



# GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

A GUIDE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND DAILY LIFE IN GÖTTINGEN



GEORG-AUGUST-UNIVERSITÄT  
GÖTTINGEN



# WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN

## DEAR STUDENTS,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the University of Göttingen. With its 277 years of history and at the same time modern facilities, the university provides you with excellent conditions for research-based education in nearly all areas of knowledge. In addition, our outstanding infrastructure and partnership with research institutions within the Göttingen Campus give you an opportunity to get involved in high-quality research, connecting to scientists from all around the world.

And even after your graduation, you will – as alumni – stay a member of this unique scientific family throughout your future career.

As a town, Göttingen is also an excellent choice. With its vibrant culture and numerous sports events available, there will always be many things to see and do in your leisure time. I encourage you to take part in the events the university and the city have to offer!



Ulrike Beisiegel

President of the university

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## DEAR STUDENTS,

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Thank you for choosing the University of Göttingen as your new academic home. The university currently hosts students from 120 different countries and we are glad to welcome you to our international family. This guide is designed to provide you with all the necessary information to help you find your way at the University of Göttingen and make you feel comfortable at your new home for the next months or even years. We hope to make your stay in Göttingen a valuable and exciting experience.



Uwe Muuss

Director of  
The International Office



# GÖTTINGEN - YOUR NEW HOME



## DEAR STUDENTS,

I warmly welcome you to Göttingen, a city of knowledge! The University of Göttingen, its students, scientists and staff, make Göttingen a special place to live in: the city lives from science and for science. Göttingen is a melting pot that accommodates students from more than 120 different countries from all over the world. It is therefore a city of international encounters on a daily basis that nourishes and gives space for international friendships and academic networks. Apart from the numerous opportunities for studies and cultural activities, Göttingen offers a great deal of possibilities to arrange one's own leisure time. I hope you enjoy your stay in Göttingen and I wish you all the best in your studies.



Rolf-Georg Köhler  
Mayor

Göttingen, with a population of approx. 120,000, is a city where tradition and innovation complement one another perfectly. The city dates back to the Middle Ages and still boasts a unique historic centre with beautiful half-timbered buildings. While the architecture breathes history, the spirit of Göttingen is young and vibrant – thanks to its 28,000 students, more than eleven per cent of them with an international background.

Finding your way around town is very easy as the centre is compact and distances from one end to the other are pretty short. Profit from Göttingen's continuously extending cycle tracks, contribute to protecting the environment and do something good for your own fitness. Otherwise, you can always take a bus, which is free for all students (you just have to show your student ID card).



Göttingen is a very safe place to live. Moving around, even at night, is no problem at all. Its inhabitants are known for their friendliness and open-mindedness. This attitude is also reflected in Göttingen's cultural life. Göttingen offers a myriad of possibilities for recreational activities. The town has three theatres, a symphony orchestra, several cinemas, cafés and pubs, which provide numerous opportunities to meet people and have a good time. Popular annual events include the Night of Culture, the International Händel Festival, the Jazz Festival, the International Literature Festival and many more. The university and its student union sponsor many cultural and recreational events.

The city also offers a range of outdoor activities with its superb sports facilities, parks and excellent bicycle routes. Göttingen is surrounded by beautiful countryside, with its rolling hills, forests, and the Harz: the highest mountain range in Northern Germany. There are also a number of smaller towns that are worth a visit, which can be seen on a day trip from Göttingen. The semester ticket allows you to use Lower Saxony regional trains for free.

Situated in the geographical centre of Germany and Europe, Göttingen has excellent travel connections, e.g. Berlin, Hamburg or Frankfurt are only a two-hour train ride away. But you don't have to go that far to take a break, because Göttingen itself offers many possibilities for recreational activities!





# THE UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN



## COMMITTED TO YOUR SUCCESS

Founded in 1737, the University of Göttingen is a research university of international reputation, with a strong focus on research-driven teaching. The university is distinguished by the wide scope of its subjects and excellent facilities for scientific research. Almost all academic disciplines including medicine are represented in the 13 faculties, the exception being engineering sciences. Such a broad spectrum of subjects enables you to tackle overarching issues from an interdisciplinary perspective.



## FACULTIES



### NATURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES, MATHEMATICS AND INFORMATICS

- Faculty of Agricultural Sciences
- Faculty of Biology and 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
- University Medical Center

### LAW, ECONOMIC SCIENCES, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

- Faculty of Economic Sciences
- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Social Sciences
- Faculty of Theology

## A GLOBAL PLAYER

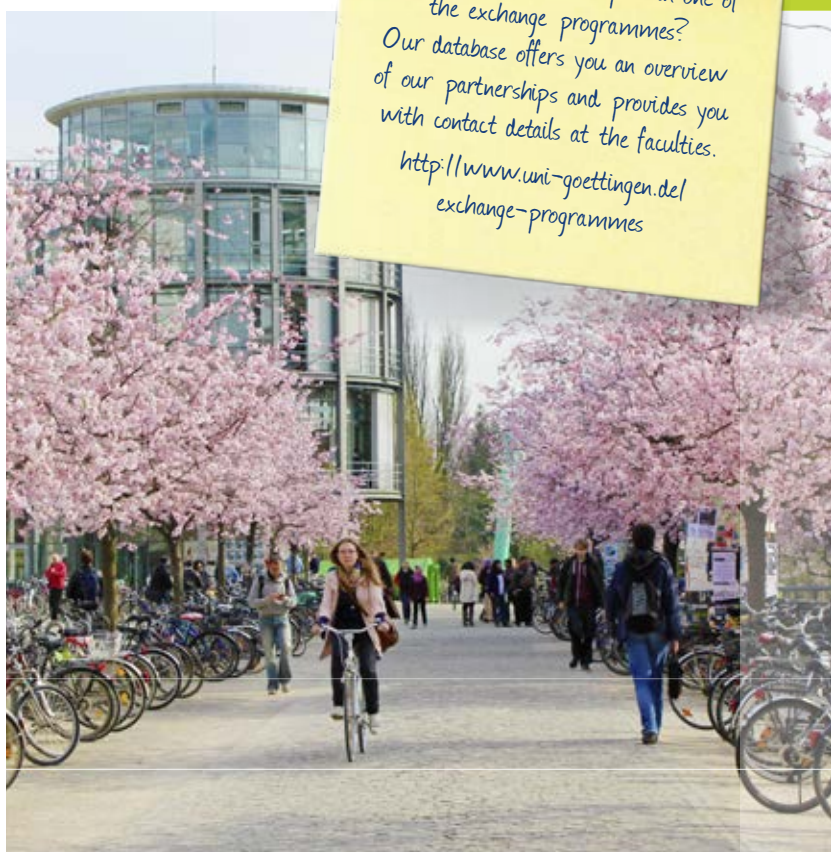
The University of Göttingen is well known as a university which emphasises international cooperation. The university has active agreements with almost 500 institutions of higher education in 75 countries and offers a wide variety of exchange and scholarship opportunities for international students and scholars.

### WORLD RANKINGS

The University of Göttingen was ranked number two in Germany and number 67 in the world in 2014-2015 by the Times Higher Education World University Ranking.

#### CONTACT DETAILS

Would you like to take part in one of the exchange programmes?  
Our database offers you an overview of our partnerships and provides you with contact details at the faculties.  
<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/exchange-programmes>





## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

Over 60 Bachelor, Master and Ph.D. programmes are taught in English and ensure that graduates emerge excellently equipped to enter the international job market. Approximately 28,000 young people currently study here, some eleven per cent of which are from abroad.

## GÖTTINGEN CAMPUS

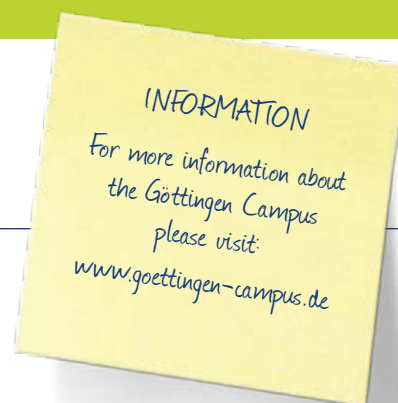
The University of Göttingen and the University Medical Center are joined by eight non-university research institutions and form a collaborative network across Göttingen's research campus.

This network includes the Max Planck Institutes for Biophysical Chemistry, Dynamics and Self-Organization, Experimental Medicine, Solar System Research, and the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity; the Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities, the German Primate Centre and the German Aerospace Centre.

Together these on-site partners form an exceptionally vital cooperative alliance in research and teaching. Their close proximity on campus encourages the discourse of ideas across dis-

ciplines and provides students with access to many different libraries, laboratories, facilities, and a multitude of campus resources.

Joint professorships working at the university and at these non-university institutions unite teaching activities with on-going research projects, placing students at the forefront of developments in science, technology, methodologies, innovation and culture. Professors and scientists take part in the graduate training programmes, which also provide a range of professional skills tailored to the needs of doctoral students.





## THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

The International Office is your main point of contact for non-academic issues before your arrival and during your stay in Göttingen. Apart from taking care of administrative issues, the International Office also organises numerous excursions, cultural activities and events for international students.



**CONTACT DETAILS**  
 The International Office is located  
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