

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The University of Jena offers academic teacher education qualifying students to become teachers on a secondary/high school level. The regular duration is 9-10 semesters including an obligatory practical term.
- The university course comprises two academic subjects plus educational sciences. Upon completion of their studies students undertake the first state examination (1. Staatsexamen) equivalent to a Master's degree.
- The obligatory practical semester takes place during the students' enrolment at university, usually in their 5th /6th semester. Subsequent modules of study refer back to experience gained during in-school training.
- The practical term is accompanied by five university modules, in which students are assigned specific tasks, such as observation, planning and reflection of lessons, case studies and documentation of pedagogical interventions etc. Students receive 30 ECTS credits for their practical semester.

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A PRACTICAL TERM ABROAD DURING TEACHER TRAINING AT FRIEDRICH-SCHILLER- UNIVERSITY JENA

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS ABROAD



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SEMESTER	Subject 1 including teaching methods	Educational Sciences	Subject 2 including teaching methods	FIRST PHASE OF TEACHER EDUCATION
1 st to 4 th	Modules of Study	Modules of Study	Modules of Study	
5 th or 6 th	PRACTICAL SEMESTER (IN GERMANY OR ABROAD)			
7 th to 9 th	Modules of Study, prep. for state examination	Modules of Study, prep. for state examination	Modules of Study, prep. for state examination	
9 th to 10 th	Academic thesis			
	First State Examination			

What We Ask of Schools

- Please ensure that students from the University of Jena are given the opportunity to teach lessons in both of their subjects with the help of local teachers.
- Please ensure that students are given the opportunity to reflect on their lesson planning with in-service teachers before and after giving lessons on their own.
- Please select a mentor who can support our students and to whom they can turn to in confidence.

All legal and organizational matters will be taken care of by the university and/or the outgoing students.

Requirements for full recognition of the practical semester abroad

- Duration: minimum of 16 weeks of school experience excluding public holiday and school holidays
- Minimum of 5 working hours per day at the school
- Objective: acquaintance with everyday school life, incl. parents' evenings, school and field trips, projects, tutoring
- Observation: 40 h per subjects observation of lessons conducted by other teachers
- Teaching experience: ca. 20 h per subject of own lessons prepared and taught by students
- Language subjects (French, Greek, Latin, Russian, Spanish) need to be taught as foreign languages except for English; German can be taught as German as a Foreign Language
- School confirmation of the successful completion of the internship including short assessment of the student's performance

University courses accompanying the practical semester abroad

- Teaching methods in subject 1 (5 credits)
- Teaching methods in subject 2 (5 credits)
- Pedagogical psychology (5 credits)
- School pedagogy (5 credits)
- Introduction to the professional context of schools and practical part (10 credits)
- Students attend these seminars before their practical semester begins.
- During their internship abroad they receive tasks and assignments to be handed in or uploaded.
- Students are offered voluntary tutoring/ counselling by university staff during their stay abroad.
- Preparation at university includes a training focusing on intercultural competence.

What Our Students Have to Offer

- Sound pedagogical, methodological, and subject content knowledge
- A strong commitment to involvement in school projects, events etc.
- Support for German as a Foreign Language teachers
- A keen interest in exploring other countries, cultures, and educational systems
- A strong motivation to reflect on issues concerning education, schools, and the teaching profession