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'International Nutrition' as part of a BSc- and MSc-programme of Nutritional Sciences in Giessen, Germany

Justus Liebig University is a state university situated in the small town of Giessen about 65 km north of Frankfurt/Main, in Germany. It is the only academic institution in Germany with a chair for 'Human Nutrition with focus on International Nutrition'. Since 2003 programmes for obtaining a Bachelor of Science in 'Oekotrophologie' and a Master of Science in Nutritional Sciences have been implemented and lectures on International Nutrition Security are offered, partly in German, partly in English. BSc-students can attend a module on 'Basics in International Nutrition'. Topics covered are:

- UNICEF-concept of Nutrition Security
- Food Security
- Care
- Health environment
- Strategies in food aid
- Diseases affecting the utilisation of food
- Severe childhood malnutrition
- Breastfeeding
- Micronutrient deficiencies
- Gender issues in Development
- International trade and food (in-)security.

Students can write a BSc-thesis on issues discussed in the teaching module.

Within the frame of the MSc in Nutritional Sciences students are offered two modules, one for 'Advanced Studies in International Nutrition' and one for 'International Nutrition and Agriculture', the latter in cooperation with the Dept. for Agricultural and Environmental Policy. The course goes into details of the catalogue for the BSc-programme, and students need to work on scientific and policy papers extensively. They get to know the German and the international institutions addressing hunger relief and nutrition security, i.e. GTZ & KfW in Germany, and FAO, WFP, IPGRI in Rome as well as WHO, UNHCR, IFRC and WTO in Geneva. The

department offers visits to Rome and Geneva twice a year where the students get an introduction into the work of the institutions.

A Masters thesis can be written on International Nutrition under the supervision of and with advice from the department including field studies of 3 to 6 months. For students interested in a doctoral degree in Nutritional Sciences or in Medicine, the department offers special scientific and administrative support to design doctoral studies in International Nutrition. This offer is restricted to those meeting the general requirements for the doctoral study programme of the relevant faculty.

More information:

www.uni-giessen.de/fbr09/int-nutr;

http://www.uni-giessen.de/fbr09/studium/bachelor_en.php

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