Erasmus+
Study Exchange
- Biology -
Study year 2023/24
Possibilities – Procedure – Organisation

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GET OUT ?!

- Get to know other countries and customs!
- Study subjects not offered in Göttingen.
- Fill transition term (between Bachelor/Master or Master/PhD).
- Recognition at master’s application in Göttingen (Biology).
- For personal growth and social competence.
- I want to study abroad!
- Upgrade the CV!

Erasmus+ programme - Biology - Study year 2023/24
Wide range at others universities...

- Gene Structure and Function
- Tumor Cell Biology
- Immunology
- Human Physiology
- Terrestrial Arctic Biology
- Marine Ecology
- Fish Ecology
- Wildlife Management
- Toxicology and Public Health
Where can I find information?

biologie.uni-goettingen.de/studyabroad → Outgoings

Outgoings - Going abroad from Göttingen

Next informative meeting "Erasmus+ programme Biology": 09.12.2022
Information event "Go Abroad" November 2022 (pdf)
Informative meeting "Erasmus+ programme Biology" December 2022 (pdf)
Informative meetings from Göttingen International

GOOD TO KNOW

STUDIES ABROAD

Erasmus+ Programme Biology

With the EU programme Erasmus+ you can study on partner universities in throughout Europe. A bilateral agreement on faculty level between the Faculty of Biology and Psychology and a faculty at the respective partner university ensures subject-specific courses. An overview of our partner universities can be found under Partner universities Biology. The study exchange is possible for one or two semesters.

Erasmus+ includes...

- Assistance with necessary formalities
- No tuition fees at the partner university
- Financial support to cover travel expenses
- Subject-specific support at the host university
- Recognition of course credits from abroad

Further information:

- Partner universities Biology and field reports
- Application
- Steps after admission
Erasmus+: general information

• Universities in Europe -> subject-specific (biology only)
• 1 or 2 semesters (depending on contract)
• Lecture, seminars, laboratory practical's (depending on host university)

• Organizational (and financial support)
  o no tuition fees at host university
  o Erasmus+ scholarship (possibly not for all applicants)

• Accommodation search partly through partner university
• Leave of absence (“Urlaubssemester”)
  o not recommended
• Recognition of academic achievements
Erasmus+ mobility: when

- earlist in 3rd semester

- recommended:
  - Bachelor
    - 5th or 6th semester
    - (<8th semester)
  - Master
    - 3rd or 4th semester
    - (<6th semester)

- depends on your individual study plan
Erasmus+ mobility: how often

**Erasmus+ SMS (Study) & Erasmus+ SMP (Internship)**
-> applies per study cycle (Bachelor and Master)

- maximum funding of **12 months** per study cycle
  - 12 months in Bachelor + 12 months in Master

- **12 months** per cycle can be divided
  - 5 months Erasmus+ SMS & 3 months Erasmus+ SMP
  - 10 months Erasmus+ SMS & 2 months Erasmus+ SMP
  - 5 months Erasmus+ SMS university A & 5 months Erasmus+ SMS university B

Erasmus+ programme - Biology - Study year 2023/24
Important: Language

Learn the language of instruction & the country
- common languages: ZESS (www.zess.uni-goettingen.de)
- rare languages: seminars of the Faculty of Humanities
- community college (www.vhs-goettingen.de)
- Foyer international (https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/2554.html)
Erasmus+ partner institutions of Biology

Aarhus
Åbo (Turku)
Barcelona
Bern
Bilbao
Wroclaw
Budweis
Ghent
Goteborg
Grenoble
Groningen
Helsinki
Kalmar
Krakow
La Réunion
León
Leuven
Leiden
Lund
Madrid
Murcia
Oulu
Poznan
Prague
Rennes
Rome
Rotterdam
Rouen
Salamanca
Tallinn
Turku
Umeå
Valencia
Vienna
Warsaw
Zurich
Erasmus+ partner Biology – courses in English

Check the course catalogue yourself!

Basic knowledge of the local language required

Good knowledge of the local language required

- Bachelor and Master courses in English
- only Master courses in English
- only Bachelor courses in English
- Bachelor and Master courses in local language

Check the course catalogue yourself!
Application procedure - Biology

Students

Check Erasmus+ universities, term, language, courses consult programme coordinator if necessary

December | January | February | March | April | May

Biology International
Conditions for application

Study year 23/24
-> autumn term 23/24 and/or spring term 24

• Enrolled at the University of Göttingen
  o application and mobility term

• Application term and mobility term -> **same** study programme
  o e.g. students in their 1/2. semester apply for the 3./4. semester
  o no application from Bachelor to Master studies

• at least **50 %biological courses** must be taken
  o otherwise apply via other faculty (applies to teaching and Biochemistry)

• language requirements must be fulfilled
Planning - Language requirements

Inform yourself about partner university’s language of instruction
-> 50% of the courses must be taken in the designated language

• Language of instruction **English**
  -> min. level **B1** at application

• Language of instruction **Spanish** or **French**
  -> min. level **B1** at application

• all other languages of instruction
  -> min. level **A2** at application

**proof necessary**
**Deadline: 31.1**
(317. spring term)
Planning - Term dates

term date at host university ≠ term dates at Uni Gö

☑ Problem: examination period does overlap with study start

☑ check semester dates first

Examination abroad possible:

• goal: write exam at host university at the same day and time
• Contact lecturer -> approval necessary
• Find supervisor for examination at host university
• for further information/help contact us
Planning - study plan

• Courses at partner university
  o Content & Credits /work load
  o Structure (block, whole semester)
  o form of examination & examination period
  ➢ website of the partner universities
  ➢ field reports

• Study programme at home
  o mandatory courses?
  o winter or summer term?
  o overlap with examination period in Göttingen?
  o sufficient time for final thesis?

• An extension of your study time is tolerable?

• Can you finance the Erasmus study abroad?

Discuss your study plan with your study coordinator!
Planning - Recognition

Is it necessary/important for me?
Which courses/ course combinations?

**Bachelor**
Recognition as:
- Compulsory modules: 😐
- Key competence: 😊
- Optional compulsory module: ?/😊

**Master**
Recognition as
- Core module: 😐
- Key competence (without grading): 😊
- Profile module (without grading): ?/😊

contact your programme coordinator **before** your stay abroad
Office of Studies
Application procedure - Biology

**Students**

- **December**: Check Erasmus+ universities, term, language, courses, consult programme coordinator if necessary.
- **January**: Apply - Biology Göttingen until 31.1.

**Biology International**

- **March**
- **April**
- **May**
Application

https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/194325.html

- read the **Call** ("Ausschreibungstext")
- inform about required documents and required information
  - Time of mobility: start & end date of term (incl. examination period)
- have all documents ready
- **MoveOn Portal**
  - choose from Erasmus+ Key Action 13123/24 or SEMP 23/24 (Switzerland)
  - choose Biology Universities only (not Psychology)
- **Deadline: 311**
  - only complete applications will be considered
  - first comes first serves does not apply
G.E.P. or ERASMUS

- Got a G.E.P.- study place offer -> draw back Erasmus application
- G.E.P. vs. Erasmus? -> inform us
Application procedure - Biology

- **Students**
  - **December**: Check Erasmus+ universities, term, language, courses. Consult programme coordinator if necessary.
  - **January**: Apply - Biology Göttingen until 31.1.
  - **February**: Selection committee.
  - **March**: Info about place / scholarship.
  - **April / May**: Biology International.

Erasmus+ programme - Biology - Study year 2023/24
Selection criteria

• Personal Motivation (20 %)
  o Language proficiency (language of instruction, local language)

• Professional Motivation (40 %)

• Academic performance (overall grade, study progress) (30 %)
  o Transcript of records including ranking place!

• Financing plan (10 %)
  o cost of travel and living in the destination country
  o your efforts to finance the Erasmus stay abroad (financing plan, sources (Auslands-BAföG), no proof of fortune!)

→ ranking list
Our place offer:

Information via e-mail

25.02.23

Internet access urgently required mid Feb - mid March!
Application procedure - Biology

Students

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- February: Selection committee
- March: Info about place / scholarship
- April: until 28.2. commitment
- May: Erasmus+ programme - Biology - Study year 2023/24

Biology International
Your place commitment:

Inform us via e-mail

28.02.23

[Note: Internet access urgently required mid Feb - mid March! ]
Erasmus+ place - Funding

Place offer
for a particular university ≠ Scholarship
Funding: Erasmus scholarship

Who gets a scholarship
- best applicants receive a scholarship directly -> preliminary quota (7 – 8 students)
- have your own financing plan!

If more money is available
- depending on funding allocation by DAAD
- either lottery or all nominated receive a scholarship or
- Information about scholarship note before mid June
Funding: Erasmus+ scholarship

Funding
• one semester abroad: min. 3 – max. 5 months
• two semesters abroad: min. 3 – max. 8 months

Scholarship
• three different country groups
• top up’s (social and green mobility)

Payment
-> in two rates (depends on administrative requirements)
• 80 % during the stay abroad
• 20 % at the end
• paperwork/formalities completed in time -> informational event by GI (June/Nov)
• at least 10 credits successfully completed at the partner university

Information: GI website
Application procedure - Biology

**Students**

- **December**
  - Check Erasmus+ universities, term, language, courses
  - Consult programme coordinator if necessary

- **January**
  - Apply - Biology Göttingen until 31.1.

- **February**
  - Selection committee

- **March**
  - Until 28.2. commitment
  - Info about place / scholarship
  - Until 30.03.

- **April**
  - Place acceptance

Biology International
Erasmus+ place - Your definite acceptance

until 10.03.23 (via MoveOn)

Information will provided by us via e-mail

- no reaction: out
- inform us, if you face problems

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Application procedure - Biology

Students

- Check Erasmus+ universities, term, language, courses. Consult programme coordinator if necessary
- Apply - Biology Göttingen until 31.1.
- until 20.02. Selection committee
- until 03.10. Place acceptance
- Info about place / scholarship
- Apply to partner university (after request, deadlines!)
- Nomination at partner universities
- Erasmus+ programme - Biology - Study year 2023/24

Biology International
From applicant to outgoing student

1. Nomination at partner university
   - by me (International Office Biology)
   - depends on deadline of partner university
     - for autumn term / full year (March – June)
     - for spring term (September)
   ➢ You will get informed by us via e-mail
2. Application to partner university
   • by you (the Erasmus outgoing student)
   • Inform yourself about application procedure and required documents
   • depends on deadline of partner university
     • for autumn term (March – June)
     • for spring term (September - Oct)

In case of cancellation by the host university: Inform us immediately!
Nomination/Application for spring term

- **Students**
  - December: Check Erasmus+ universities, plan courses, consult programme coordinator if necessary.
  - January: apply until 31st
  - February: until 28.02.
  - March: until 10.03.
    - Place acceptance
  - September: apply until 31.1.
  - October: November: Apply to partner university
  - Nomination at partner universities (for spring term)

- **Biology International**

  - same procedure -> in the period September - October
  - you will receive information by e-mail
Application: Learning Agreement (LA)

- Choice of courses
  - only courses of the partner faculty
  - Bachelor: as far as possible courses of the Bachelor programme
  - Master: as far as possible courses of the Master programme
  - respect prerequisites of the course(s)

- Credits (guideline: approx. 30 C per term)

→ “Online Learning Agreement“ (Dashboard)
Online Learning Agreement

“Dashboard”

- e-mail from us with information
- enter contact details of host* and partner university
- needs 3 signatures
  - 1 - student
  - 2 - home university (Anke Schürer)
  - 3 - partner university
- save and upload as PDF (-> MoveON)
- until the mandatory information event of Göttingen International

* Anke Schürer
“Paperwork”

- before the stay
- after arrival/during stay abroad
- after the stay

Checklist from Göttingen International
During the mobility - changes

• Changes of course plan can occur
• use O-LA part “During the Mobility“
• Latest until 4 weeks after start of the courses
Good to know: role of Göttingen International

https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/647426.html

The International Office
  - provides the „Call“ and gives general instructions for procedure
  - provides guidelines/checklists
  - manages Erasmus+ scholarships (Sandra Schreiber)
  - Information event for Outgoings (mandatory!)
    - stay abroad in autumn term -> June
    - stay abroad in spring term -> November
    - contract signing Grant Agreement
    - Learning Agreement ready with all signatures
Cancellation of your study abroad

Cancellation by you after the **definite acceptance**

- you must give reasons
- lower priority for future applications for studies abroad
  - applies to Erasmus+, but also Global Exchange Program!

**First plan – then apply!!**
As soon as the formalities are completed...
Preparation - Study plan at home

Term before mobility:

• plan your exams
• start your specialisation/final thesis on time!
• leave of absence: yes / no?
  o not recommended
  o contra: no examination authorization for examinations & no modules or key competencies can be taken
  o pro: semester does not count as subject semester & reduced semester fee

→ Application at the University (Office of Student Affairs)
www.uni-goettingen.de/de/52008.html
Preparation - What else …

• Travel planning

• Auslands-BAföG: independent of national BAföG!

• Room rental (temporary)
  o e.g. via Welcome Center der Uni Göttingen
  o e.g. renting to an Erasmus+ incoming
  o you chose the subtenant!
  o ask the landlord beforehand!
Roadmap

1. Inform yourself about the partner universities
   - Websites of the Faculty
   - Göttingen International (interactive world map)

2. Check the language requirements
   - B1 (English, French, Spanish) in language of instruction of the partner university is mandatory
   - take language courses/obtain certificates

3. Prepare/clarify study plan

4. Application via MoveOn portal
   3101 for the following academic year
Contact - Questions

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Advisory service
Personal (make appointment)
Online
E-mail (short questions)
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Have fun organising your semester abroad!