

What do I have to pay attention to in the motivation letter?

In the letter of motivation, you explain how you qualify to study abroad at your chosen university.

The letter of motivation should explain what your reasons are for participating in the Erasmus programme and what your motivation is to study abroad. The letter of motivation should include, above all, which university you would like to study at and your reasons for choosing this university (focus, course programme, etc.). The letter of motivation should only refer to your first university of choice. It should also mention your knowledge of the country, your language skills, and your professional and personal goals that you associate with your country of choice. You should reflect your expectations and ideas regarding the country/university of your choice in the letter of motivation. In addition, the letter of motivation serves to convince the selection committee why they should select you. Overall, the letter of motivation should establish a coherent connection between your previous studies and your intended studies abroad. You should mention if a semester abroad is required by the study regulations of your subject.

Checklist. The following questions should be answered in the letter:

- What are your expectations of the programme?
- Which aspects are particularly important to you in the programme?
- What university, language and country knowledge do you have?
- What is your interest in the target country?
- Do you have to show a study-relevant stay abroad through your studies?
- Does the curriculum or the courses at the university of your choice match your Göttingen curriculum or does it offer supplements and subject areas that cannot be studied in Göttingen?
- Are there specific courses you would like to take?
- What are your professional and personal goals regarding the semester abroad?