Universität Göttingen

IN PUBLICA COMMODA - FOR THE GOOD OF ALL reads the inscription on the Foundation Medal of Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. Established in the age of the Enlightenment (1737) and committed to its critical spirit, the "Georgia Augusta" was one of Europe's first universities to abandon the supremacy of theology and achieve equality for all faculties. Emphasis on basic research and orientation towards source criticism and experimentation proved to be decisive preconditions for the development of the modern humanities and natural sciences, a development strongly influenced by the Georgia Augusta. The University is committed to utilising its strengths in shaping a humane, tolerant and peaceful world.

Location

Germany, Göttingen

How to Get There

By Air

http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/1.html
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There are two airports close to Göttingen. The nearest is Hannover Airport (www.hannover-airport.de). From there you take a ‘S-Bahn’ train to Hannover main station (Hauptbahnhof), where you can transfer either to express trains (ICEs) or to regional trains (Metronom) to Göttingen. If you travel by express train, then the whole trip takes just over an hour and costs 38 Euros. If you travel by regional train, then the journey time to Göttingen is around two hours and the price is 25 Euros. The most frequently used airport when travelling to Göttingen is Frankfurt International (www.frankfurt-airport.de). There are either direct express trains to Göttingen from Frankfurt airport, or you can transfer at Frankfurt main station (Hauptbahnhof). The journey to Göttingen takes approximately two hours and the ticket price is 66 Euros. Regional trains are also an option. If you travel by regional train, then it takes about 4 hours and the price is 42 Euros.

**How to Apply**

You might want to look at [this information guide](#) to prepare for your Erasmus experience in Universität Göttingen. After you have been nominated as an exchange student by your home university, and accepted by the respective faculty/programme in Göttingen, you will receive a welcome package with a detailed description of all further steps and procedures, including a data sheet with important dates and the exchange buddy service application form.

**Application Deadlines:**

Academic Year or Winter Semester: 1st June
Summer Semester: 1st December

**Modules/Subjects**

Click [here](#) to view information regarding modules/subjects offered to Erasmus students at the Universität Göttingen.

Even if your programme is taught in English, it is still recommended that you learn the basics of the German language before arriving in Germany. This will help you greatly in your day to day life and will make your transition to the new cultural and social environment easier. It is advisable to take an intensive language course at the beginning or right before the start of your study programme. The Institute for Intercultural Communication (IIK) offers preparatory courses in German in March, August, September and October. For more information, please refer to: [www.uni-goettingen.de/iiik](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/iiik).

**Grading System**

In German universities (except for law schools) a 1 to 5 scale is used. You need a minimum of 4 to pass an exam.
Welcome Day and Orientation Week

At the beginning of each semester, the International Student Services organise a Welcome Day designed especially for exchange students where you will be guided through all the required formalities of the enrolment process at the university and registration at the City Hall. Click here for further information.

Separate Orientation Days (abbreviation: O-Phase) are held at every faculty, and they are organised by students of that faculty. Like the Introduction Days of the International Office, the O-Phase is usually held before the courses begin.

Estimated Costs

Erasmus students do not pay registration/tuition fees to the host university. Travel expenses and living costs, however, are covered by each student. See the table below for estimated expenses students might have while living abroad. Please note that these are just rough estimates and will vary for each student, depending on their personal needs and choices.
Extracurricular Activities

Foyer International, a cultural programme run by students, is a meeting place for students from all over the world. International cooking evenings, film nights, language workshops and much more are organised on a regular basis by students. It is a great place to meet interesting people from all over the world who speak English, Spanish, French, German, Japanese, Italian and other languages!

Sport is an important part of student life at the University of Göttingen. The University Sports Centre (Hochschulsport Göttingen) offers more than 80 different types of sport, so there really is something for everyone! Among the sports facilities are an indoor swimming pool with saunas, a large fitness centre, excellent climbing walls and more than 8 different gyms. Sports halls and sports equipment can be hired. Here you will find the list of all the different types of sports on offer: [www.hochschulsport.uni-goettingen.de/cms/sportarten.html](http://www.hochschulsport.uni-goettingen.de/cms/sportarten.html). The Sports Centre is situated within a ten-minute bicycle ride from either the North Campus or the city centre. The sports centre is open seven days a week. In order to use the facilities, you have to become a member and pay a monthly membership fee of 2 Euros. For more information, please refer to: [www.hochschulsport.uni-goettingen.de](http://www.hochschulsport.uni-goettingen.de).