STUDYING AT JGU

With more than 33,000 students from about 130 nations, Johannes Gutenberg-University of Mainz (JGU) is one of the ten largest universities in Germany. As the only comprehensive university in the state of Rhineland-Palatinate, it combines nearly all academic disciplines under one roof, including the Mainz University Medical Center, the School of Music, and the Mainz Academy of Arts. This is a unique way of integration in the German academic landscape. With 145 fields of study, 119 Bachelor and Master degree programs, and the Licentiate of Sacred Theology, JGU offers an extraordinarily broad range.

A degree course in Mainz, the capital of Rhineland-Palatinate and media metropolis, is interesting and attractive to all students of the B.Ed. / M.Ed., Mag.-theol. and Lic. Theol. programs since all compulsory lecture courses of the theological modules are offered annually. This allows students to start with their degree course every winter as well as every summer term.

We wish you a warm welcome!

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Matthias Pulte
Dean of the Faculty of Catholic Theology
DO YOU KNOW MAINZ?
PAST AND PRESENT OF A FACULTY WITH A RICH TRADITION:

A faculty of Catholic Theology existed from the very beginnings of the medieval University of Mainz and began its teaching in October 1477 after its establishment by the Archbishop of Mainz and Elector Diether von Isenburg. During the wars of the French Revolution, which had rocked the Rhine region since 1792, together with the episcopal see and the university, the faculty was destroyed.

In 1804, Mainz, which had in the meantime been annexed by France, was reestablished as an episcopal see in Napoleon's Empire. Since an episcopal throne could not exist without a seminary and the seminary could not exist without a theological teaching function, a theological course of study was created by Bishop Joseph L. Colmar in the seminary, which was also established in 1804.

After the Second World War, when Mainz was again under French occupation, the faculty was reinstated and came to life again. The course of study at the episcopal seminary, which has continued to formally exist with full university rights until today, has been integrated into the university with its comprehensive range of studies.

The Faculty of Catholic Theology is centrally located on campus. This location enables the connection of the study of theology with many other degree courses interdisciplinarily. Therefore, a considerable number of interesting cooperations between the theological disciplines and other subjects exists.

With more than 400 students and twelve professorships, the faculty ranks among the significant theological research and educational institutions in the southwest of Germany. Conjointly with the Faculty of Protestant Theology, it forms Faculty 01 of the University of Mainz, which is a unique merging in Germany.

SUBJECT AREAS

Biblical Theology
Old Testament (Prof. Dr. Thomas Hieke)
New Testament (Prof. Dr. Konrad Huber)

Historical Theology
Ancient Church History and Patrology
(Prof. Dr. Heike Grieser)
Medieval and New Church History – Religious Folklore Studies (Prof. Dr. Claus Arnold)

Systematic Theology
Fundamental Theology and Religious Studies
(Prof. Dr. Alexander Loichinger)
Dogmatic and Oecumenic Theology
(Prof. Dr. Leonhard Hell)
Moral Theology (Prof. Dr. Stephan Goertz)
Christian Anthropology and Social Ethics
(Prof. Dr. Gerhard Krup)

Practical Theology
Canon Law, History of Canon Law and State-Church Law (Prof. Dr. Matthias Pulte)
Liturgics and Homiletics (Prof. Dr. Ansgar Franz)
Pastoral Theology (Prof. Dr. Philipp Müller)
Religious Education, Catechetics and Religious Teaching Methodology (Prof. Dr. Stefan Altmeyer)

Philosophy
Philosophy (Department of Philosophy; Prof. Dr. Mechtdid Dreyer; PD Dr. Stefan Seif)

LICENTIATE (LIC. THEOL. / STL)

The Licentiate of Sacred Theology is a canonical university degree of a postgraduate program which qualifies students to academic teachings at many seminaries and other ecclesiastical educational institutions of the catholic universal church. Furthermore, the Licentiate enables students who have not completed a Magister Theologiae course of study to comply with the requirements to do a doctorate in theology.

This post-graduate course program involves an in-depth academic study in the theological disciplines. Thereby, students form a focus on one major and two minor subjects of the faculty’s range of subjects. The University of Mainz is an international university. Our faculty also aspires to have a dialogical transfer of knowledge with non-German speaking countries. Therefore, the course of study is offered bilingually in German and English. A German language certificate (DSH II) is very welcome; however, it is not a requirement for admission. The faculty’s range of studies is explicitly directed at international students.

JGU does not charge tuition fees for exchange students. However, you will have to pay a social fee of about € 300 as all other students of a German university. This fee includes the student ticket, which permits you to use public transportation in Mainz, Wiesbaden and the Rhein-Main area without further costs.

For further information or any questions about the university degree in Mainz, please contact the study coordinator of the faculty.

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