/infektionsschutz/informationen-zum-coronavirus-sars-cov-2/?fbclid=IwAR05P2zXwHDW3lbCLg8LbllomyJSnyewpB61gew9suVmcD2JGMcqWYPNr6Y</p> <p>Saarland: https://www.saarland.de/SID-3E651A09-A685E4A8/corona.htm</p> <p>Sachsen: https://www.coronavirus.sachsen.de</p> <p>Sachsen-Anhalt: https://stk.sachsen-anhalt.de/service/corona-virus/</p>
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	<p>Schleswig-Holstein: https://www.schleswig-holstein.de/DE/Schwerpunkte/Coronavirus/coronavirus_node.html?fbclid=IwAR38hrh68DZlFI--trdevN2l5ixQsPeULzyGoqH9uBhiFtiXQget6lKCRFo</p> <p>Thüringen: https://corona.thueringen.de</p>
<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. ○ Hygiene regulations must be implemented for staff in the workplace or for visitors.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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