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# Welcome to the University of Göttingen

International Student Office





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# 1. Traveling to Göttingen

- Important preparations!
- Finances
- Student jobs
- Searching for an accommodation
- Travel options
- Buddy service
- Phone, internet, electricity



# Important preparations!

## ■ Online enrolment

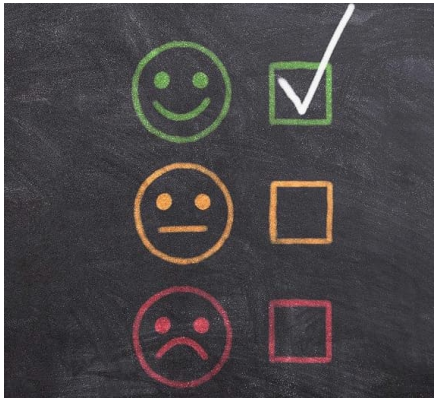
- Upload documents online
- Pay semester fee
- After you have successfully enrolled, you can apply for a student ID card

## ■ Health insurance

- No travel insurance!
- Apply for insurance from abroad
- Contracts begin at the start of the semester
- Health insurance is mandatory for enrolment

## ■ Visa for study purpose

- No tourist visa
- Students from EU/EEA: no visa necessary; free entry and unlimited stay in Germany/Students from outside EU/EEA: visa is necessary
- Free service: Please use the code UNIGOETTINGEN25 to create your free account at <https://platform.visaflow.app>



## Late arrivals

### ■ As a general rule

- Bachelor → no postponement of admission possible
- Master/PhD → send an E-Mail to the contact person in your [faculty](#) as the faculty decides:
  - if you can arrive later during the semester
  - or if your admission can be postponed to the next possible semester
  - or if you must apply again



### ■ Withdrawal of enrolment

- If you are already enrolled, you have the option to [withdraw your enrolment](#) until 27th of November 2025, so that the missed semester will not count.
- You can also request a [refund](#) of semester fees you have already paid until 27th of November 2025.

## Finances – Cost of living



Cost of living:  
approx. 1000 € /month

- Accommodation = 300 - 400 €
- Food = 200 €
- Health insurance, costs for medical treatment, medication = 120 €
- Phone, internet, radio and broadcasting fee = 50 €
- Study materials & books etc. = 50 €
- Leisure time & miscellaneous = 150 €

+ semester fee = approx. 440 €/semester

## Student Jobs



- All international students with a residence permit may work in Germany
- Students are allowed to work 140 full days or 280 half days (approx. 20 hours per week per calendar year)
- This includes student jobs in and outside the university, mini-jobs, and internships, but does not include freelance work
- The minimum wage is €12,82 per hour
- **Info-Session “Working in Germany”**  
-> Friday, 26.09.2025 | 2:00 - 3:00 pm (CET)

## Scholarships

Various scholarships also available to international students in Germany

- German universities do not normally provide scholarships, but external organizations do
- **Important:** Students are first considered for scholarships and funding programs once they have demonstrated significant achievements during their studies

## Searching for Accommodation

- Many international students live in the student dorms (the [Studierendenwerk](#)) on campus, which provides low-priced housing
- The University's [Accommodation Support](#) provides information and guidance on the housing market in Göttingen
- For detailed information about housing and finding accommodation in Göttingen, join us for the info session:

“Living in Göttingen”

Thursday, 25.09.2025 | 2:00 - 3:00 pm (CET)





# Traveling to Göttingen

- Göttingen is located in the center of Germany:

- Airplane

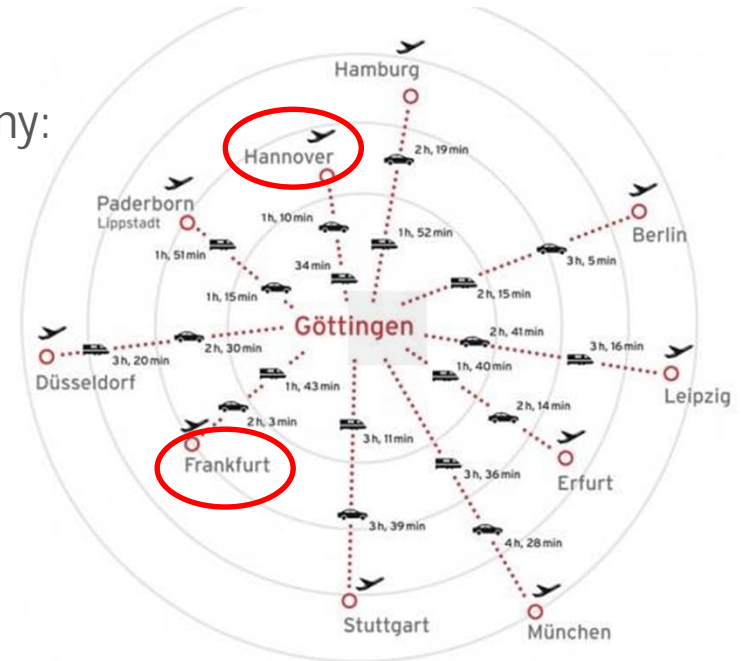
- Airport Hanover – 140 km
- Airport Frankfurt – 260 km

- Train (ICE, IC, Interregio)

- Hanover (approx. 30 -60 Min.)
- Frankfurt (approx. 2 Hours)
- [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de)

- Bus

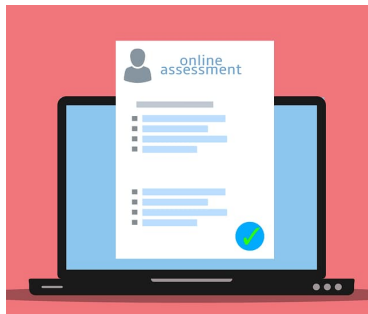
- Flixbus ([www.flixbus.de](http://www.flixbus.de))



Entfernungen von Göttingen zu deutschen Großstädten | Karte: Optex Werbeagentur

## Buddy Service

- ✓ Registration asap!
- ✓ Pick up service at the train station
- ✓ Accompanying service
- ✓ Key pick up service at Studierendenwerk
- ✓ Orientation



- Registration Buddy service for international students
- <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/604286.html>

# Phone, internet & electricity



## ■ Public Wifi

- Cafés
- Airports
- Shopping malls



## ■ Buying SIM cards with prepaid function

- May be purchased online or at airports and shopping malls in Germany
- Costs: 5 – 30 € per month  
(Different services are available without contracts, including internet and SMS)
- Largest service providers: Telekom, Vodafone, O2



## ■ Electricity

- voltage 220V, 50 Hz AC
- Power plug in and adapter



## 2. Arrival

- Registration with the city of Göttingen
- Residence permit
- Opening a bank account
- Medical care and emergencies
- Security on campus



# Registration with the City of Göttingen



Registration at City Hall  
„Neues Rathaus“  
Hiroshimaplatz 1-4  
37083 Göttingen



- Registration for **ALL** students as soon as possible after arrival
  - Appointments online available: <https://termin.goettingen.de/>
  - Keep your confirmation of Registration!
- Important documents:
  - Passport/ID card
  - Rental contract (Wohnungsgeberbestätigung)

# Residence permit

- Deadline: 8-10 weeks before your visa expires; but if possible directly after registration with the city!
- **Does not apply to EU nationals!**
- Appointments: Email at [studierende@goettingen.de](mailto:studierende@goettingen.de)
- Send applications by email
- Read the [handout](#) for the document list



# Opening a Giro bank account



Which account do I need?

- Current account
- Transfer, cashless payment and debit cash at the ATM

What do I need to open an account?

- Passport
- Registration certificate of the city hall in Göttingen

How much do I have to pay?

- A lot of banks offer student accounts free of charge (Deutsche Bank, Commerzbank, Postbank, Santander)
- Some banks charge a monthly fee, prices vary

# Medical care and emergencies

- Important phone numbers: Fire, Police, Emergency
- Doctors and hospitals
- Handling health insurance
- Accidents and acute disease
- Recommended insurances
- Advisory services for personal crises

Online brochure ➡ See Link List... [LINK](#)

(also available in print at the International Student Office!)





# Security on campus

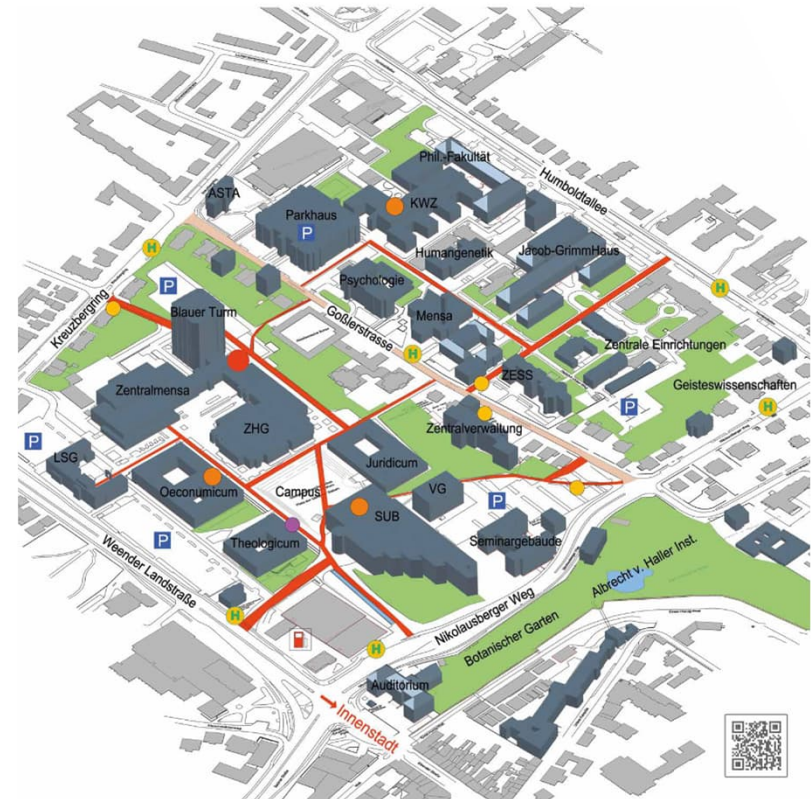
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- ▶ Polizei-Notruf  
110
- ▶ Notfall- und  
Störmeldezentrale  
0551 39-1171
- ▶ Wach- und Pfortendienst  
0551 39-26366



[LINK](#)

- Pforte MZG/ZHG (24h)
- Notruf zum Wach- und Pfortendienst
- Gegensprechanlage zum Wach- und Pfortendienst (24 h)
- Öffentlicher Fernsprecher
- H Bushaltestelle
- Beleuchtete Hauptwege
- Straße



## Subject specific orientation in the faculties

The faculties provide students with Orientation events from October 20-24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- Please contact your faculty or check their website for more information!



# Welcome Event for international students – 15. October 2025

Come to the Welcome Event for all new international students!

- Meet the people from Student Services & get to know more about student support initiatives
- Meet the colleagues at the International Student Office
- Make some friends and contacts!

Welcome Event

Date: October 15th, 2025

Venue: Zentrales Hörsaalgebäude




### 3. Activities in Göttingen







- Orientation in your faculty
- Get to know student advisory services
- Cafeterias on Campus
- Mobility in and around Göttingen
- Student ID card
- Excursions
- Learning languages & soft skills
- Foyer International
- Meet friends
- Upcoming events



# Cafeterias on campus

- Central Mensa:
  - Choice of different menus
- Mensa am Turm:
  - Vegetarian and vegan 
- Lunch Box
  - (North campus) two warm meals each day; one is vegan
- Plus 8 Cafeterias on Campus

- ✓ Opening hours vary
- ✓ Price for students: approx. 3 – 6 €
- ✓ Cashless payment with your student ID card

Zentralmensa		07.09.2022
Vegan	hot pumpkin vegetable with lentils rocket and Penne Rigate (1,a.1,a) broccoli	
Menü	breaded pork steak filled with ham and cheese (1,3,a,c,g,i) sauce of wild mushrooms (3,g), mustard potatoes (j), carrots	
Campus-Curry	vegan curry sausage (2) curry ketchup Berliner Blume (3,j), or, tandoori ketchup (f), chips (3), coleslaw	
Last Minute	Only while stocks last! May contain (1-11) and (a-n).For further information please ask our service staff.	
Salat vegetarisch / vegan	vegane salad bowl with caramelised walnuts and vegan Mozzarella (2,3,h,h.3,i) with, or, vegan potato dressing (3,j), topping diced watermelon, or, topping silver onions (3,9,l) <i>(lunch offer)</i>	
Salat konventionell	salad bowl Friesian with red onions, sour cream and MSC smoked matjes (1,a.1,a,d,g) with, blood orange thyme dressing with sour cream (g), or, mustard and mayonnaise dressing (3,c,g,j), topping boiled egg (c), or, topping sunflower seeds <i>(lunch offer)</i>	



[Studierendenwerk Göttingen: Canteens](#)

# Mobility in and around Göttingen – Go by Bike!

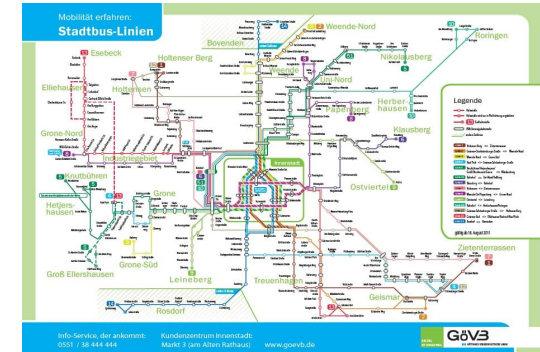


- Buy a bike: new or second hand
- Rent a bike via [Swapfiets](#)
  - ✓ Only 17,90 € a month for a bike in good condition
  - ✓ With repair service
  - ✓ 49,90 € for an E-Bike
- [ADFC bike school](#) offers courses for adults (approx. 100€ fee)



# Uses for your student ID card

- New: [Deutschlandsemesterticket](#)
  - Ride the **city buses** for free
  - Use the regional and **local trains** free of charge  
(**not for use on IC or ICE trains**)
  - Download digital ticket on mobile devices or use a chip card
  - Timetables: <https://www.goevb.de/fahrplaene/fahrplaninformationen>
- Culture ticket
  - Cultural events in Göttingen free of charge or at reduced rates
  - More information here: [Culture Ticket – AStA der Universität Göttingen](#)
  - You must **validate your student ID card** every semester to receive discounts.



# Excursions

❖ Every semester the International Student Office offers excursions, e.g.:

- Memorial place Buchenwald
- To the Harz Mountains
- Borderland Museum Eichsfeld



<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/414659.html>

❖ These organizations offer excursions as well:

- ESN:  
<https://www.instagram.com/esn.goettingen/>
- DEGIS Göttingen:  
[https://www.instagram.com/degis\\_goettingen/](https://www.instagram.com/degis_goettingen/)





# Learning languages & soft skills

- **German as a Foreign Language** & the **Institute for Intercultural Communication** e.V. (IIK)
  - Learn or improve your German during your studies
  - Intensive German courses available
  - Tandem learning
- **ZESS – Centre for Languages and Transferable Skills**
  - Learn other foreign languages
  - Key competencies (Leadership, communication, social and media skills, etc. )
  - IT courses (Excel, Word, Powerpoint, etc.)



Participating Organisations:



All courses are free except for IIK courses!  
Registration is required

# Foyer International

Meeting point for students from all over the world:

- Theater Workshop
- Typisch Deutsch!?
- Chinese Workshop
- Drawing Workshop
- Selfdefense Workshop
- Cooking, games and quiz events
- Lifehacks & Mental Health
- Intercultural Events



Don't want to miss it? Then follow us on Instagram! [@ugoe.international](https://www.instagram.com/ugoe.international)



# InDiGU-PLUS

## Future Skills: Academic Success and Career Start

- German Language Courses
- Intercultural Trainings
- Workshops for strengthening language skills in academic and professional contexts
- Career events
- Start Guides: Counseling & support for working in Germany



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

## Meet friends



Groups & Activities in Göttingen:

- Foyer International: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/foyer-international>
- ESN: <https://www.instagram.com/esn.goettingen/>
- DEGIS Göttingen: [https://www.instagram.com/degis\\_goettingen/](https://www.instagram.com/degis_goettingen/)
- Language tandem: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/572807.html>
- Study Buddy: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/112395.html>
- FSNG: <https://discord.com/invite/aGp3vjtrxY>

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Study  
Buddy

For more information, have a look at our website:  
<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/196392.html>

## Upcoming sessions – Stay tuned!

- Monday: **Let's meet! Studying abroad and what to expect**
- Tuesday: **Online systems in Göttingen** and **Intercultural communication & Networking**
- Wednesday: **Studying in Göttingen** and **Great things to do in Göttingen**
- Thursday: **Living in Göttingen** and **Tipps for students from students**
- Friday: **Working in Germany** and **Career Planning**



Enjoy Göttingen 😊