

JLU's Digital Infrastructure – an Overview

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JLU's Digital Infrastructure. This video will give you a brief overview of the electronic systems used for teaching and learning at JLU.

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The sum of all electronic systems can be overwhelming at a first glance. Let us imagine that all of these tools work together under one roof – the roof of Justus Liebig University.

First of all, let us split the electronic systems into two different categories: on one hand, we have administrative systems that allow you to access several services, communicate and collaborate.

On the other hand, there are the learning and teaching systems that provide you with the content of your studies consisting of videoconference tools and learning management systems.

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The key to the house is the combination of your student user ID consisting of letters and numbers (e.g. xy1234)... and your given password. This key will give you access to all the electronic systems and registration processes mentioned in this video.

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Let us first take a look at the administrative services and systems of JLU. There are 5 different systems that are important for you:

FIRST, the JLU mail – this is your university e-mail address that you should use for all communication related to your studies at JLU.

SECOND, there is FlexNow – FlexNow is the examination management system with which you'll be able to enrol in exams and view your grades.

THIRD, there is JLUBox – JLUBox is a file sharing platform where you can also edit files or share files with your peers.

FOURTH, the EZ-Proxy – This proxy is simply integrated into the online library system and lets you access full text resources off campus.

LASTLY, there is the portal called “iam.uni-giessen” - in this portal you can access your study certificates and master data sheets.

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Now, let's head over to the learning and teaching systems. Here, we would like to introduce you to the videoconferencing tools and the learning management systems.

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But which videoconferencing tools are being used at JLU? For synchronous learning and teaching, your lecturers will likely use Webex or a comparable videoconferencing tool in order to deliver live seminars and lectures. Files and links can be shared via the chat function during your meetings and you can communicate with your lecturer and fellow students, for instance in breakout rooms.

For Webex, you do not need an account to join a meeting. We recommend the FAQ section of the Digital Campus in case you have questions regarding the registration or sign up process for our tools.

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Now, let us take a look through the “window” of the learning management systems. Here, we have two different systems for students and lecturers.

FIRST, we have Stud.IP. As a learning management system, it provides access to study material uploaded by lecturers and it enables communication between students and teachers. Moreover, it provides general information on the course administration and you can, for instance, register for office hours.

ADDITIONALLY, we use the learning management system ILIAS. ILIAS shares many functions with STUD.IP. In fact, ILIAS courses can even be integrated into and reached via Stud.IP. On ILIAS you can find e-lectures, exercises, and tests. Please note that it is up to the lecturers to choose the learning management system for every single course. If you are looking for

a course, please search in Stud.IP. If there is an ILIAS course available, you will find the interface and the ILIAS course link there.

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If you need more detailed information – for example on how to sign in and navigate through the learning platforms - watch the screencast videos or read through the manuals provided by the IT-Service Department.