Welcome
to the University of Göttingen
On behalf of Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, I welcome you and encourage you to discover more about an academic environment where you benefit from the advantages of a university with extensive educational opportunities in the comfort and safety of small town life, where you will feel right at home.

We are committed to your success, whether you are a degree student looking to make Göttingen your academic home or an exchange or visiting student at an advanced level seeking to enhance your education and career.

> «Georgia Augusta», established in the age of Enlightenment (1737) and committed to its critical spirit, was one of Europe’s first universities to abandon the supremacy of theology and achieve equality for all faculties. The University of Göttingen is one of the top research universities in Germany and was elected one of the nine «Excellence Universities» in 2007 in recognition of the productivity of our faculties and the value of their research efforts.

The Göttingen Research Campus plays a central role in the institutional strategy. Important partners integrated into the existing network are the Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities, the German Primate Centre, the German Aerospace Centre, as well as five Max Planck Institutes. Jointly run special research units, graduate schools, and infrastructure facilities, as well as inter-institutional filling of positions are established elements of integrated research and teaching activities.

In addition to these ample opportunities, nearly eleven percent of Göttingen’s diverse student population is made up of international students from more than 100 countries, making the campus a melting pot of different nationalities and cultures.

The University of Göttingen welcomes all students from around the world, and will be glad to provide any further information you might need. I hope you enjoy looking through our brochure, will get to know us better and will eventually become part of our university.

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Kurt von Figura
President, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

Dear Students,

thank you for your interest in the University of Göttingen. This guide is designed to provide you with all the essential information to help you make the best possible choices for you. It will lead you through all the necessary steps to become a student of Georg-August-Universität and make Göttingen your new home for the next months or even years.

I congratulate you for considering Georgia Augusta as your new academic home. The excellent scientific community of Göttingen provides you with state-of-the-art conditions for research and education during your studies. And even after your graduation, as an alumni, you will stay a member of this unique scientific family in Göttingen throughout your future career.

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Director, Göttingen International
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With over 700 million inhabitants, Europe is one of the most densely populated regions of the world. Of the 51 sovereign states that comprise Europe, 27 are members of the European Union (EU). Since January 2002, 16 countries have the same currency, the Euro (€), and have formed a unified economic region.

... to Germany – right in the heart of Europe
The 357,021 square km of Germany range from the North and Baltic Seas in the north to the Alps in the south. The highest mountain is the Zugspitze with 2,963 m; the longest rivers are the Rhine (Rhein), Elbe and Danube (Donau).
Whenever you have the chance you should go and visit the coastline, where you will find the most amazing cliffs and beaches. Or go hiking in the Harz, which is the highest mountain chain in northern Germany close to Göttingen.

Although Germany is not a large country by size, it is excellent in countless ways: It offers one of the highest standards of living in the world, a diverse art and cultural scene, and excellent products,
be it agriculture or high technology. And with 82 million inhabitants, it has the largest population of all EU-member states.

Germany is a democratic country with a parliamentary democracy. It has 16 federal states (Bundesländer), which in certain spheres act independently of the Federation, in particular in education.

Climate
»I pack my bag and add ...«, well, what should you bring to wear? We strongly suggest: a variety of things. Germany is a country of four seasons, which normally include a warm, mild spring, a hot, dry to humid summer, a golden fall with clear blue skies, and a cold winter with ice and snow. But rain is also a common companion in Germany – so don’t forget your raincoat.

»Studying in Göttingen is an invaluable experience, in professional terms as well as life experience as well. What I will always remember about Göttingen: the bicycle rides (and falls), barbecues in the summer, parties all year round, uncountable days in the library and endless nights in my room studying for exams, teachers who became friends and friends who became my family.«

Mariana Vidal
Forest Sciences, Peru
Germany’s higher education has an excellent reputation. Many stimulating incentives are provided from these institutions that encourage innovation and further progress in all segments of society, industry and economy.

Types of higher education
Germany’s higher education landscape offers a multitude of possibilities and a programme that caters to your needs, as there are more than 300 institutions and thousands of degree programmes.

In general, there are three different types of institutions:

Universities (Universitäten)
Universities strongly focus on research but also combine this principle with state-of-the-art teaching. Comprehensive universities, such as Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, offer courses in practically all subject areas.

Other universities specialize in e.g. engineering and technology, and are then called technical university or university of technology. These universities are entitled to award doctoral degrees.

Universities of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschulen)
Universities of Applied Sciences are more practical and narrowly focused and prepare students for specific professions through tightly-organized programmes. They do not award doctoral degrees.

Colleges of Art, Film or Music (Kunst-, Film- und Musikhochschulen)
Such institutions offer creative subjects like fine arts, industrial and fashion design, stage design, graphic art, instrumental music or singing.

For a list of all state-recognized German higher education institutions see www.hochschulkompass.de/en
Comparability – Studying in Europe and Germany

The Bologna Process

In 1999, in the Italian city of Bologna the governments of 29 European countries met and passed reforms that affect all of Germany’s higher education institutions. The goal was to raise the competitiveness of European universities by creating a single European Higher Education Area. Ever since, comparable and transparent programmes and degrees were introduced all over Europe. A further aim is to promote internationality by increasing mobility among students and academic staff and to facilitate the recognition of credits and degrees achieved and awarded abroad.

»The networks make me feel like the whole scientific community at Göttingen was my own large home, where I can use all the facilities and have easy access to multiple methods, diverse knowledge, and specialised equipment. All I have to do is call my network friends. The programme provides tremendous support for our ideas, projects and personal well-being here in Göttingen.«

Alonso Barrantes Freer, Neurosciences, Costa Rica
Through the Bologna Process, Germany’s institutions of higher education seek to not only improve the conditions for German students wishing to study abroad but also to meet the interests and needs of international applicants and students. Therefore, more classes are being taught in English or other foreign languages, double or joint degrees are offered, and windows for mobility are integrated in programmes. Additionally, services for students and supervision were improved.
What a charming town – Göttingen connects its medieval origin with excellent and state-of-the-art science. Its historic quarters with exceptionally preserved half-timbered houses on the one side, and the University of Göttingen with its 24,000 students on the other side form a very lively atmosphere.

Göttingen’s 130,000 inhabitants are warm, open minded and diverse and so are the cultural, historic and economic offers of the city. Explore the cozy back streets, the pedestrian zone or stroll around the sidewalk cafés, restaurants and pubs. Climb the so-called Wall, the earthen rampart that rings the inner city, by foot or bike, and enjoy the magnificent view over the town. You may even catch a glimpse of the Gänseliesel, a very special fountain and the city’s landmark. This bronze statue is the darling of all freshly promoted doctors who kiss her lips after having passed their exams.
The University of Göttingen profits from steadily expanding collaborative networks with local non-university research institutions. These networks encompass the Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities, the German Primate Centre, the German Aerospace Centre, the Max Planck Institutes (MPI) for Biophysical Chemistry, for Dynamics and Self-Organisation, for Experimental Medicine, for Solar System Research, and for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity (the MPIs host a total of 25 departments). Additional Institutions are the Laser Laboratorium Göttingen, the Measurement Valley Association and, located at a greater distance, the Herzog August Library in Wolfenbüttel.

Did you know?
The coat of arms of Lower Saxony is a white horse on red. White horses were especially difficult to breed without knowledge of genetics. White horses, however, have been famous in Lower Saxony since the 14th century. To the present day, the M.Sc. in Equine Science of the University of Göttingen is one of the most unique study programmes in Europe.

www.grc.uni-goettingen.de
Committed to Your Success: Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

Founded in 1737, the university is a research centre of high international standing with a strong emphasis on research-oriented teaching. There are 13 faculties, 24,000 students and over 150 courses of study. Some 400 full professors are supported by 2,800 academic staff members and 2,700 student assistants. The university is characterized by its rich diversity of academic subjects, its excellent facilities for conducting research and the outstanding quality of its study programmes. The university’s scientific excellence is evidenced by the fact that 44 Nobel laureates have walked its halls.

The Georg-August-Universität is one of the highest ranking universities in Germany. In 2007, it was honoured by the German federal and state governments’ Excellence Initiative for its institutional strategy entitled »Göttingen. Tradition – Innovation – Autonomy«, designed to strengthen the university’s profile.

In autumn 2008, liaison offices were set up in Pune (India), Nanjing (China) and Seoul (South Korea). These representations intensify the university’s international relations by strengthening its global network and increasing the international visibility of the Göttingen Research Campus.

Facts & Figures
24,000 students
2,600 international students
400 full professors
2,800 academic staff members
2,700 student assistants
13 faculties
3 graduate schools
18 English-taught Master’s Programmes
29 English-taught Ph.D. Programmes

Natural Sciences, Mathematics
Faculty of Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Biology incl. Psychology
Faculty of Chemistry
Faculty of Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology
Faculty of Geoscience and Geography
Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science
Faculty of Physics

Medicine
Medical School

Law, Economic Sciences, Social Sciences
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Social Sciences
Faculty of Economic Sciences

Humanities and Theology
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Theology
Göttingen Alumni Network – a partnership for life
The University of Göttingen will stay committed to your success even after your graduation. As a former student of Göttingen University, you are welcome to join the Göttingen Alumni Network and thus to stay in touch with peers and professors and enhance your career. As a special service, Georgia Augusta offers further scientific education such as expert seminars and training, which are complimentary for all Göttingen alumni.

www.uni-goettingen.de/alumni

International networks of the university

Member of Coimbra-Group
The Coimbra-Group is an association of long-established European multidisciplinary universities of high international standard.
www.coimbra-group.be

Member of U4
The Universities of Göttingen, Groningen, Uppsala and Ghent have joined forces in the intensive and collaborative network U4.

www.uni-goettingen.eu
For a true student, the library is like a second home. And the «halls of knowledge» offered to you here are among the most acknowledged and historic in Germany.

Göttingen State and University Library (Niedersächsische Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Göttingen, SUB) is said to be among the best European scientific libraries and continues to occupy a position in the vanguard. The library hosts invaluable treasures of wisdom and history. Acknowledged worldwide as a leading digital library competence centre, the SUB directs or participates in numerous research and development projects and provides excellent conditions for students and their research. The current inventory is 4.2 million volumes, including the famous Gutenberg-Bible and 13,400 manuscripts.

Did you know?
Among Germany’s most famous librarians are the Grimm Brothers, Jacob and Wilhelm, who served in Göttingen from 1830 until 1837. They are famous for collecting folk and fairy tales.
There are two main SUB buildings. In addition to the »old« downtown library with its historic collections, the modern SUB right on campus sports a new high tech library. The glass front provides a bright, airy environment, and especially the cafeteria invites you to relax and refresh yourself on several floors. Computers with high speed internet access are at your service to gather every piece of information you could possibly need.
Study Opportunities at the University of Göttingen

There are two possibilities to join the university:

► as a visiting or exchange student (see page 55) or
► as a degree student to obtain a Bachelor’s, Master’s or doctoral degree.

How to apply as a degree student
Applicants from the EU and EEA, and citizens of a foreign country with a German university entrance certificate (e.g. Abitur) find all information at:
www.uni-goettingen.de/en/46865.html

Applicants from Non-EU states and stateless persons find all information at:
www.uni-goettingen.de/en/46866.html

Please check these webpages carefully, as there are different steps to take, depending on the programme you want to study.

If you are interested in studying for earning a Bachelor’s Degree, these persons can assist you:

Degree students from Africa and Israel, DAAD Scholarship Holders
Marie-Hélène Benoist
marie-helene.benoist@zvw.uni-goettingen.de

Degree students from Non-EU-Europe and Northern Asia (CIS, Mongolia, PR China)
Michaela El-Omar
michaela.el-omar@zvw.uni-goettingen.de

Degree students from North- and South America, Oceania and Southern Asia
Nina Giebel
nina.giebel@zvw.uni-goettingen.de

Students from the European Union or EU countries are to follow the same procedure as German students and have to contact the Office of Student Affairs (Studienzentrale)
studienzentrale@uni-goettingen.de
www.uni-goettingen.de/en/46865.html

Bachelor’s and other undergraduate programmes
The Bachelor’s programmes cover the basic principles and fundamentals of a field. Within the Bachelor’s programmes, the university offers a choice of more than 80 study programmes with a large variety of combinations. The duration of study usually is six semesters (three years). Medicine and Law have the State Examination degree. Students of Theology graduate with a magister or Ecclesiastical Examination. All Bachelor and other undergraduate programmes are taught in German.

Additional information:
www.uni-goettingen.de/bachelor

»The Becoming of a Doctor is a Confirmation of the Mind.«
Georg Christoph Lichtenberg, author and first German professor for experimental physics. He lectured in Göttingen.
Master’s Programmes
Research-oriented education in an outstanding scientific environment is offered by the university with its approximately 70 Master’s programmes, of which 14 are taught in English.

Master’s programmes enable students to deepen and extend their knowledge in one or two disciplines. The duration of study is usually four semesters (two years). Some intensive programmes allow transition into a Ph.D. study programme after three semesters.

Additional information:
www.uni-goettingen.de/master

Ph.D.
All faculties at the University of Göttingen offer the possibility to earn a doctoral degree. Candidates must already have a Master’s degree or proof of equivalent academic achievement. Doctoral studies at the University of Göttingen take place within structured programmes in three graduate schools. Most of the Ph.D. programmes are held in English and require three years to be completed.

Doctoral students agree on their thesis project with their thesis committee and prepare a thesis or dissertation as a piece of independent research work. You will find information about application procedures on the webpage of each programme:

Additional information:
www.uni-goettingen.de/phd
At the University of Göttingen, three Graduate Schools offer doctoral training within structured programmes:

**Georg-August University School of Science (GAUSS)** unifies the basic programmes of the founding faculties of Biology, Chemistry, Geoscience/Geography, Mathematics and Computer Science, Physics, and the further programmes of the three associated faculties Agricultural Sciences, Forest Sciences/Forest Ecology and Medicine, as well as four Max Planck Institutes, the German Primate Centre and the German Aerospace Centre. GAUSS includes the Graduate School of Neuroscience and Molecular Biosciences (GGNB – a Graduate School recognised as part of the Excellence Initiative), and three International Max Planck Research Schools. GAUSS is the path to a Dr. rer. nat. (Doctor of Science) Degree in Göttingen.

**Göttingen Graduate School of Social Sciences (GGG)** unites the faculties of Law, Social Sciences and Economic Sciences, the departments of Agricultural Economics and Forestry/Forest Ecology.

**Göttingen Graduate School of Humanities (GSGG)** unites the faculties of Philosophy and Theology.

The objective of these graduate schools is to optimise the research and learning conditions for doctoral students and to foster the development of a new generation of exceptional scholars by providing supervision and a range of well-designed seminars.

To achieve these objectives, the graduate schools not only provide support for all established doctoral programmes of the member faculties, but also offer the advantages of structured doctoral training to all doctoral students who are not part of structured programmes. Moreover, graduate schools help by sponsoring academic activities and encouraging the building of networks.

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**Did you know?**

For more than 70 years it was against the law to kiss the bronze statue Gänseleisel after earning the doctorate degree – a tradition that had been followed for decades. But since students simply did not obey the law, the mayor of Göttingen abolished this kissing decree in 2001, again allowing students to legally express their joy by kissing the lips of Gänseleisel.
The basic elements of structured doctoral training within the graduate schools are:

- a structured curriculum,
- thesis committees for each Ph.D. student and
- a wide variety of transferable skills courses.

Contact:

Georg-August-Universität School of Science – GAUSS
www.gauss.uni-goettingen.de
incl. Göttingen Graduate School for Neurosciences and Molecular Biosciences – GGNB
www.ggnb.uni-goettingen.de

Göttingen Graduate School of Social Sciences – GGG
www.uni-goettingen.de/ggg

Göttingen Graduate School of Humanities – GSGG
www.uni-goettingen.de/gsgg

»Göttingen is a beautiful city, having good laboratory and library facilities and is perfect for research work. Our department of clinical chemistry has special advantage as it is attached to the clinic.«

Dr. Sagarika Biswas
Medicine, India
Fees and Scholarships

Tuition Fee/Enrolment Fee
All students have to pay enrolment fees of approximately 200 Euros per semester. This fee includes a train ticket (Semester-ticket), which allows you to use local trains within the federal state of Lower Saxony and surrounding areas free of charge. In addition, Bachelor and Master’s Degree students at Georg-August-Universität have to pay 500 Euros tuition fee per semester.

Scholarships
There are several institutions offering information about scholarships for your studies, e.g. DAAD (www.daad.de) and organizations for the promotion of young talents (www.stipendiumplus.de).

A comprehensive database is provided by DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) at: www.funding-guide.de

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Erasmus Mundus Action 2 (formerly known as Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window (EM ECW))

Another option to finance your studies is to apply for an Erasmus Mundus Action 2 scholarship. The Georg-August-University Göttingen is currently involved in several projects. Please check whether your university is listed as a partner. To see the available scholarships categorized by country, subject and status, consult: www.uni-goettingen.de/em_ecw

Tuition fees: 500 Euros
Enrolment fee: approx. 200 Euros

Only a few Master programmes require additional payment. For additional information, have a look at the programme descriptions. Exemptions apply for exchange students from particular programmes and for students within certain scholarship programmes (e.g. DAAD).
What to do When You Have Decided to Study in Göttingen

Entering the Federal Republic of Germany
Before you come to Germany, there are some bureaucratic hurdles to tackle.

Letter of Admission
You need the Letter of Admission (Zulassungsbescheid) from Georg-August-Universität Göttingen before you can apply for your visa. You automatically receive it after your application has been accepted by the university. Ph.D.-candidates who were offered a position will additionally receive a draft employment contract.

Passport
Make sure that you hold a valid passport.

Financial Requirements
You must ensure well in advance to have arranged for sufficient funds to cover your living expenses during your stay, as you will already have to provide evidence for your visa application.

Visa
Please check if you require a visa to enter Germany for study purposes. EU and EFTA citizens do not need visa. Citizens of other countries must contact the German embassy or consulate in their country of residence to check visa regulations prior to their travel to Germany. Please consult the website of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany (Auswärtiges Amt) to find out the requirements for your visa application. Do not enter Germany with a tourist visa. Note that processing the visa application will take up to several months. www.auswaertiges-amt.de

Health Insurance
It is mandatory to have health insurance during your entire stay in Germany. Therefore, please be advised to take out a travel health insurance for your trip first, so that you are covered during the first one or two weeks of your stay in Göttingen. We recommend degree students to sign a contract with a German statutory health insurance (Gesetzliche Krankenversicherung). Currently premiums amount to some 50 Euros per month. Students older than 30 years cannot sign with a statutory health insurance but have to apply for coverage with a private insurer. Visiting students need to ensure that they are adequately covered by a valid health insurance. For short-term visitors, travel insurance is generally the best option.

Funding is essential for successfully completing your studies. You should take into account that 650 Euros per month are the minimum to meet your costs of living.

Don’t forget
▶ Valid passport
▶ Valid visa (non-EU citizens only)
▶ Letter of Admission (Zulassungsbescheid)
▶ Tuition fee paid correctly and in time (if applicable)
▶ Proof of health insurance
▶ Vaccination card and other medical records (if necessary)
▶ Evidence of previous academic achievements (originals and translations)
▶ Sufficient funding

Originals and certified translations (English or German)
Please make sure that you have all records or evidence of previous academic achievements (if applicable) as original documents and as authorized translations in either English or German.
How to Get to Göttingen

By Car
Göttingen is located directly off the Autobahn A7, a major north to south motorway in Germany. Since there are two Göttingen exits, please check a route planner.

How to reach your accommodation
When you arrive at Göttingen main station (Hauptbahnhof) you have different options:

- taking a bus. Please check www.fahrplaner.de
- taking a cab (Taxi)
- using Gretel-Service: Exchange students who would like to be picked up from main station upon their arrival in Göttingen, will then be greeted by a student tutor and accompanied to their accommodation. For more information and online registration see: www.gretel.uni-goettingen.de

By Plane
There are two airports close to Göttingen.

The nearest is Hannover Airport. From there you take the S-Bahn to Hannover main station (Hauptbahnhof), where you transfer to express trains to Göttingen. This takes a little over an hour; ticket price is 34 Euros. www.hannover-airport.de

The more common airport is Frankfurt International. There are direct express trains to Göttingen or you transfer at Frankfurt main station (Hauptbahnhof). This takes approximately two hours; ticket price is 60 Euros. www.frankfurt-airport.de

By Train
Most express trains on the north-south route stop in Göttingen. Please contact your local travel agent or check and book directly via www.bahn.de/international/view/en

By Bus
All long distance buses reaching Göttingen stop at Göttingen main station (Hauptbahnhof).
My home is my castle
Fortunately, accommodation in Göttingen is cheaper than in many other university cities in Germany. Most popular are student residences (Wohnheim) or shared apartments (Wohngemeinschaft/WG). The student service (Studentenwerk) offers a great variety of places to stay. There are also private apartments that cater to the student’s budget.

Private accommodation market
There are also rooms and apartments for rent on the private market. You can find them online, in weekend issues of the local newspapers and on notice boards in university buildings. You can also consult a local real estate agent (Immobilienmakler). However, it is important to know that they can charge a commission fee (Provision) of up to three months’ rent (excluding utilities; Kaltmiete), for their services.

For a first glimpse please check the following websites:
www.wg-gesucht.de/en (in English)
www.uni-goettingen.de/wohnungsboerse (in German)
www.goettinger-tageblatt.de/Anzeigen/Immo (in German)
www.studenten-wg.de (in German)

Did you know?
In Germany apartments usually are not characterized by the number of bedrooms. Their size is usually stated in square meter (m² or qm) and the overall number of rooms, excluding kitchen and bathroom.

Accommodation at the Studentenwerk
The Studentenwerk offers about 4,600 affordable rooms and apartments. There are single rooms in shared apartments, single, double-room or family apartments. The residential buildings are spread all over the town, ranging from historical sites to modern complexes.

Due to the high demand, we recommend filling out an application as soon as possible if you are considering studying in Göttingen. To apply, neither registration nor matriculation is required! You will find the application form at:
www.studentenwerk-goettingen.de/wohnen.html

Accommodation service for exchange students (ERASMUS, Erasmus Mundus Action 2 and students from partner universities)
If you are coming to Göttingen within an Erasmus Mundus, EM ECW programme or from one of our partner universities, please get in touch with the International Student Services (Team Studium International) for accommodation. They will gladly assist you in finding the right place for your needs.
www.uni-goettingen.de/accommodation-service
christiane.seack@zvw.uni-goettingen.de

Understanding what is being offered
To help you read and understand the advertisements, please refer to the list below:
2 ZKB - a two-room (Z=Zimmer) apartment, with a kitchen (K=Küche) and bathroom (B=Bad)
Abstellraum - storage room
Balkon (Blk.) - balcony
DG (=Dachgeschoss) - attic floor (most likely directly under the roof)
Du (=Dusche) - shower
EG (=Erdgeschoss) - ground floor
KM (=Kaltmiete) - rent without utilities and heat
Kaut. (=Kaution) - security deposit (to be reimbursed when you move out)
Möbliert (mbl.) - furnished
NK (Nebenkosten) - additional costs (electricity, heat, staircase cleaning, garbage fee etc.)
OG (=Obergeschoss) - upper floor
Ruhige Lage - quiet area
Sout. (=Souterrain) - basement
WM (=Warmmiete) - rent including heating and water
WC - toilet
Having Found a Place

Before you move into your new place, take the following into consideration:

**Contract (Mietvertrag)**

Contractual obligations are taken very seriously in Germany. Once you have signed a contract, your landlord expects you to fully comply with the duties. Be sure you understand all points of the contract, e.g. are you liable for cleaning the staircase or do you have to renovate the rooms when moving in or out? In case of doubt, it is better to have someone help you understand the contract.

**Deposits**

All apartments require a security deposit of two to three months’ rents. This amount will be refunded at the end of the leasing period, when you leave the place in good condition.

**Moving in**

When you move into your new apartment or room, take a good look around and write down all damages or breakages. Have your landlord sign this list. It will be added as an addendum to your rental contract. Thus when you move out, you will not be held responsible for damages you did not cause. Your landlord can deduct money from your deposit to fix any damages that occurred during your stay.

**Your rights as a tenant**

Everything that belongs to the apartment is property of the landlord. He is liable if anything breaks down, does not work, etc. If you have any problems with the apartment, call your landlord.

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**Recycling Republic of Germany**

Germany is very big in recycling. Therefore there are a couple of things you should know about disposing used items:

**Bottles**

Deposit bottles are marked as Mehrwegflasche or Pfandflasche. When you bring the bottle back, the deposit (Pfand) will be refunded. To dispose of one-way glass bottles the community provides bottle banks (Altglascontainer) in every neighbourhood. One-way plastic bottles go into special yellow plastic bags (Gelber Sack).

**Waste Paper**

To dispose of old newspapers, cartons etc. you will find blue waste paper containers in front of your house.
Furniture
Most apartments available for rent will be unfurnished. Furnished apartments are marked as »möbliert«. Even the kitchen will often not be equipped with appliances like sink, oven, fridge, etc. unless specifically indicated.

Telephone and internet options
If you decide to have a landline and internet at home, you will need to contact one of the local providers who will install these services for you at extra cost. If you want to use a German mobile phone you can either get a contract or use a prepaid calling card. See a local phone shop to learn more about options and prices. For international calls you can use call shops which generally offer fair deals.

Electricity
Electricity is 220V, 50Hz AC. Plugs are the European type with two round pins. Any adapters you may need can be bought in a local electronics shop.

Did you know?
Carl Friedrich Gauß and Wilhelm Weber invented and built a 3 km long telegraph to connect the physics laboratory with the observatory to be able to send each other messages. This was the first operational telegraph in the world. For special city events, the still intact telegraph line is illuminated by night.
Welcome to Göttingen – What to Do First?

You made it! We are sure that you will have a wonderful time. Please follow the next steps carefully immediately after your arrival to ensure that you can start and successfully pursue your studies.

Contact the University of Göttingen
It is a good idea to contact the programme coordinator as soon as possible to ensure that you are on time for your initial introductory courses and events at the beginning of the semester. Here you can also ask for help if required.

Enrol in the university
Applicants from the EU and EEA, and citizens of a foreign country with a German university entrance certificate (e.g. Abitur):
www.uni-goettingen.de/en/46865.html

Applicants from Non-EU states and stateless persons:
www.uni-goettingen.de/en/46866.html

Please check these webpages carefully, as there are different steps to take, depending on the programme you want to study.

»I love my life at Göttingen University, a beautiful and attractive university. I think, when I am old, my staying in Göttingen will be one of the most unforgettable memories.«

Yuyun Xing
Animal Biology, PR China
Obtain your Student Card (Chipkarte)
Your student card is a very important document and you will need it on various occasions.

The card has the following functions:

► proof of student status
► library card for SUB
► access to certain buildings, e.g. physics, medicine, and biology
► access to FlexNow (online examination services)
► ticket for regional trains (see page 52)
► access to the students’ sports facilities
► paying at the cafeterias
► special deals at cinemas, theatres, etc. (Studentenermäßigung)

Every student receives his or her student card at the Chip Card Office (Kartenausgabestelle) in the main lecture hall building (ZHG) or at the Office of Student Affairs (Studienzentrale).

Chip Card Office (Kartenausgabestelle)
Main Lecture Hall Building (ZHG),
Platz der Göttinger Sieben 5

The chip card office is situated between lecture halls 010 and 011.

Opening hours:
Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m

Office of Student Affairs
(Studienzentrale)
Wilhelmsplatz 4

Opening hours: Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m, Friday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

FlexNow offers examination services online. With the PIN and TAN provided to you at the Chip Card Office or Office of Student Affairs you can access your examinations and grades online – anytime and anywhere you like. You can also sign up for exams or print your academic record showing your results and grades.
Become a resident
As soon as you have arrived in Göttingen you need to register at the Residents’ Registration Office (Einwohnermeldeamt). Make sure to have your passport with you and that you know your correct Göttingen address. There you will receive the Confirmation of Registration (Meldebestätigung). Take good care of it, because you will need it later, e.g. for opening a German bank account. If you move within the town during your stay, and also prior to your departure from Göttingen, you have to inform the Einwohnermeldeamt.
Address: Einwohnermeldeamt, Hiroshima Platz 1 (inside Neues Rathaus)
In the first weeks of every semester, you can reach the Residents’ Registration Office also at the Infobox in the foyer of the central canteen (Zentralmensa, Platz der Göttinger Sieben 4)

Visit the Foreigners’ Registration Office (Ausländerbehörde)
If you are from an EU or EEA country, you can skip this point. If you are a student who needed a visa to enter Germany, your next step after the Residents’ Registration Offices takes you to the Foreigners’ Registration Office. Here you apply for your residence permit. Logistically, it is very conveniently located in the same building.
Please make sure that you have the following documents with you:
- Confirmation of Registration (Meldebestätigung) from Residents’ Registration Office (Einwohnermeldeamt)
- Proof of your health insurance (private or statutory, see page 23)
- Admission letter from University of Göttingen (see page 23) or your student card (see page 29)
- Proof of sufficient financial funding (see page 31)
- Your passport
- Cash money to pay the fees (50 Euros for a stay less than a year, 60 Euros for a longer stay. Holders of a German scholarship do not pay fees).
Provide proof of funding (Finanzierungsnachweis)

In order to live comfortably, you need sufficient funds. International students are also required to prove at the Foreigners Registration Office that they can finance their stay.

Sufficient financial funding can be proven by:

- presenting a statement of your parents’ income and financial circumstances
- an official statement of a German resident who agrees to be liable for you during your entire stay (this includes to cover your living expenses, health insurance, etc.),
- opening a non-returnable bank deposit with a German bank or a bank that is permitted to issue banking transactions in Germany (minimum 650 EUR/month)
- a bank statement of your account issued by a financial institution in Germany, showing that you have a minimum of 650 EUR times the number of months that you are staying in Germany in your account
- a grant of a German governmental or other German official institution granting a minimum of 650 EUR/month of your stay
- a grant of an institution from your home country that cooperates with either DAAD or the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, granting a minimum of 650 EUR/month of your stay
- a federal student loan (BAföG) of 650 EUR/month
- a blocked account (Sperrkonto) at a German financial institution

All documents have to be presented in either German or English. The minimum amount per month is 650 EUR.

Open a bank account

In Germany, cash payments still play a large role in everyday life. However, many of your regular payments, such as rent or utilities, are automatically deducted from a German bank account by direct debit. Note: Large stores, hotels, and restaurants accept international credit and debit cards. Smaller shops, however, might only accept cash or German debit cards (EC-Karte/electronic cash cards).

It is most convenient to open a checking account (Girokonto) with a German bank. This is an account from and to which money can be transferred – nationally and internationally. You will also receive a German debit card (EC-Karte) for cashless payments and cash withdrawals from ATMs.

For opening a bank account you will need the following documents:

- passport
- Confirmation of Registration

Prior to your departure from Germany, please close the German bank account. That way you will be able to get all funds that are in your account.
Welcome to Göttingen – What to Do Next?

Learn German
Maybe you have mastered all prior steps without speaking German, but as soon as you start to study, knowledge of the German language is recommended to facilitate every-day life. In all German-speaking courses of study, proof of the German language is mandatory for matriculation. The following institutions offer a large variety of language classes to help you prepare for studying and passing the language test (DSH, TestDaF).

There are institutions at the university:
Institute for Intercultural Communication (Institut für Interkulturelle Kommunikation)
www.uni-goettingen.de/iik
iik@phil.uni-goettingen.de

Summer and Vacation Courses
1st-15th August 2010
International Summer Academy, 500 Euro
2nd-29th August 2010
International Summer Course, 625 Euro
7th-29th September 2010
International Autumn Course, 465 Euro
Lectorate for German as a Foreign Language (Lektorat Deutsch als Fremdsprache)
www.uni-goettingen.de/daf
daf@phil.uni-goettingen.de

There are also external institutions that offer language courses:
- ASTA/Prolingua
  www.prolingua-goe.de
  unilingual@asta.stud.uni-goettingen.de
- Goethe-Institut
  www.goethe.de
  goettingen@goethe.de
- Volkshochschule (VHS)
  www.vhs-goettingen.de
  info@vhs-goettingen.de

Preparatory Courses
German courses are available throughout the year. IIK offers morning, afternoon and evening courses. The basic course fee for intensive courses in the morning and afternoon is 360€ for 150 lessons. Please pay attention to the information about the special evening classes. The prices vary depending on the number of lesson hours. iik@phil.uni-goettingen.de
Consider the InDiGU programme
InDiGU is a programme that helps you to get in contact with German students.
You are welcome to join intercultural trainings and workshops alongside German students to increasing your intercultural skills.
InDiGu also offers possibilities for a partnership with German students, you will help each other to improve your language and academic writing skills or prepare for exams. Further, you can advance your internship and career chances participating in the Career Tandem programme. Partly students also receive ECTS credits for their activities with InDiGU. InDiGU is financed by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).
www.uni-goettingen.de/indigu

Foyer International
Participating in the programme offered by Foyer International is another possibility to get in contact with German or international students. Foyer International offers a variety of workshops including language, theatre play and writing. Furthermore each term three trips to German major cities and historical or natural sights are offered to international students
www.uni-goettingen.de/foyer-international

Third-party liability insurance (Private Haftpflichtversicherung)
In Germany, it is common practice to carry third-party liability insurance for any unintentional damages or accidents caused by you. Although this insurance is not compulsory, it is strongly recommended since it covers personal injury and damages to property of third-party persons. Because third-party liability insurance is held by a majority of the German population, it is also very affordable, ranging approximately from 6 to 10 Euros per month.

Checklist
- Contact the university
- Register for Gretel Service at least 2 weeks prior to your arrival in Göttingen
- Find a home
- Inform your family and friends of your new address
- Open a bank account
- Get health insurance
- Matriculate at Studienzentrale (Office of Student Affairs)
- Get your student card at ZHG or Studienzentrale (Central Lecture Building or Office of Student Affairs)
- Have proof of your financial status
- Become a resident: Visit the Resident’s Registration Office
- Visit the Foreigners’ Registration Office
- Get third-party liability insurance
- Enrol in a German language course
- Consider participating in InDiGU
Orientation Weekend, Orientation Week

The Orientation Weekend is organized by Team Studium International. It aims at gathering all international students. For more information please visit: www.uni-goettingen.de/foyer

Orientation Weeks are organized by the respective course coordinator or departmental student society. The aim is to familiarize you with the structure and the facilities of your study course and department.

For additional information: please check the website of your programme.

»The University of Göttingen is very large but that doesn't mean that you feel lost. You do find your way around and I personally owe that also to the great preparation during orientation week.«

Aytac Yakici, Turkey
Business Administration

»Ancient university towns are wonderfully alike. Göttingen is like Cambridge in England or Yale in America: very provincial, not on the way to anywhere - no one comes to these backwaters except for the company of professors. And the professors are sure that this is the centre of the world. There is an inscription in the Rathskeller there which reads ›Extra Göttingam non est vita‹, ›Outside Göttingen there is no life‹. This epigram, or should I call it epitaph, is not taken as seriously by the undergraduates as by the professors.«

Jacob Bronowski, 1973, The Ascent of Man
How are Your Studies Organized?

There are many details to keep in mind when beginning your studies. The following pages should help you to organize your studies and to benefit from the large variety of services that the University of Göttingen offers to you.

Academic calendar

The academic year is divided into winter and summer term with each period lasting six months. During these terms there are periods when lectures are held, periods when examinations are taken and also breaks and public holidays. Courses usually run over four months in winter and three month in summer followed by a two-week examination period. Students are expected to use the time between these periods for independent studies. Many students, however, also take jobs, complete internships or travel abroad during semester breaks.

Winter semester 2010/2011:

- Beginning of semester: 1st October, 2010
- End of semester: 31st March, 2011
- Period of lectures:
  18th October, 2010 – 4th February, 2011
- No classes:

Summer semester 2011:

- Beginning of semester: 1st April, 2011
- End of semester: 30th September, 2011
- Period of lectures:
  11th April – 15th July, 2011
Your rights and obligations:

### Study Regulations

Each of the academic subjects has its own set of rules, which you find in the study regulations (Studienordnung) and examination regulations (Prüfungsordnung). They are published online on the A to Z List at www.uni-goettingen.de/en/3811.html

### Course of Study

Your studies are divided into modules. Modules are study units that consist of thematically-related courses. Each module involves the workload of two to ten hours per week. Students receive credits for modules that they have successfully completed. As a rule, students need to complete 180 credits to graduate with a Bachelor’s Degree and 120 credits for their Master’s Degree.

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**Features of Bachelors and Masters programmes**

- **Focus on results:** The structures focus on learning outcomes or competences that students acquire during their studies as well as skills that improve their employability. The Bachelor’s Degree already provides a full professional qualification.

- **Modules and credits:** The degree programmes are structured in modules that are made up of thematically-linked courses. The workload needed to successfully complete a module is measured in credits according to the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS).

- **Diploma Supplements:** In addition to their official degree document (certificate and academic transcript), students receive a so-called Diploma Supplement. This document aims at facilitating the assessment of academic degrees and contains standardized information on the degree and learning outcomes.

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Semester dates stated here are not applicable for clinical courses at the Faculty of Medicine. For those interested in taking part in language courses, there are also opportunities to do this during the semester break.
Universities offer varied types of courses. Each of these courses focuses on different skills and has a particular approach to learning and to disseminating information.

**Lecture Courses (Vorlesungen)**
In lecture courses, university professors generally speak on a specific topic. They provide a comprehensive overview on or in-depth knowledge in one specific subject. Students receive credits for attending lectures and often have to present what they have learned in written exams at the end of the semester.

**Seminars (Seminare)**
Seminars are an interactive form of learning and require active student participation. Usually oral presentations and/or papers are provided by students and followed by a discussion with peers and a review by the teacher.

**Tutorials (Tutorien)**
Tutorials are headed by advanced students (tutors) and deepen and extend the knowledge taught in lectures and seminars. The groups in tutorials are often small and the atmosphere is more personal.
Problem Sessions (Übungen)
Problems Sessions are held by university teachers, lecturers or research assistants and have a similar approach. They are common in natural sciences.

Colloquium (Kolloquium)
In colloquia, students present their current scientific research (e.g. Bachelor’s, Master’s, or doctoral thesis) and discuss it with their peers and interested scholars.

Excursions and Field Trips (Exkursionen)
An excursion is a trip by a group of students taken for educational purposes. They are often an adjunct to a longer journey or visit to a place, e.g. to observe natural or geographical phenomena or features. Short excursions are called field trips.

Laboratory Work (Laborpraktikum)
Particularly in natural sciences, students work in laboratories and personally utilize appropriate procedures and equipment. That way they learn how to conduct scientific practices (e.g. analyze chemical substances or use tests).

Online Teaching Modules
Online teaching, also called e-learning or sometimes electronic learning, is a type of course in which web-based or online-education plays a major role. It might, however, also involve face-to-face interaction. Often students take lectures or seminars via the Internet and contribute to this class with their own work through blogs, e-mails and chats.
Most study programmes at University of Göttingen are structured in modules and respective ECTS-Credits (ECTS = European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System). It provides a way of measuring the students’ workload, and comparing learning outcomes and transferring them to other institutions and countries. The number of credits you can achieve per class and module is given in the description of each course, which can be found in the module handbook. As a rule, this can be found in the respective programme description or in the respective study regulations.

1 ECTS = 30 hours of workload

In addition to receiving ECTS, the student’s performance is also graded. Through the grade, teachers evaluate the quality of the work of a student by giving marks (1 to 5). The grade »1« is the best while 5 corresponds to »fail«. In a few cases, e.g. language courses, capital letters (A to F) are used instead of marks. Then »A« represents an excellent and »D« a sufficient, but not really satisfactory performance. When receiving Grade »F«, you have failed the class.

Examinations
Examinations/exams are usually taken within the first two weeks after the last day of lectures. Failed exams can be retaken at a later date.

The framework and details of particular assessment and examination types are introduced and explained by the responsible university teacher at the beginning of the semester.

Types of examinations
Oral exams
Oral exams test your knowledge and capabilities through spoken interaction between you and the examiner/examiners. They can range from a straightforward question and answer format, to more problem-based or hypothetical scenarios that may evaluate not only academic knowledge but also your interpersonal communication, diagnostic and/or creative abilities.

Written examinations
Exams frequently last between 30 minutes and several hours and are intended to test a student’s ability to recall, assimilate and apply the knowledge gained from a seminar or lecture course. Many will test the student through a mixture of both short and long answer questions and/or multiple-choice questions.
Giving a presentation or a paper
During oral or written presentations, students present reports on a project or particular topic and summarize scientific publications. They often evaluate other scholars’ approaches and classify them according to state-of-the-art knowledge in the particular field. The correctness and appropriateness of content, structure, and style are assessed as well as the leading of a discussion subsequent to the presentation.

Project work
Project work is a way to introduce real and practical problems as well as independent study into education. Two or more students collaborate and identify a problem or question they wish to solve or explore. The workload is then shared in the group and carried out independently. The outcome, however, is the result of the collaboration and presented as a project report and/or a paper.

Plagiarism
Academic integrity is a quality associated with high standards of teaching and learning as opposed to plagiarism, which, in the scientific community, is regarded as a crime. To prevent plagiarism is a responsibility of both staff and students. High standards of scientific practice include using citations, references and acknowledgements. High standards of scientific practice do not include copying someone else’s work without indicating the source. The University of Göttingen is committed to assisting staff and students in maintaining high standards of academic integrity and to minimising the possibility for students to submit plagiarized material.

Cheating
The rules and regulations for studying at the University of Göttingen (Allgemeine Prüfungsordnung/APO) state that if a student attempts to influence examination results to his or her own or somebody else’s advantage through deception or by using material that is not permitted, the relevant examination results are considered »not satisfactory« (5.0) or »not passed/ failed«, respectively.

www.uni-goettingen.de/de/120891.html

Did you know?
Georg Christoph Lichtenberg, famous professor of mathematics and acknowledged genius, used to make fun of parochial specialists. For vain professors who did not think interdisciplinary like he did, he created the saying: »There are people who believe that everything is reasonable that is done with a serious facial expression.«
We would like to introduce the programs and directories that help you arrange your schedule:

**UniVZ**

UniVZ — the course and people’s directory — answers your most important questions on classes:
- What courses are offered?
- Who teaches the class?
- Where and when is the class being held?

You can arrange your schedule of classes, see which classes overlap and print your personal timetable.

Just try it out at: [www.univz.uni-goettingen.de](http://www.univz.uni-goettingen.de) and click on »lectures«

**Managing classes and course content:**

**Stud.IP**

Stud.IP is an Open Source Learning Management System that helps you to manage and participate in your classes. It provides information, material and resources on classes online and is an interactive tool. You can access your data from any computer, receive and write messages, create your own homepage, contact other participants, or take part in discussions and much more.

To be able to make use of Stud.IP’s full set of features, you have to register and login to the system. For this purpose, the university provides a username and password for each student. This username and password is the same you use for your student e-mail-account or when you register for examinations through FlexNow.

[www.studip.uni-goettingen.de](http://www.studip.uni-goettingen.de)

**Staying connected: University Internet access and e-mail-account**

Each student of the University of Göttingen receives free access to the Internet and a free e-mail-account upon enrolment. The account is created automatically using usually the first and last name of the student.

**Always remember:**

Check notice boards and the websites of your departments, ask fellow students and talk to the people in charge to find out how things are done and communicated in your department.
Where to get the account?
Students receive the account with the student card at the Chip Card Office (Chip-Karten-Ausgabestelle) at the central lecture hall on campus (Zentrales Hörsaalgebäude – ZHG, Platz der Göttinger Sieben 5, between lecture halls 010 and 011).

Password
The password is identical to your password for self-service functions and the examination services FlexNow.

E-mail access and use
To log on to your e-mail-account go to http://webmail.uni-goettingen.de. Type in »ug-student\« directly followed by your username, e.g. »ug-student\firstname.lastname«. Then type in your Stud.IT-password (not the library password) and press ok.

Internet access
Your username and password allow you to login onto any university computer and also to use high speed wireless connection with your own laptop on campus.

Important: Your university e-mail-account will be the ONLY account to which the university will send e-mails and notifications once it is created. You will receive updates on your classes, notices in case an instructor falls ill, messages related to the payment of your tuition, or messages from the examination office. It is therefore ESSENTIAL that you check your university emails REGULARLY or have them forwarded to a WORKING private account.
No matter what there might be. You can always contact Student Services (Studienzentrale).

www.uni-goettingen.de/studienzentrale

Consultation/advice
The social services branch (Sozialdienst) offers general social counseling, attestations at a moderate charge, international student IDs. It is also responsible for students with disabilities.

Difficulties in studying or having other problems? The Psychosocial Information Centre (Psychosoziale Beratungsstelle) provides counseling, support and a variety of courses.

www.studentenwerk-goettingen.de/psb.html

Students with special needs
Services at Studentenwerk
The social services branch (Sozialdienst) of Studentenwerk counsels and helps students with disabilities or chronic illnesses. Students have the possibility of nominating a person of their own choice as 'Studienhelfer', who will assist them as far as study matters are concerned (e.g. taking notes in classes, processing and reading out texts). As a general rule, the social service department of Göttingen (Sozialamt) covers the expenses. In addition, the Studentenwerk provides flats designed to meet your needs.

www.studentenwerk-goettingen.de/rat_und_tat.html

Computer Services at the University Library
The University's library (SUB) provides two specially equipped computer work places which enable blind or visually impaired persons to compose texts on a PC, use the Internet and all the services of the library.

Reading Service at the Language Centre
The language centre (ZESS, Zentrale Einrichtung für Sprachen und Schlüsselqualifikationen) offers a reading service to blind and visually impaired persons. Many texts from different scientific areas are already available on audiotape or as electronic files.

Barrier-free buildings
Many of the new buildings on the central campus and on the north campus are barrier-free and wheelchair-accessible. However, some of the old buildings in downtown locations are accessible only by stairs. Details will be provided by the following contact persons:
Dr. Jochen Krohn, representative of the impaired (Schwerbehindertenvertretung an der Universität Göttingen)
E-Mail: Vertrauensmann.Schwerbehinderte@zvw.uni-goettingen.de

Gabriele Brückner, representative of the impaired, medical school (Schwerbehindertenvertretung an der Universität Göttingen für die medizinischen Einrichtungen)
E-Mail: brueckner@med.uni-goettingen.de

Studying with children
Family-friendly housing
The Studentenwerk offers a lot of one and two bedroom apartments which are designed to meet the needs of couples with children or single parents who are studying at the university. Most residential areas have a playground right in front of the house and day care and schools nearby.

Child-friendly canteens and cafeterias
There are highchairs and play corners available in the canteens (Mensa) and cafeterias of Studentenwerk. You can reach all dining halls by elevator (e.g. with a stroller, buggy). At the dining facilities Zentralmensa, Mensa am Turm and Nordmensa, there are also diaper-changing rooms available. Children (up to the age of 14) of students get complimentary meals if their parents show the »Mensa KidsCard« at the cashier.
www.studentenwerk-goettingen.de/mensakids.html

Kindergarten, day-care
A Kindergarten is for children from the age of three onwards. They usually open at 8 a.m. and not all of them offer full-time day care. Krippe is for children from 0-3 years. Tagespflege refers to individual childcare for children of all ages offered privately and is becoming increasingly popular. Volkshochschule (VHS) has installed an online tool for parents and childminders (Tagespflegebörse, see: www.betreut.de/tagespflegeboerse). Studentenwerk offers five day-care centres for children between the ages of six months and ten years.
www.studentenwerk-goettingen.de/kinderbetreuung

Eat and Greet
The university canteen (Mensa) or cafeteria is one of the most important facilities on campus. You can meet friends, have a bite to eat or read a book over a cup of coffee in-between lectures.

Canteens (Mensa) and Cafeterias (Cafeteria)
The student-prices for a meal range from 1.35 up to 3.50 Euros.

Canteens’ Addresses
Zentralmensa Platz der Göttinger Sieben 4
Mensa am Turm, Goßlerstraße 12 b
Nordmensa, Grisebachstraße 10
Mensa Italia, Roedererstraße 15 a
Kantine MPI, Am Faßberg 11

Cafeterias
There are a lot of cafeterias throughout the institutes of the university. They all offer coffee, tea, water and snacks at reasonable prices.
www.studentenwerk-goettingen.de/mensen
Yes, there is a life outside the university: Lots of bars, restaurants, theatres, cinemas, shopping, sports and nature. It is all there for your entertainment. Let us guide you through the amenities of daily life in Göttingen.

Going out – restaurants and cafés
There is a great variety of different restaurants in Göttingen. Regional food, Italian, Turkish, Greek, East Indian, Asian... you name it, we have it. The prices are often reasonable and student-friendly.

From spring to autumn, it is hard to choose which café to visit. Throughout the city, tables are set up in courtyards or on the pavement and invite you to take a break with cake, a cup of coffee, tea or cold drinks. When you sit outside, don’t be surprised if the waitress asks you to pay for your order immediately after it has been served. This is not uncommon in Germany. When you sit inside, the bill is usually paid when you leave.

Tips/service charge
In most restaurants and cafés the prices cited already include VAT (value added tax) and a service charge. However, when paying the bill in a café or restaurants, people generally tip the waiter or waitress. In contrast to other countries, there is no fixed rule regarding a 'proper' amount to leave as a tip. It is generally acceptable to tip 10 percent of the bill or to round up the bill.

Did you know?
In Germany, it is not custom to simply leave the money for the bill on the table. Usually you pay the bill directly to the waitress or the waiter. Just tell her or him »Bezahlen, bitte« when you are ready to leave.
Pubs and clubs

The centre of Göttingen sports a vibrant pub and club scene catering to a mostly student clientele. There are no enforced closing times. Some establishments have live music.

Göttingen clubs and discos are mostly located in the city centre, and they also cater primarily to students. Evenings with guest DJs and theme nights are usually advertised by posters throughout the city. A »night of the clubs« in October sees live music in all bars and is definitely worth a visit. Once per semester, they even present your professors at the turntable – such nights are always crowded.

Shopping for daily life

Groceries/supermarkets
The most comfortable places to shop for groceries are supermarkets (Supermarkt). Many of the large supermarket chains have stores throughout the city and offer inexpensive and good quality products.

Opening hours are usually 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. On Sundays shops are generally closed.

Speciality shops
If you are homesick and you have a craving for your traditional food, you can go to one of the speciality shops which offer Asian, African or Latin American ingredients like spices, herbs, etc. Ethnic shops with food and other items from countries around the world are found all over the city.

Organic/health food stores
In addition, there are several shops in the city centre which offer organically-grown food and produce (Biomarkt or Reformhaus).

Farmer’s market
The farmers around Göttingen sell their products at weekly markets (Wochenmärkte).

Drugstores
In Germany, drugstores (Drogeriemarkt) offer cosmetics and household products at reasonable prices. However they do not sell any kind of drugs, be it painkillers or any other medicine. Those are only available in pharmacies (Apotheke).

Furniture and tableware
Some rooms to rent are already furnished, but in case you need something else, second-hand furniture can be found at online flea markets. www.uni-goettingen.de/Flohmarkt (page in German)

Drinking water in Göttingen
The quality of tap water in Germany is subject to very strict regulations and is perfectly drinkable. In fact, its quality is comparable to most commercially available table waters.
Did you know?
In Germany, the separator between Euro and Cents is a comma, whereas a point is used for indicating thousands. For example: 1 Euro 20 Cents is written 1,20 €, like we did on this page. One thousand two hundred Euros is written 1,200 €.
Cultural Life in Göttingen

The city’s flair, its amenities and picturesque surroundings, as well as its options for leisure activities, will make your stay here an unforgettable experience. Göttingen cordially invites you to visit and stay.

Cinema (Kino)
Movie lovers’ paradise: There are blockbusters, art movies and movie festivals throughout the entire year. You can choose between five cinemas. Prices range from 4 to 8 Euros.
Student Film Clubs offer programmes during the semester on Monday evenings through Thursday evenings in the main lecture building, (Zentrales Hörsaalgebäude – ZHG) www.uni-goettingen.de/cinema

Did you know?
In Germany all movies get dubbed before being shown on TV or at a cinema. Some TV stations offer a second channel on which to watch the movie in the original language.

Local musical acts
Göttingen offers a lot of variety to lovers of classical and modern music. Its symphony orchestra guarantees first-class concerts and an ambitious programme. At the end of May, the annual Händel Festival constitutes an international highlight.

Larger musical acts often take place at the so-called ›Lokhalle‹, next to the train station. In August, the well-known Kaiser Wilhelm Park festival attracts national audiences, and autumn is brightened by the Göttingen Jazz Festival. Many student pubs and bars regularly host live bands.

Theatres/acting
If you like the theatre, you will love Göttingen. There are three theatres with different programmes, and almost all of them offer student prices. Deutsches Theater, Junges Theater and the unique ThOP: Theater im OP – the theatre in the former surgery room, where the plays are produced and performed mostly by students.
The English drama workshop is a student theatre group of the English Language Department (Englisches Seminar) at the university. Each semester, the workshop performs a play in English.
How to be Active and Creative

For those of you who like to sing, dance, perform, paint, create... Göttingen offers countless activities to indulge in your hobby or passion.

**Foyer International**
You are welcome to join Foyer International, a club run by students to provide a space for international students to meet. During the semester, they organize talks and nights focusing on particular countries and their cultures. Entrance as a rule is free of charge.
www.uni-goettingen.de/foyer

**Students clubs**
Join those who share your interests. Student clubs offer a broad range of activities from music, singing and acting to meeting students from your home country.
www.uni-goettingen.de/students-clubs

**Student Services (Studentenwerk): Cultural activities and leisure**
The programme offers the possibility to be creative with other fellow students in art or photography courses. You are given the opportunity to exhibit your work in one of the cafeterias on campus. Or do you prefer to move your hips to the rhythm in one of our dancing classes? Then come right to our office for cultural and leisure time activities.
www.studentenwerk-goettingen.de/kultur.html

**No life without music**
If that is the motto of your life and you want to join a choir or play an instrument, Göttingen offers many alternatives suited to individual tastes and levels. Among these, UniCante, the Student Services choir is open to all singers. The university choir performs one main concert each semester in conjunction with the university orchestra (auditions are held at the beginning of the semester for singers and instruments). The academic orchestra also accepts new musicians at the beginning of each semester. Further choirs are found within the framework of churches and cultural centres.
Interested in groovy bigband sound? Then UniRoyal combo is just the right thing for you.

www.uni-goettingen.de/music

Sports

Whether you are an athlete looking to shine or simply enjoy staying fit with fun and healthy activities, more than 80 different sports are awaiting you at the sports facilities of the University (Hochschulsport Göttingen).

The sports centre is open seven days a week offering a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities. Among the sports facilities are an indoor swimming pool with saunas, a large fitness centre, several climbing walls, and a golf course. Additionally, the institution rents out sports halls and sports equipment for a fee. The sports centre is situated approximately a ten-minute bicycle ride from either the North Campus or the city centre.

www.hochschulsport.uni-goettingen.de

Living Your Religion

A city with such an international clientele as Göttingen naturally also offers opportunities for silence, prayer and faith.

Churches

There is a Protestant (Evangelische Studierenden Gemeinde) and a Catholic (Katholische Hochschulgemeinde) student community at the University of Göttingen. They conduct services and provide pastoral care as well as offer a programme of classes open for students. The largest proportion of Göttingen’s parishes is Lutheran. Fewer are Catholic. Some of these parishes offer church services in languages other than German and provide room for groups who maintain country-specific forms of worship. Other religious communities, such as the Baptists or Russian Orthodox Church, have their own gathering places and rooms of worship in Göttingen.

Jewish Community

A few years ago, two Jewish communities were refounded in Göttingen. Its activities are supplemented by a Jewish house of learning. Its doors are open to all interested people.

Muslim Community

The Muslim student community (Islamische Hochschulgemeinde) offers a forum for Muslim students. In Göttingen, the Muslim communities are Islamische Gemeinschaft Al-Iman e.V., DITIB Moschee and Al Taqwa-Verein Göttingen.
Good to know where to find amusement and distraction ... but how to get there?

By bicycle
As you will notice very soon: almost everyone in Göttingen seems to own a bike. Since this is the cheapest and most convenient way of transportation, it is certainly a good idea to buy one. You can reach almost everything in Göttingen within a 15 minute ride.

An inexpensive new bike costs at least 150-200 Euros. Used bikes are advertised on several notice boards of the university or on the online flea market (Internet Flohmarkt). Cheap offers may range from 20-50 Euros. Alternatively, the larger bike shops offer a variety of used bikes starting at approximate 50 Euros.

Online flea market: www.uni-goettingen.de/flohmarkt (in German)

Buses
Public transport in Göttingen is typically by bus. Please notice that the bus rides are not included in the Semesterticket. There are different types of tickets, such as one way, tickets for a day or a week, monthly tickets, etc.

Additional information: www.goevb.de/CMS/
Timetable: www.fahrplaner.de

Trains
Due to its central position in Germany, Göttingen has excellent travel connections.

The high speed train (ICE) takes 30 minutes to Kassel or Hanover and two hours to Berlin, Hamburg or Frankfurt.

The BahnCard reduces the price of a ticket. BahnCard25 costs 55 Euros for students and entitles you to 25 percent off the price. BahnCard50 costs 110 Euros for students and entitles you to 50 percent off the price.

Additional information: www.bahn.de

Semesterticket
The Semesterticket, which is simply your Student Card, allows you to use regional trains in Lower Saxony and surrounding areas for free. The costs of the Semesterticket are included in the semester fee. Please make sure that you always carry your student card with you.

http://asta.uni-goettingen.de/?semesterticket
Just in case, we have put together some useful information.

Doctors
In Germany, there are numerous types of doctors from GPs (general practitioners/Allgemeinmediziner) to specialists in all fields. For emergencies out of practice hours, a designated doctor will be on call in the evenings and on weekends. The list of doctors on call (Notdienst) is generally announced in the weekend edition of the local newspaper Göttinger Tageblatt.

Emergency numbers and services
The numbers 110 and 112 can be dialled free of charge from any regular phone, payphone or mobile. It is even possible to dial the emergency numbers without the SIM card or without knowing the PIN number. These numbers are valid for the emergency services throughout Germany.

▸ Fire Department, Rescue Service: 112
▸ Police, Emergency Calls, Traffic Accidents, Assault: 110
▸ Emergency Ambulance Göttingen: 0551/51 79 90

Hospitals
All hospitals, except for some private clinics, are open to all insured patients. In emergency cases, it is possible to go straight to the Accident and Emergency Department (Notfallambulanz) of the hospital at any time.

The following hospitals in Göttingen cater to emergency admissions:
▸ University Hospital (Klinikum)
  Robert-Koch-Str. 40
  www.med.uni-goettingen.de
▸ Evangelisches Krankenhaus Weende e.V.
  An der Lutter 2
  www.ekweende.de

Pharmacies
Medicine, including painkillers, can only be purchased at pharmacies (Apotheke). Most medicine will require a prescription, although some (e.g. cold and flu remedies, painkillers, hay fever tablets) are available over the counter. There is at least one pharmacy open or on call both day and night (Notdienst). All pharmacies have a sign in their windows indicating which pharmacy has ›Notdienst‹ on which date.

Staying Informed: Media in Göttingen

By now you might have guessed that you are not cut off from the rest of the world while living in Göttingen. To keep you informed about local activities as well as world news, here are some suggestions for media in Göttingen:

Newspapers
The local newspaper is called Göttinger Tageblatt.
www.goettinger-tageblatt.de
What is going on in the cultural and nightlife of the city is promoted in free city magazines which are available in bars, pubs, cafés and university canteens.

The newspaper store Tonollo and the bookstore at the train station have a very good selection of international newspapers and magazines in foreign languages.

Radio and TV
Depending on how you are connected – via cable, satellite, the Internet – there are programmes from all over the world available in Germany, for radio as well as for TV.

Public Library (Stadtbibliothek)
Göttingen’s public library has branches in several parts of the city. The public library holds a large selection of international novels (some of them in English, French or Spanish).
www.stadtbibliothek.goettingen.de
Application in 7 steps

1. Application and admission
In order to enrol in Göttingen as an ERASMUS or partnership student, you must first apply for the exchange programme through your home university.

2. Data entry via internet
You must register as an exchange student in Göttingen with the help of the online application (data entry). Please note the following deadlines:
1st of June for the winter semester
1st of December for the summer semester
Late applications may not be considered for accommodation services.

3. Printout of registration form
After entering your data, please print out the application form. Correct the incomplete and incorrect entries, complete the form and sign it.

4. Sending the form by mail
The representative of the programme at your home university must confirm the nomination, sign it and then send it to the respective contact person in Göttingen, who will then inform us about your application. If you do not know the name of the contact person for your programme here in Göttingen, you can mail or fax the application to Christiane Seack (see contact below). You will then receive a »Notification of admission for short-term studies« at the university.

5. Visa (for non-EU residents)
Students from non-EU states will receive a notification of admission after the university has received your registration by mail. This notification is needed to apply for a visa for your stay in Germany.

6. Introductory event in Göttingen
At this event you will be informed about all formalities before your studies begin (enrolment, insurance, registration, bank account, etc.).

7. Submitting enrolment documents
Enrolment will take place after you have arrived in Göttingen at International Student Services. Christiane Seack will help you. You will receive the necessary documents during the introductory event.

Contact:
christiane.seack@zvw.uni-goettingen.de

Note: International students who are coming to Göttingen but are not in an exchange programme can follow the regular admission procedure, see page 18.
Abitur: the highest German school diploma and higher education entrance qualification
Abschlussarbeit (Examensarbeit, Magisterarbeit, Diplomarbeit): final thesis
Akademisches Auslandsamt: International Office
Allgemeine Hochschulreife = Abitur
Allgemeine Studienberatung: service for students seeking information and counselling on their studies
Alumni: graduates of the university
ASTA = Allgemeiner Studierenden Ausschuss: student council
Aufenthaltserlaubnis: residence permit
B.A.: Bachelor of Arts
B.Sc.: Bachelor of Science
BAföG: Federal student loan
Bewerbung: application
Bewerbungsfrist: deadline for application
Bibliothek: library
Blockveranstaltung: a condensed course; more classes are held during a shorter period of time. These classes are often held on Fridays and on weekends
c.t.: cum tempore; means that the classes start 15 minutes later than announced
Campus: the university area, where the university buildings are
Caphy = Cafeteria der Physiker: cafeteria at the Faculty of Physics
Dekan/Dekanin: Dean, one professor, elected for two years to represent the faculty
Dekanat: facility where the dean, the dean of studies and their staff have their offices
Diplom: a German degree mainly awarded in the natural sciences, engineering, economics/business administration (before the universities switched to Bachelor/Master)
Disputation: oral defence of a dissertation/doctoral thesis
Dissertation: doctoral thesis
Dr. = Doktor: German equivalent to Ph.D.
DSH: a German language test that qualifies foreign students for admission to higher education
ECTS: European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System, credit points
Einführungsveranstaltungen (Orientierungsphasen, O-Phase): orientation week for freshmen
Einschreibung: matriculation
Erasmus: a European programme offering scholarships to go abroad within Europe
EU: European Union
Exkursion: excursion, field trip
Exmatrikulation: to leave university either because you have graduated or because you did not meet certain standards (e.g. failed classes or failed to pay fees)
Exposé: an outline of a longer scientific piece of work that presents the main arguments; the longer piece of work still has to be written
Fachberatung: counselling focusing on your scientific field
Fachhochschulreife: a higher education entrance qualification for universities of applied sciences
Fachschaft: departmental student society
Fachsemester: the number of semesters you have been matriculated at the university vs. semesters that you e.g. spent abroad and did not study
Fakultät: faculty (UK), department (US)
Feststellungsprüfung: assessment test
FIZ = fitness centre of the university’s sport facilities

Greetings
Guten Morgen = good morning, only used in the early morning until about 10 o’clock, thereafter you use »Guten Tag«, if you don’t want to be considered a late riser.
Guten Tag = good day, used as a greeting throughout the day
Guten Abend = good evening
Gute Nacht = good night, only used when saying good bye late in the night or before you go to bed.
Hallo = hello; used between people of the same age or as a friendly greeting when entering a store, café etc.

Graduiertenkolleg: research training group
Grundstudium: basic study stage
Hauptstudium: main study stage
Hausarbeit: longer written assignment, a paper
Hochschulreife: higher education entrance qualification
Hochschulzugangsberechtigung: higher education entrance diploma/certificate/qualification
Glossary: A Must for Students

IFL = Institut für Leibesübungen, the old name for the sports facilities of the university (Hochschulsport)

Immatrikulation: matriculation

Institut: institute, department

Internationaler Studentenausweis: international student card

Klausur: written examination, often lasting between one and three hours

Kolloquium: colloquium

Kommilitone/Kommilitonin: fellow student, peer

Krankenversicherung: health insurance

Kultusministerkonferenz (KMK): Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs

Lehrveranstaltung: a class at a university

Leistungsnachweis: proof that you have successfully completed the class

M.A.: Master of Arts

Magister Artium/Magistra Artium: a German degree mainly awarded in the fields of art and humanities, cultural studies and social sciences

Matrikel/Matrikelnummer: your student matriculation number serves as identification

Mensa: canteen, cafeteria

M.S.c.: Master of Science

n.n.: nonem nominandum, the instructor or responsible person is yet to be announced

NC/numerus clausus: admission restrictions according to grades

Pflichtveranstaltung: a mandatory class

Ph.D.: doctoral degree

Praktikum: internship

Präsidentin/Präsident: president

Promotion: doctorate

Propädeutikum: preparatory classes, orientation

Prüfungsamt: examination office

Prüfungsordnung: examinations regulations

Referat: scientific presentation

Regelstudienzeit: standard time to degree

Rigorosum: oral defence of a dissertation or oral exam of the dissertation

Ringvorlesung: cycle of lectures with different presenters

Rückmeldung: confirmation that you want to be a student next semester as well

s.t.: sine tempore, literally: without time, means that the class starts at the exact time indicated

Schwarzes Brett/Pinwand: notice board

Semester: semester, term

Semesterbeitrag: semester fee, tuition fee

Semesterferien: semester break

Semesterticket: a pass offering free transportation to students in certain areas and means of transportation

Semesterwochenstunden (SWS): semester periods per week

Seminar: seminar, course

Sprechstunde: office hour

Staatsexamen: a German degree awarded in state-supervised professions, like teaching, law, medicine or pharmacy

Stipendium: grant, scholarship

Studentenwerk: Students’ Services

Studentenwohnheim: student hall of residence, dormitory

Studienbüro: facility where the dean of studies and his or her staff have their offices

Studiendekanin/Studiendekan: dean of studies

Studiengang: field of study

Studiengänge: field of study

Studiengebühren: tuition fee

Studienkolleg: preparatory courses for international students to receive a German higher education entrance diploma

Stundenplan: schedule of classes

Studien(dekans)referent: (personal) assistant of the dean of studies

Studienzentrale: Office of Student Affairs
Göttingen as a Chanson

In 1964, the French chansonette Barbara visited Göttingen and composed a very touching song about her experience and perspective. It was a milestone in the reconciliation process between France and Germany after WW II.

**The Song in French**

Bien sûr, ce n’est pas la Seine,
Ce n’est pas le bois de Vincennes,
Mais c’est bien joli tout de même,
A Göttingen, à Göttingen.

Pas de quais et pas de rengaines
Qui se lamentent et qui se traînent,
Mais l’amour y fleurit quand même,
A Göttingen, à Göttingen.

Et lorsque sonnerait l’alarme,
S’il fallait reprendre les armes,
Mon cœur verserait une larme
Pour Göttingen, pour Göttingen.

(W. Brandin/Barbara)

**The Song in English**

Sure, there is no Seine,
And no forest of Vincennes,
But it is still beautiful
In Göttingen, in Göttingen.

There are no piers and no hits,
Who bemoan and plod along,
But the love blooms just as well,
In Göttingen, in Göttingen.

And when the alarm bells ring,
And it is necessary to raise the weapons,
My heart would spill a tear,
For Göttingen, for Göttingen.

(W. Brandin/Barbara)
### Courses of Study Offered at the University of Göttingen

#### Doctoral Programmes (Ph.D./doctoral degree of the respective faculty)

**Graduate School GAUSS**  
*(Georg-August-University School of Science)*  
Faculties: Biology, Chemistry, Geoscience and Geography, Mathematics and Computer Science, Physics and Medical School

**Graduate School GGG**  
*(Göttingen Graduate School of Social Sciences)*  
Faculties: Agricultural Sciences, Economic Sciences, Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology, Law, Social Sciences

#### Master (M.Sc./M.A.)

**One subject**
Continuation in the same or another subject

**Two subjects**
Continuation in the same or another subject

#### Bachelor (B.Sc./B.A.)

**One Subject**
- Agricultural sciences (B.Sc.)
- Ancient Cultures (B.A.)
- Applied Computer Science (B.Sc.)
- Biological Diversity and Ecology (B.Sc.)
- Biology (B.Sc.)
- Business and Human Resource Education (B.A.)
- Business Information Systems (B.Sc.)
- Business Studies (B.Sc.)
- Chemistry (B.Sc.)
- Economics (B.A.)
- Ecosystems Management (B.Sc.)
- East Asian Studies/Modern Sinology (B.A.)
- Ethnology (B.A.)
- Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology (B.Sc.)
- Geography (B.Sc.)
- Geosciences (B.Sc.)
- Interdisciplinary Indian Studies (B.A.)
- Materials Science (B.Sc.)
- Mathematics (B.Sc.)
- Molecular Medicine (B.Sc.)
- Physics (B.Sc.)
- Psychology (B.Sc.)
- Sociology (B.A.)

**Two Subjects**
- American Studies
- Ancient Oriental Studies
- Arabic Studies/Islamic Studies
- Archaeology of the Classical and Byzantine World
- Art History
- Chinese as a foreign language (Expected for Winter term 2010/2011)
- Cultural Anthropology/European Ethnology
- East Asian Studies/Modern China (Expected for Winter term 2010/2011)
- Economic and Social History
- Economics
- Egyptology and Coptic Studies
- English Philology
- Ethnology (B.A.)
- Finno-Ugrian Philology
- French/Gallo-Romance Studies
- Gender studies
- General Linguistics
- German Philology
- Greek Philology
- History
- Indology
- Iranian Studies
- Italian/Italian Studies
- Latin Philology
- Latin Philology of the Middle Ages and the Modern Era
- Law
- Musicology
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Portuguese Studies/Lusitanistics
- Prehistory and Early History
- Religious Studies
- Scandinavian Studies
- Slavic Philology
- Sociology
- Spanish/Hispanic Studies
- Sports
- Turkish Studies
Faculties

Faculty of Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Biology including Psychology
Faculty of Chemistry
Faculty of Economic Sciences
Faculty of Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology
Faculty of Geoscience and Geography
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science
Medical School
Faculty of Physics
Faculty of Social Sciences
Faculty of Theology

Graduate School GSGG
(Göttingen Graduate School of Humanities)
Faculties: Theology, Philosophy

Master of Education
(M.Ed.)
Two subjects
Continuation for a teaching profession

State Examination
Medicine, Dentistry, Law

Magister Theologiae
Protestant Theology

Bachelor
Teaching Profession

- Biology (B.A.)
- Chemistry (B.A.)
- Computer Science (B.A.)
- English (B.A.)
- French (B.A.)
- Geography (B.A.)
- German (B.A.)
- Greek (B.A.)
- History (B.A.)
- Latin (B.A.)
- Mathematics (B.A.)
- Philosophy (B.A.)
- Physics (B.A.)
- Political Science (B.A.)
- Protestant Religion (B.A.)
- Russian (B.A.)
- Spanish (B.A.)
- Sport (B.A.)
- Values and Norms (B.A.)
Master’s Degree Programmes

English taught programmes are marked in red

Agricultural Sciences (M.Sc.)
American Studies (M.A.)
Ancient Cultures (M.A.)
Ancient Oriental Studies (M.A.)
Arabic Studies/Islamic Studies (M.A.)
Art History (M.A.)

Biological Diversity and Ecology (M.Sc.)
Business and Human Resource Education (M.Ed.)
Business Information Systems (M.Sc.)

Classical Archaeology (M.A.)
Chemistry (M.Sc.)
Christian Archaeology and Byzantine
Art History (M.A.)
Company Management (M.A.)
Comparative Literature (M.A.)
Computer Science (M.Sc.)
Crop Protection (M.Sc.)
Cultural Anthropology/European Ethnology (M.A.)

Developmental, Neural and Behavioural Biology (M.Sc.)
Eastern European History (M.A.)
Economathematics (M.Sc.)
Economic and Social History (M.A.)
Education (M.Ed.)
Education with a Focus on Research and Development in the Educational System (M.A.)
Egyptology and Coptic Studies (M.A.)
English Philology (M.A.)
Equine Studies (M.Sc.)
Ethnology (M.A.)
Euroculture – Double Degree (M.A.)
European Legal Integration (MLE)

Finance, Accounting, and Taxes (M.Sc.)
Finno-Ugrian Philology (M.A.)
Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology (M.Sc.)

General Linguistics (M.A.)
Geosciences (M.Sc.)
German Philology (M.A.)
Greek Philology (M.A.)

History (M.A.)
Hydrogeology and Environmental Geosciences - HEG (M.Sc.)
Indology (M.A.)
Information Systems (M.Sc.)
Intercultural German Studies/German as a Foreign Language (M.A.)
Intercultural German Studies/Germany – China (M.A.) Double Degree
Intercultural Theology (M.A.)
International Economics – option for double degree (M.A.)
International Nature Conservation (M.Sc./M.I.N.C.) Double Degree
Internet Technologies and Information Systems (M.Sc.)
Iranian Studies (M.A.)
Latin Philology (M.A.)
Marketing and Channel Management (M.Sc.)
Mathematics (M.Sc.)
Medieval and Renaissance Studies (M.A.)
Microbiology and Biochemistry (M.Sc.)
Modern Indian Studies (M.A.)
Modern Sinology (M.A.)
Molecular Biology (M.Sc.)
Molecular Medicine (M.Sc.)
Musicology (M.A.)

Neurosciences (M.Sc.)
Philosophy (M.A.)
Physics – option for joint degree (M.Sc.)
Political Science (M.A.)
Prehistory and Early History (M.A.)
Psychology (M.Sc.)
Religious Studies (M.A.)
Resource Analysis and Resource Management (M.Sc.)
Romance Philology (M.A.)
Scandinavian Studies (M.A.)
Slavic Philology (M.A.)
Sociology (M.A.)
Sport Science with Specialisation in Prevention and Rehabilitation (M.A.)
Sustainable Forest and Nature Management – SUFONAMA – Double Degree (M.Sc.)
Sustainable International Agriculture – SIA (M.Sc.) – Joint Degree – option for double degree

Master of Theological Studies (M.Th.S.)
Tropical and International Forestry – TIF (M.Sc.)
Turkish Studies (M.A.)
Ph.D. and Doctoral Programmes

Agricultural sciences (Dr./Ph.D.)
Applied Statistics and Empirical Methods
Doctoral Degree (Ph.D./Dr.)
Belief – Ethics – Organization – GEOrg (Ph.D./Dr.)
Biodiversity and Society (Ph.D./Dr.)
Biological Diversity and Ecology (Ph.D./Dr.)
Catalysis for Sustainable Synthesis (Ph.D./Dr.)
Computer Science – PCS (Ph.D.)
Economic Sciences (Dr.)
Environmental Informatics – PEI (Dr./Ph.D.)
Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology (Ph.D./Dr.)
FONASO – Forest and Nature for Society (Ph.D.)
GGNB: Biomolecules: Structures – Function – Dynamics (Ph.D./Dr.)
GGNB: Integrative Neurosensory Sciences – NEUROSCIENCES (Ph.D./Dr.)
GGNB: Molecular Biology (Ph.D./Dr. – International Max Planck Research School)
GGNB: Molecular Biology of Development and Interaction between Organisms (Ph.D./Dr.)
GGNB: Molecular Biology of Microbial, Animals and Plant Cells (Ph.D./Dr.)
GGNB: Molecular Physiology of the Brain CMPB (Ph.D./Dr.)
GGNB: Neurosciences (Ph.D./M.D.-Ph.D. – International Max Planck Research School)
GGNB: Physics of Biological and Complex Systems (Ph.D./Dr. – International Max Planck Research School)
GGNB: Sensory and Motor Neuroscience (Ph.D./Dr.)
GGNB: Theoretical and Computational Neuroscience (Ph.D./Dr.)
GGNB: Systems Neuroscience (Ph.D./Dr.)
International Ph.D. Programme for Agricultural Science in Göttingen – IPAG (Ph.D./Dr.)
Internet Technologies and Information Systems (Ph.D., Expected for winter term 2010/2011)
Medieval and Early Modern Studies (Ph.D./Dr.)
Metal Sites in Biomolecules: Structures, Regulation and Mechanism (Ph.D./Dr.)
Molecular Medicine (Ph.D./Dr.)
Molecular Sciences and Biotechnology in Crop Production (Dr./Ph.D.)
Physical Processes in the Solar System and Beyond (Ph.D. – International Max Planck Research School)
Remembrance-Perception-Meaning. Musicology as Part of the Humanities (Ph.D./Dr.)
School of Mathematical Science – SMS (Ph.D./Dr.)
Social Sciences (Ph.D./Dr.)
Theology (Ph.D./Dr.)
Textual Analysis – its Theory and the History of its Practice (Ph.D./Dr.)
Wood Biology and Wood Technology (Ph.D.)
Basic Programmes
It is also possible to pursue your own Ph.D. project in one of the faculties listed below. These programmes can in principle be completed entirely in English.
Biology incl. Psychology
Chemistry
Geoscience and Geography
Physics – PROPHYS

Research Training Groups for Ph.D. Students
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