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UNIVERSITY
International College

THE FOUNDATIONS OF YOUR FUTURE

YOUR INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR

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AMONG THE TOP 30% OF ALL
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UNIVERSITY WITH
THE MOST INTERNATIONAL
OUTLOOK IN GERMANY

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IN GERMANY

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YOUNG UNIVERSITY IN
TEACHING IN GERMANY

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SMALL UNIVERSITY
WORLDWIDE

PREPARE FOR YOUR INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION!

The International Foundation Year (IFY) at Jacobs University International College (JUIC) prepares students for a successful higher education journey. This one-year academic preparatory program allows students to explore different fields of study, strengthen personal and academic skills, and develop English language abilities.



YOUR INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR

At Jacobs University, we know the importance of personal growth. That's why we have developed an academic preparatory program, the International Foundation Year, that provides students with tailored academic and personal support for their individual development and prepares them for the challenges of university-level study.

THE RIGHT PATHWAY FOR YOU

Our International Foundation Year offers two pathways to a degree course at Jacobs University. Based on your high school diploma, you will either have the Qualification or Orientation pathway.

1 THE QUALIFICATION PATHWAY



This pathway allows students to study a specific subject (Human, Tech or Science) in preparation for a degree course.

- 1 Choose a subject
- 2 Study subject modules over two semesters
- 3 Successfully complete the program
- 4 Progress directly onto year one of the chosen degree

2 THE ORIENTATION PATHWAY



With this pathway, students can explore a variety of subjects and decide on their degree program later.

- 1 Choose a subject in the first semester
- 2 Choose a different subject in the second semester
- 3 Decide on a degree program in the second semester
- 4 Successfully complete the program
- 5 Progress directly onto year one of the chosen degree





CORE MODULES

The core modules are integral parts of the IFY program. They are designed to provide students with basic interdisciplinary knowledge to enhance their academic and personal skills.



ENGLISH AND ACADEMIC LITERACY

This module aims to strengthen English language abilities in all four areas (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and improve academic study skills. Students will also learn the fundamentals of conducting research, such as writing academic papers and citing sources.



BASIC OR ADVANCED MATHEMATICS

Upon joining the program, students will be given a mathematics placement test to determine whether they take the basic or advanced route. Both are designed to help students develop skills around mathematics and statistics. The first semester focuses on generic content, while the module in the second semester is specific to each student's chosen subject.



CODING AND COMPUTATIONAL THINKING

Students will learn the basics of coding and computational thinking providing them with problem solving skills that are highly sought after in today's job market.



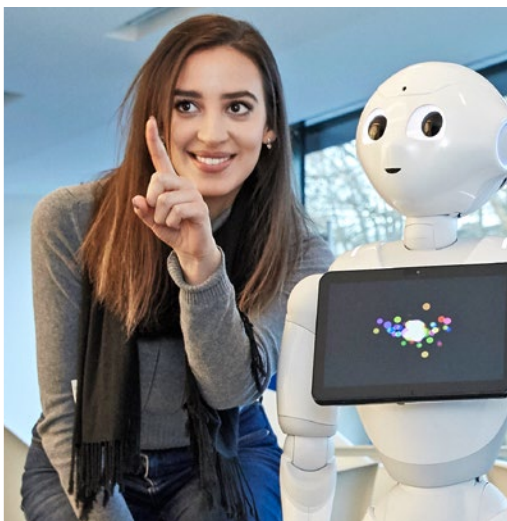
TestAS PREPARATION

The program also provides students with training for the TestAS, which is the precondition for progressing to an undergraduate degree program at Jacobs University. This only applies to students who need to pass a German university entrance examination.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

This module has been specially designed to enable students to progress to their undergraduate studies. It focuses on increasing the self-competence and social skills necessary to flourish in a university environment. It also provides students with general skills that pave the way for success in life and the world of employment.

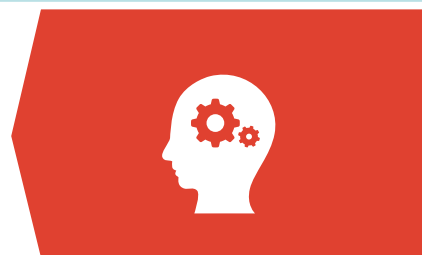


TRACKS

Through a combination of core modules and subject-specific study, students will develop the skills they need to successfully start their undergraduate education. Students can choose from three tracks that act as a pathway to a degree at Jacobs University.

— HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

This track provides students with the necessary foundation to pursue a variety of business or social science careers, from management and accounting to psychology and human resource management. Students gain practical and professional skills that enhance their employability.



— TECH

This track covers the fundamentals of computer programming, coding, mathematics, and technology. Digitalization lies at the core of all modern industries and plays a major role in today's work life, and so these subjects will prepare students to work in modern tech environments.



— SCIENCE

This track prepares students for degree programs within the department of Life Sciences & Chemistry at Jacobs University. Each program teaches theoretical and practical skills for rewarding careers across many different industries in the field of natural sciences.



UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER OPTIONS

Students will have the opportunity to attend undergraduate-level courses and earn up to 15 ECTS credit points that will count towards their bachelor's degree at Jacobs University. This gives students **direct experience with course materials and professors**, before even beginning their studies.



YOUR BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

With the International Foundation Year, students can explore a variety of subjects before choosing a major. Attendees grow academically and personally by experiencing a unique learning and living environment on Germany's most international campus.

- ✔ Gain experience from university life and personal academic advising
- ✔ Improve your Academic English – academic literacy as the foundation for a successful education
- ✔ Intercultural Experiences – Gain an understanding of other cultures to prepare you for your international career
- ✔ Earn transferable undergraduate course credits (ECTS) – Get a head start on your lectures
- ✔ Guaranteed admission to Jacobs University after successful completion of the International Foundation Year
- ✔ Ranked #3 Young University in Teaching in Germany (THE Young 2022)
- ✔ Excellent private university with top-ranked academic programs
- ✔ Inspiring international environment with students from over 110 countries
- ✔ Promising career prospects thanks to strong professor and alumni networks
- ✔ Safe living and learning environment on campus



“WE ARE INTEGRATED INTO EVERYDAY UNIVERSITY LIFE AND GET A GOOD INSIGHT INTO THE LIFE OF THE STUDENTS AND INTO THE VARIOUS SUBJECTS. IT’S NOW MUCH CLEARER TO ME WHAT I WANT.”

— ELIAS BOSCH, GERMANY



INSPIRATION IS A PLACE

Jacobs University attracts highly talented and open-minded students from all over the world. As a private, non-profit, English-speaking university, we offer the highest standards in research and teaching.

The International Foundation Year comes with a **full package of services** from accommodation, food, leisure activities on campus, as well as a broad range of personal, academic and professional counseling services. With our tight-knit support web, we are happy to provide a safe environment for all students, even minor students (16+).

- Furnished two-bedroom apartment and full board with three meals per day
- Personal support by Resident Mentors in each college
- 24/7 security on campus
- Host-family program
- Modern recreational facilities: soccer pitch, outdoor volleyball court, indoor sports hall, fitness gym, rowing tank, music studio, theater space, cinema
- 35+ Student clubs for sports, fine and performing arts, technology, and social engagement
- Green, spacious campus close to a river and a lovely park
- Semester ticket included to use public transportation
- Orientation Week to facilitate your arrival on campus
- Visa and pre-arrival support



“THE CLASSES ARE SMALL, AND OUR INSTRUCTORS TAKE CARE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL STUDENT AND HELP US OUT IF WE STRUGGLE WITH THE MATERIAL.”

OLEG BORUSOV, RUSSIA



WHAT DO YOU NEED TO APPLY?



Copy of original high school certificate and transcripts of the last 2-3 years



Official recommendation letter from a high school counselor or a teacher on letterheaded paper



A personal motivation statement



Proof of English language proficiency; minimum score of 65 on the TOEFL iBT / 5.5 on the IELTS (UK) / 46 on the Pearson PTE Academic or 162 on the Cambridge Certificate (FCE) / 90 on the Duolingo English test



The Education History Form

CONTACT US

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