

Tips from students for students

Introductory Week for International Students

September 21st 2026

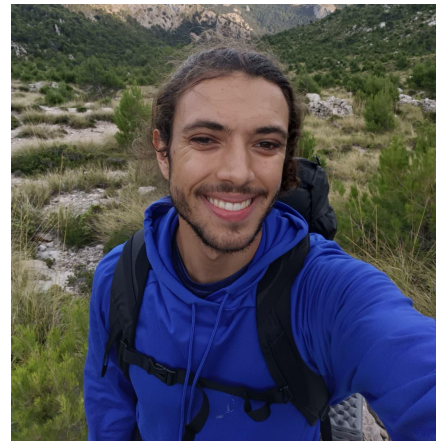


Presenters



Natalia

- ... studies Biodiversity (MSc)
- ... German/Polish
- ... born in Göttingen
- ... Erasmus in Greece



Frederic

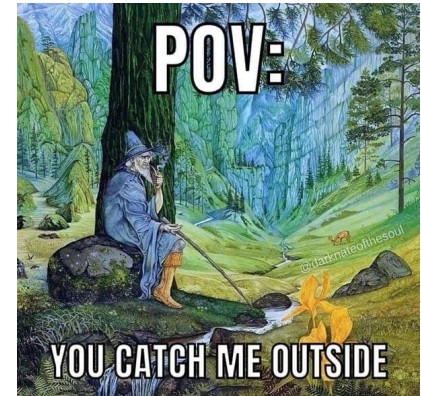
- ... also studies Biodiversity (MSc)
- ... German/Spanish
- ... born in Mallorca
- ... in Göttingen since Oct 2025

- work: laboratory & dancing school
- dancing, gym, cooking
- lives in student dorm
- Study breaks: meets up with friends at Cafés/
Mensa, enjoy the sun, mobile health campus
- Evenings: cinema, meet with friends
- Favourite places: Gamie, Badeparadies
Eiswiese (Sauna), Kerstlingeröder Feld



Everyday life of Frederic

- Work: barista at P-Café
- Adventure! Also nature, cooking, languages
- Study breaks: go for a “Spaziergang” (walk) solo or w/ friends, cafés!
- Evenings: try to bake bread (never works), explore something new with friends (Kulturticket)
- Favourite places: Mensa am Turm ❤️, Göttingen Forest, Diemarden Tower



- Max. 30 ECTS per semester (exception, no overlap of courses)
- Max. 3 seminars/ lectures a week
- mensa or coffee breaks w/ friends!
- Balance between exams & term papers
- Key competencies (Mental health)
- SUB (Digital creative space)



General information on living in GÖ

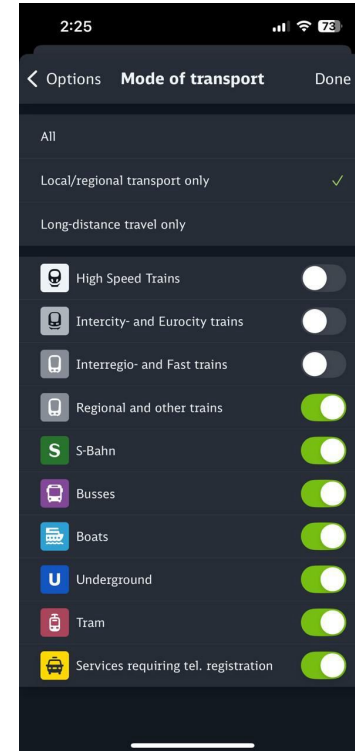
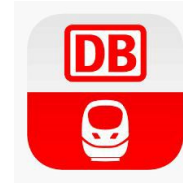
- Most shops are closed on Sundays & holidays
- Some places (e.g. restaurants, bars & Christmas markets) only take cash, but usually credit/ debit card is fine
- Public drinking is allowed, but not on public transportation



- Apply early!
 - E.g. Studentenwerk (dorms)
 - Wg-gesucht.de (shared flat or sublet)
 - “Kleinanzeigen” (sublet, flats)
 - Some hotels offer cheap accommodation at the start of the semester
 - Accommodation Service (international office)
- Be aware of scams!



- Deutschlandticket: regional transportation (busses, “slow” trains, not IC/ICE)
- “Supersparpreis”
 - after 20 min delay, take any train
 - after 60 min delay or if you never took the train -> get money back



Be aware of common delays!



NOO OUR TRAIN IS 2
SECOND LATE I'M GOING TO
COMPLAIN ABOUT IT

HEY OUR TRAIN IS 3 HOURS
LATE IT IS PRETTY GOOD

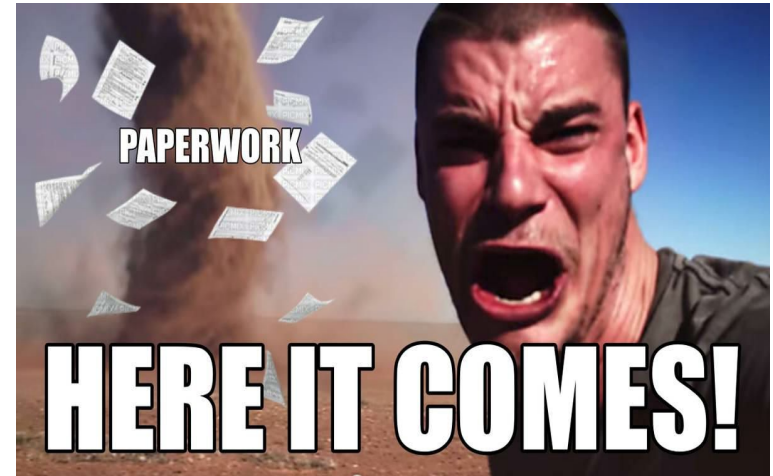


HEY OUR TRAIN IS ACTUALLY
COMING THAT'S PRETTY GOOD



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- Appointment with the city council
(Rathaus/Einwohnermeldeamt)
 - Use a VPN if you live outside of Germany
 - passport & “Wohnungsgeberbestätigung”
 - If urgent, go without an appointment, but long waiting time



- Everyone has to sign up for it!
(mandatory)
- 18,36€ /month
- You can split the costs with your flatmates
(& people on the same floor in your
student accommodation)
- <https://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de>





Pardon?
Please.
Go ahead.
Here you go.
You're welcome.
Not at all.



Bitte?
Bitte.
Bitte.
Bitte.
Bitte.
Bitte.



- Welcome activities for new international students
- Don't be shy, always ask for help
- Buddy Service:
<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/604286.html>

#1 Mensa am Turm



#2 Zentralmensa



#3 Nordmensa (CGIN)



SUB - Central library



The only library where talking is “kind of” allowed

O-Woche



ZHG Party



Dies Academicus

<https://vimeo.com/987027198/86e0466624?share=copy>



Nacht der Kulturen



Christmas market



Going out



Monroe's Park



Duke's Irish Pub:

- Mon: Dart Night
- Tue: Pub Quiz
- Wed/Fri/Sat:
Karaoke

Nörgelbuff



**& Gauß Pub
& Thanners
& Bar-Racuda**

Nautibar

- Tiefseetaucher



Clubbing:

- Alpenmax (Mo: 1€ Party)
- EinsB
- Savoy (We: free entrance)
- Stilbrvch
- Pfeffer + Salz



After Clubbing:

“Dönermeile” (e.g. Döner King or Pinocchio’s for their special fries)



- Mental health
- Movement
- Key competencies

- Sport courses
- Workshops
- Gym
- MyBox



<https://my.sport.uni-goettingen.de>

- Kieselsee, Stadtwall, Flütheweher, Harz mountains







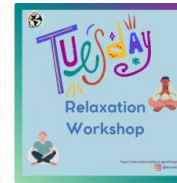
Foyer International



Have you been fascinated by the uniqueness of Korean Culture? Come and join us to learn more about Korea. There will be games, movies, quizzes, and many more. It's time to take a deep dive into it and discover in our Korean Workshop!



Where cultures collide, creativity explodes! Come to the Theatre Workshop and have a great time!



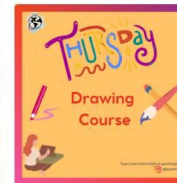
Had a long, hectic day? Want to feel relaxed? Dive into relaxation and calm with the help of easy and gentle body and breathwork, with some music and a cup of tea at the end.



Are you looking to meet new people in a nice, friendly, cozy environment while enjoying the sunshine and fresh air? Then what are you waiting for? Join our Garden Workshop!



Do Germany and its people give you question marks? Are you German and would like to enhance your intercultural competence? Then join us for Typisch Deutsch!



Do you want to spend some time learning interesting drawing tips and tricks? We are planning a drawing course that might help to enhance your creative side. Come to learn how shading works or which colors match perfectly. Join us for Drawing Course.

**O-Woche
(Fresher's Week)!**