Located on the Rhine, Mainz is the capital of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate, a city with about 200,000 inhabitants in the Rhein-Main area, i.e. close to Frankfurt. Important media companies have their head-quarters in Mainz, but the city is also the heart of a major wine-growing region.

The Rhein-Main area is characterised by a diversity of large businesses and industries which include many international companies. Thus, the region offers numerous opportunities for internships accompanying your studies at Mainz.

Part of the international flair of this region is the multiethnic character of the population. Mainz combines the advantages of urban lifestyle with small-town charm. A broad variety of social and cultural events, but also outdoor recreation areas, including the UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Rhine Valley, are always within easy reach.

...and by the way: Your student ID is also a pass for public transport (busses, trains), which makes getting around the city and travelling in the region very easy.
About 35,000 students are currently enrolled at Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU). International students comprise nearly 10% of the student body, contributing to the liveliness of the campus. JGU has repeatedly won an award for its outstanding ERASMUS-Programme and has won a medal in the 2013 “International Student Satisfaction Award” competition. With about 350 exchange agreements and more than 100 partner universities worldwide, JGU is part of a global academic network. Non-degree seeking students coming to Mainz for one or two semesters usually fall into one of the three categories:

- ERASMUS students
- Exchange students from partner universities
- Exchange students sponsored by DAAD and other scholarship programmes

If you wish to study in Mainz for more than two semesters or if you want to pursue a degree here, you have to apply for regular admission.

Application Deadlines for Exchange Students are:
- Winter Term: July 15th
- Summer Term: January 15th

The University of Mainz ranks prominently in several disciplines among those universities of Germany that are considered EXCELLENT. It offers a broad range of majors, degrees, and programmes. The fact that JGU is one of the few real campus universities in Germany, where everything is in one place, facilitates interdisciplinary discourse in a unique manner.

FIELDS OF STUDY:
- Catholic and Protestant Theology
- Social Sciences, Media Studies, and Sports
- Law and Economics
- Medicine and Dentistry
- Philosophy and Humanities
- Interpreting/Translation (Germersheim campus)
- History and Culture Studies
- Physics, Mathematics, and Computer Sciences
- Chemistry, Pharmacy, and Earth Sciences
- Biology
- Music and Fine Arts

The academic year begins Oct. 01 (Winter Term), but you can also start your studies at the beginning of the Summer Term, April 01.

School is in session during the following periods:
- Winter Term: Late October until the end of February
- Summer Term: Late April until the end of July

Before the official start of the term, you will be taken through the bureaucratic formalities during the Infodays, and you may participate in an intensive German language course:

Services provided by JGU:
- INFODAYS: At the beginning of each semester, the so-called Infodays are offered specifically for exchange students to help you with the logistics of student life in Mainz.

GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSES: The Language Center of JGU offers an intensive language course prior to the beginning of classes and a language course during the lecture periods. A placement test which is part of the InfoDays determines which level of language course you can attend.

ACCOMMODATION: Exchange students are eligible for student housing at the Studierendenwerk Mainz. Residence halls are located...