Jena is a vibrant city in Central Germany, surrounded by the scenic limestone mountains of the Saale Valley. It hosts the Friedrich Schiller University (founded in 1558), and one of Germany’s most dense communities of high-level research institutions. Of the more than 18,000 students who are enrolled in FSU’s programmes, about 15% have an international background. Strolling around the city you will enjoy this diversity of student live in every corner.

The city with a population of about 100,000 people has set itself the goal of being one of the most student-friendly towns in Europe – a ‘student’s paradise’. This means offering not only outstanding study conditions and excellent, service-oriented support, but also a wide range of cultural and leisure activities, an attractive range of pubs and restaurants, and Thuringia’s largest University Sports Association with more than 80 disciplines.
For implementing innovative approaches and concepts from molecules to materials and their applications, materials chemistry plays an increasingly important role across the field of natural sciences. FSU’s 2-year Master’s programme “Chemistry of Materials” (120 ECTS) is designed for students with a Bachelor’s degree in either chemistry, physics, materials sciences, any of the chemistry-related disciplines of engineering or related fields. The course language is English. The study programme starts in the winter semester (October 1st) of each academic year.

The programme comprises three stages: adjustment, specialization and practical training. The **adjustment stage** provides students with the necessary academic background to embark on materials chemistry, depending on their individual Bachelor education. Basic German or project management skills can also be obtained during the first semester. The **specialization stage** provides students with fundamental courses as well as the opportunity to specialize in various fields of materials chemistry depending on personal interest. During the **practical training** students perform research laboratory work and a scientific internship either at research groups in Jena or at partner institutions abroad. At the end of the programme, students work towards a thesis on a current topic of research.

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**Curriculum**

**Gained Skills & Competencies**

- Chemistry „from molecules to materials“
- Nanotechnology, self-assembly & nanostructured materials
- Advanced computational tools
- Multi-scale simulation of materials problems
- Modern routes for material manufacture
- Advanced analytical tools, spectroscopy and microscopy
- Creativity, critical thinking and data analysis
- Basic German language skills, project management skills

**Job Opportunities**

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