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# An Introduction to Studying in Göttingen

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II. Where can I find the relevant information on the structure of my individual degree programme?

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In passing: What do the technical terms I come across mean?

# I. How is a degree programme structured?

Basic idea:

Knowledge and competences are qualification goals that are achieved gradually, step by step, over a degree programme.

The individual "steps" are modules, which can consist of several courses. A degree programme comprises several modules, which usually have to be completed in a certain order.

The workload for a module is measured in credit points. Credit points are not to be confused with grades for performance assessment.

# Bachelor's programmes

usually 3 years = 6 semesters



A Bachelor's programme usually comprises 180 credit points, which are evenly distributed over 6 semesters: 30 credit points are scheduled per semester.

- ✓ It is possible to acquire more or fewer credits per semester. BUT: Do not overextend yourself and your study progress should remain steady!

# Master's programmes

usually 2 years = 4 semesters



A Master's programme usually comprises 120 credit points, which are evenly distributed over 4 semesters: 30 credit points are scheduled per semester.

- ✓ It is possible to acquire more or fewer credits per semester. BUT: Do not overextend yourself and your study progress should remain steady!

# Staatsexamensstudiengänge („State Examination Programmes“)

depending on the programme, 9-11  
semesters = about 5 years

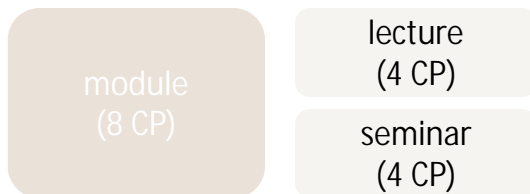
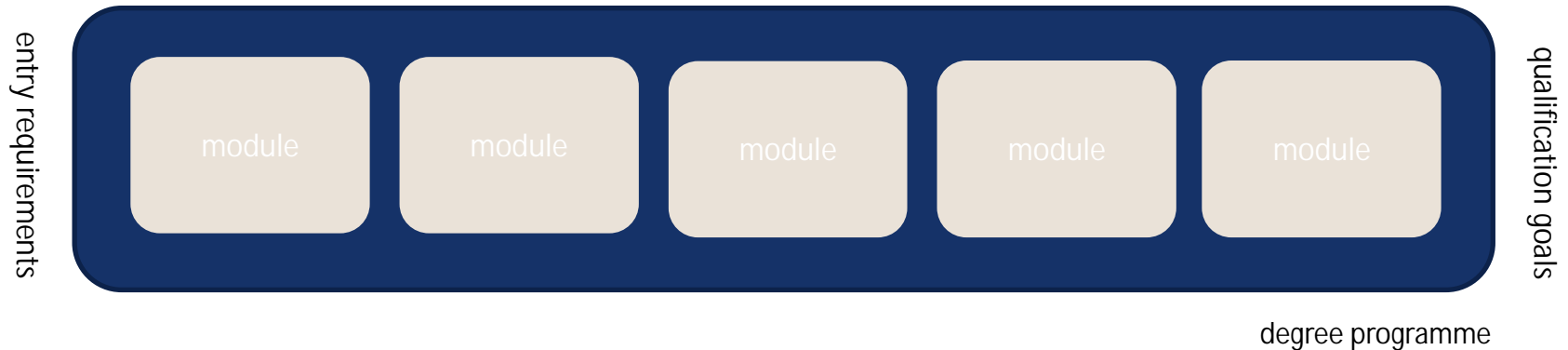


In Göttingen: Medicine, Dentistry, Law.

Highly regulated by Federal Law,  
minimal flexibility in the organisation of studies.

# What is a module?

Modules are the building blocks that make up a degree programme:  
„steps“ toward the qualification goal.



Modules usually consist of several courses of different types. To complete a module, all courses must be taken.



lecture



seminar, tutorial



practical section



excursion



independent study



# What are Credit Points?

Credit points are a unit of measurement for (assumed) workload:  
1 credit corresponds to 30 working hours.

Credits are awarded for completed modules: If all courses comprising a module and, if applicable, examinations have been completed or passed, the total credits for the module are awarded.

Credit points (CP) are also called "credits",  
"credit points" (CP = "Leistungspunkte", LP) or "ECTS".

Credits do not assess performance!  
For this purpose, grades are given:

# How will my performance be assessed?

grades in Bachelor's and Master's programmes



- An examination can also remain ungraded (passed or failed).
- Failed an exam? Most exams can be repeated twice.
- Grades can be summed up on a weighted basis (grades for modules based on several partial examinations, degree grades made up of several module grades)

## II. Where can I find the relevant information on the structure of my individual degree programme?

The study regulations („Studien- und Prüfungsordnung“) of your individual degree programme define

- which modules you will be taking,
- forms of exams and when to take them,
- formal and content-related stipulations for theses;
- contains exemplary study plans,
- provides information on electives and transferable key competences,
- usually contains further rules and regulations to comply with during the course of your studies (minimum CP up to a certain semester, mandatory guidance meetings, deadlines etc.).

## Where do I find my individual degree programme's study regulations?

- Use the A-Z list: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/3811.html>
- Research your degree programme. Make sure you have the right degree level!
- Select the tab „Structure“.
- Search for the link „Regulations“. The first in line is the current version.

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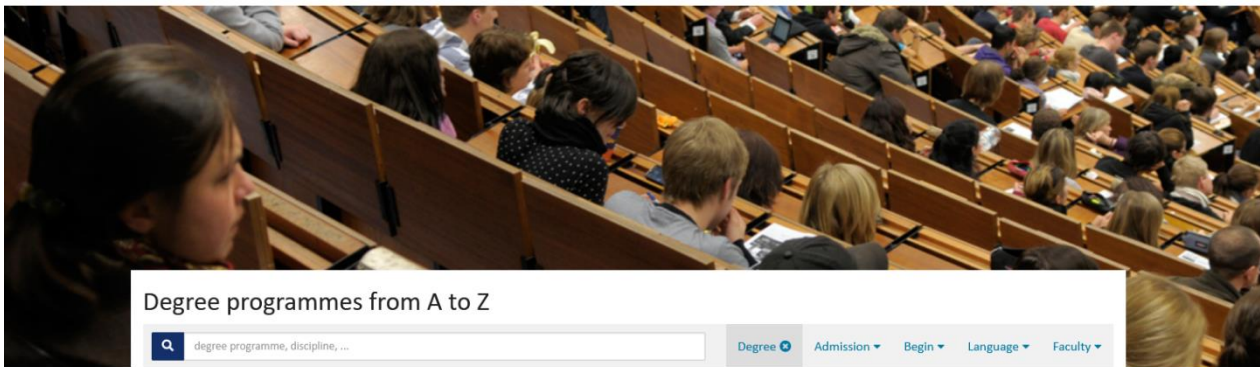
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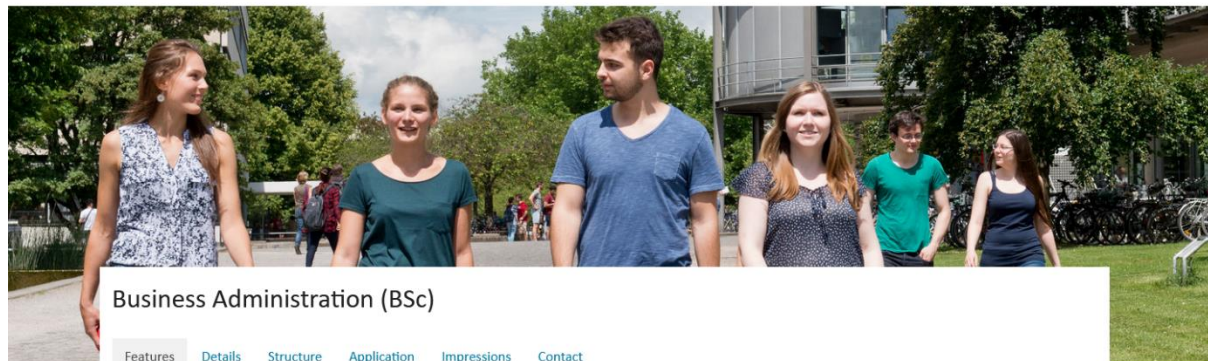

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### Features

Business Administration is concerned with all economic issues and decisions from the point of view of individual companies and other institutions. It involves understanding the organisation, personnel management, finance, purchasing, production and sales as well as accounting. "Finance, Accounting and Taxes", "Marketing and E-Business" and "Management" can all be delved into during the Bachelor's degree programme. Building upon this, the Master's degree programme allows for further specialisation.

- Programme:** Business Administration
- Degree:** Bachelor of Science (BSc)
- Standard period of study:** 6 semesters
- Start:** Winter and summer semester
- Language of the programme:** German
- Admission:** restricted admission (application to the University)
- Orientation events:** at the begin of your studies [orientation events](#) are offered
- Pre-course:** A [pre-course](#) is offered



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In the **orientation phase (1st and 2nd semesters)** students acquire knowledge of the basic issues and approaches to solutions of the economic sciences as well as of several important neighbouring disciplines. In addition to knowledge in business and economics, special knowledge in dealing with information and communication systems is acquired, as well as knowledge in the area of the relevant mathematical and statistical methods and law.

The **in-depth and specialization studies (3rd to 6th semesters)** serve to complete the basic education in business (business in-depth studies). Students may additionally direct their studies towards their own individual interests and occupational desires. The areas within which modules can be selected comprise business specialization, economic in-depth knowledge and the areas 'Economic Foreign languages' and 'Electives'. The offered modules in the individual areas enable the students to acquire basic key qualifications for a graduate course of study or practical occupational skills. More detailed information about the structure of the bachelor's programme you will find on the [according websites of the Faculty of Business and Economics](#).

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## Module directory („Modulverzeichnis“)

The module directory, basically a catalogue, complements the study regulations of any given degree programmes. The module directory

- describes all modules formally and content-wise,
- specifies which courses form part of a given module,
- specifies exams to be taken,
- gives the number of credits to be obtained,
- specifies in which semester the module will be offered (summer or winter),
- defines access requirements,
- gives a recommendation in which semester the module should be taken.


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<b>Georg-August-Universität Göttingen</b> <b>Module B.ES-SK.110: Computer science and mathematics</b>		6 C 4 WLH
<b>Learning outcome, core skills:</b> Understanding of basic notions and methods of mathematics and computer science, including notations from logic and set theory, relations, graphs, functions, vectors, linear transformations, matrices, eigenvalues, limits, derivatives, extreme values, integration, calculation of areas and volumes, number systems, representation of information, databases, the World Wide Web, foundations of programming, simulation, visualization.		<b>Workload:</b> Attendance time: 56 h Self-study time: 124 h
<b>Course: Computer science and mathematics (Lecture)</b> <i>Contents:</i> Lecture and Exercise		4 WLH
<b>Examination: Written examination (90 minutes)</b> <b>Examination requirements:</b> Understanding of basic notions and methods of mathematics and computer science as listed above, ability to solve small tasks using these notions and methods.		6 C
<b>Admission requirements:</b> none	<b>Recommended previous knowledge:</b> none	
<b>Language:</b> English	<b>Person responsible for module:</b> Prof. Dr. Winfried Kurth	
<b>Course frequency:</b> each summer semester	<b>Duration:</b> 1 semester[s]	
<b>Number of repeat examinations permitted:</b> cf. examination regulations	<b>Recommended semester:</b> 2	
<b>Maximum number of students:</b> 40		

## Which modules do I have to take?

Your individual degree programme's study regulations specify which modules you will have to take.

You will come across three types of modules:

Compulsory  
modules

are – compulsory! They convey basic knowledge and core competences.

Compulsory  
elective  
modules

are modules of which you must take a select few, based on your own choice.

Electives

are modules that you can choose freely.

On subject-independent, transferable key competences, see <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/196183.html>

## III. Learning, Exams, Preparing for Exams



### IMPORTANT!

- Responsibility for organising and pursuing your studies lies with you!
- Raise your questions – never be afraid to ask!
- Try to establish a learning routine you can sustain over a semester.
- Yes, you are responsible for yourself – but that includes knowing when support or help is needed. Make use of the university's support services! We also help if you are facing stress or anxiety!

## Tips for learning during the semester

- Attend tutorials etc., even if they are not compulsory!
- Form study groups, not just for exam preparation!
- Attend regularly, prepare, repeat, work continuously!
  
- Create and maintain a regular daily structure.
- Find places for learning that meet your needs (libraries, KWZ, LSG, outdoors: <https://www.blog.uni-goettingen.de/de/lernorte>)
- Plan for breaks, free time, and hobbies. Balancing your study hours with free time increases the likelihood of graduating!
- Seek help early on if you feel at risk of being overwhelmed: the faculty's study counselling services will help you reschedule!

## Tips for the exam phase

- At the beginning of the semester, you know which exams you have to take and when. Find out about the types of exams and requirements, and plan preparation phases well in advance!
- Form study groups!
- Nervousness is normal. If it develops into exam anxiety, seek help early on from the Psychosocial Counselling Centre (PSB) or the Central Student Advisory Service (ZSB).
- Most exams can be repeated twice in case of failure. It is usually possible to withdraw from an exam up to one week before the exam date.

# Types of exams

The type of exam to be taken is based on the individual module's qualification goals. Accordingly, you will encounter different forms of examination:



written examinations (free text, open questions, multiple choice);



oral examinations (possibly with practical parts);



presentations: oral presentation, delivered alone or by a group, usually in front of your course during the semester;



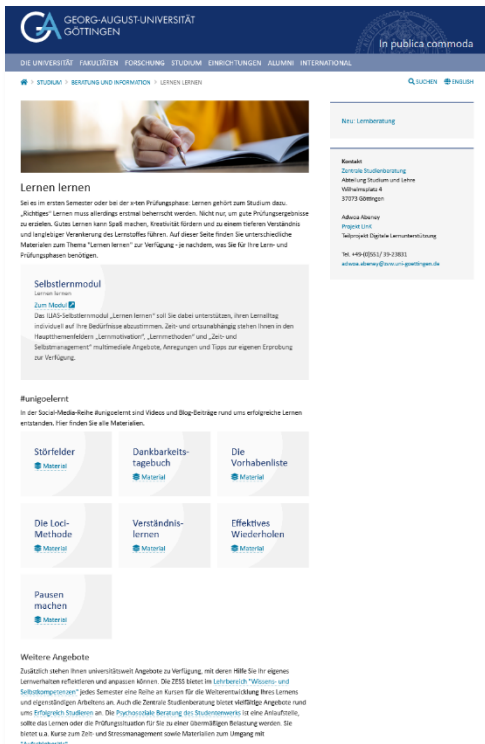
term paper: a paper of 10 to 20 pages, which must meet the requirements for academic text production. Usually written during the lecture-free period.

Usually, you will give several presentations during the semester, write several written exams in a short period of time at the end of the lecture period, then focus on term papers in the lecture-free period.



# Learning to learn

Refresh your learning skills: The self-study module „Learning to learn“ (webpage in German, material in English also) helps!



**Lernen lernen**  
 Sie es in ersten Semester oder bei der ersten Prüfungsphase: Lernen gehört zum Studium dazu. „Richtiges“ Lernen muss allerdings erstmal beherrscht werden. Nicht nur, um gute Prüfungsergebnisse zu erzielen. Gutes Lernen kann Spaß machen, Kreativität fördern und zu einem tieferen Verständnis und langfristiger Verankerung des Lernstoffes führen. Auf dieser Seite finden Sie unterschiedliche Materialien zum Thema „Lernen lernen“ zur Verfügung: je nachdem, was Sie für Ihre Lern- und Prüfungsphasen benötigen.

**Selbstlernmodul**  
 Das Selbstlernmodul „Lernen lernen“ soll Sie dabei unterstützen, Ihren Lernstil individuell auf Ihre Bedürfnisse abzustimmen. Zeit- und ortsunabhängig stehen Ihnen in dem Hauptmenüebenen „Lernmaterial“, „Lernmethoden“ und „Zeit- und Selbstmanagement“ multimediale Angebote, Anregungen und Tipps zur eigenen Erprobung zur Verfügung.

**Rangfolge**  
 In der Social-Media-Reihe Rangfolge sind Videos und Blog-Beiträge rund ums erfolgreiche Lernen entstanden. Hier finden Sie alle Materialien.

**Störfelder**  
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**Die Vorhabenliste**  
**Die Loci-Methode**  
**Verständnis-lernen**  
**Effektives Wiederholen**  
**Pausen machen**

**Weitere Angebote**  
 Zusätzlich lernen Ihnen unterschiedlich Angebote zur Verfügung, mit deren Hilfe Sie Ihr eigenes Lernverhalten reflektieren und anpassen können. Die ZSSS bietet im Lehrbereich „Wissen und Selbstkompetenz“ jedes Semester eine Reihe an Kursen für die Weiterentwicklung Ihres Lernens und eigenständigen Arbeitens an. Auch die Zentrale Studienberatung bietet vielfältige Angebote rund ums erfolgreich Studieren an. Die Psychosoziale Beratung des Studienwerks ist eine Anlaufstelle, sollte das Lernen oder die Prüfungssituation für Sie zu einer übermäßigen Belastung werden. Sie können u.a. Kurse zum Zeit- und Konzentrationstraining sowie Materialien zum Umgang mit „Aufgabenstress“

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/639142.html>

## IV. Where can I get help?



The university offers a wide variety of support services with different professional expertise:

For the university as a whole: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/47239.html>

For individual faculties (via A-Z list): <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/3811.html>

# Central Student Advisory Services

Responds to all questions regarding your studies.

Situated at Wilhelmsplatz:

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/1697.html>

Consultation hours by telephone

Mo – Fr, 10am – noon, Mo and Wed 2.30pm – 4.30pm

0551 – 26146

Appointments

Make appointments via the InfoLine: 0551 – 39113

Mo – Thu, 9am – 4pm, Fr, 9am – 1pm

[infoline-studium@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:infoline-studium@uni-goettingen.de)

# Support services for international students



[The International Office](#), situated in Von-Siebold-Straße 2:  
A first contact point for all questions regarding your stay!

Some of our services:

International Student Office (administration, advice in matters of health insurance, visa/residence permit, assistance in financial emergencies):

[international.study@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:international.study@uni-goettingen.de)

[Accommodation Service](#) (support in finding accommodation on site)

[Information and support in all extra-academic matters](#),  
[Foyer International](#) with a leisure and cultural programme during the lecture period, [support for refugees](#), [support in transitioning into the labour market](#)

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The University of Göttingen is an internationally renowned research university. As a key member of the **Göttingen Campus**, the University cooperates closely with the other research institutions of Göttingen. Around 4,000 international students from 144 countries, 510 exchange partnership programmes with 90 countries, membership in a multitude of European and international higher education networks, a wide range of funding opportunities for internationally mobile students and researchers, and more than fifty English language Masters and PhD programmes – these are just a few features of Göttingen University's strong international orientation.

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