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# Welcome to the University of Göttingen

International Student Office





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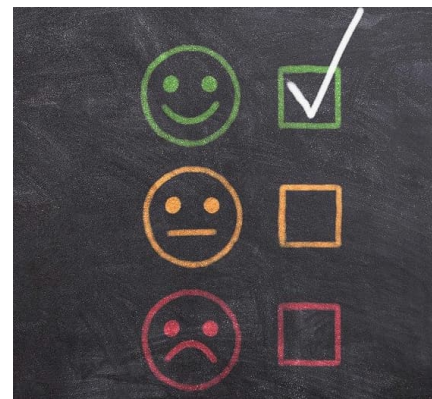
# 1. Traveling to Göttingen

- Important preparations!
- Finances
- Travel options
- Buddy service



## Important preparations!

- Online enrolment
  - Online: Uploading documents
  - Payment of the semester fee
  - After you have been enrolled successfully, you can apply for a student ID card:
    - <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/639118.html>
- Health insurance
  - No travel insurance!
  - Apply for insurance from abroad
  - Contracts begin at the start of the semester
  - Health insurance is mandatory for enrolment
  - <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/597369.html>
- 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
  - <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/24845.html>



## Finances – Costs - Inflation



Cost of living:  
approx. 900 € /month

- Accommodation = 300 - 400 €
  - Food = 250 €
  - Clothes = 70 €
  - Health insurance, costs for medical treatment, medication = 110 €
  - Phone, internet, radio and broadcasting fee = 55 €
  - Books etc. = 60 €
  - Leisure time = 60 €
- + semester fee = approx. 350 €/semester

## Finances - Income

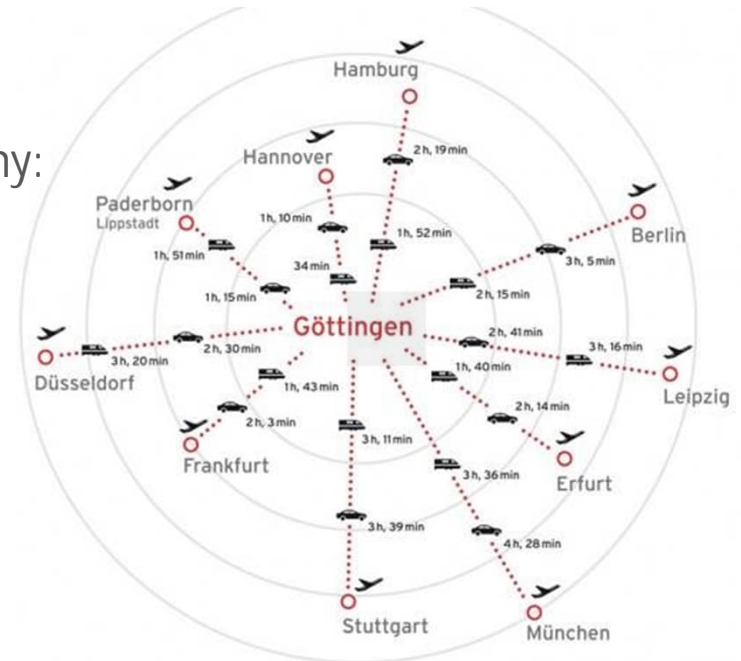
- Informationen zum Arbeiten neben dem Studium:  
<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/653539.html>
- Studentische Jobbörse „Stellenwerk Göttingen“  
<https://www.stellenwerk.de/en/goettingen/> oder auch in StudIP
- StartGuide: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/637664.html>

## Scholarships:

- [Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst \(DAAD\)](#)
- [Deutschlandstipendium/ Landesstipendium Niedersachsen](#)

# Ways to get to Göttingen

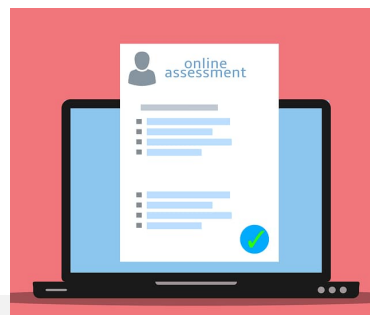
- Göttingen is located in the center of Germany:
- Airplane
  - Airport Hanover – 140 km
  - Airport Frankfurt – 260 km
- Train (ICE, IC, Interregio)
  - Hanover (approx. 30 -60 Min.)
  - Frankfurt (approx. 2 Hours)
  - [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de)
- Bus
  - Flixbus ([www.flixbus.de](http://www.flixbus.de))



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 Studentenwerk
- ✓ Orientation



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



## 2. Arrival

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

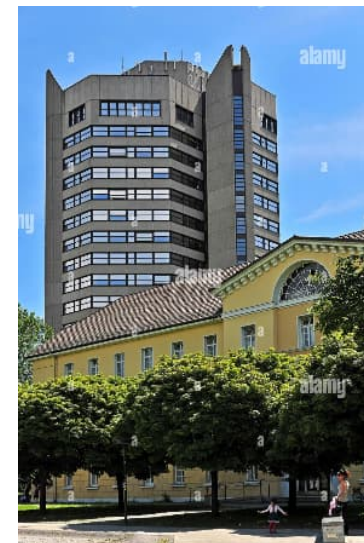


## Registration with the city of Göttingen

**Meldeamt Göttingen**

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

- Registration right after arrival (within 2-4 weeks)
  - Appointments online available: <https://termin.goettingen.de/>
  - Keep your confirmation of Registration!
- Important documents:
  - Passport/ID card
  - Confirmation of rental contract (Wohnungsgeberbestätigung)



## Residence permit

- Application within 90 days after arrival; but if possible directly after registration with the city
- Appointments: Email at [auslaenderstelle@goettingen.de](mailto:auslaenderstelle@goettingen.de)
- Important documents via email:



- [completed application form](#)
- Certificate of registration by the Residents' Registration Office
- certificate of enrolment from the University of Göttingen
- proof of financial resources
- health insurance certificate
- rental agreement
- valid passport
- visa for entry for the purpose of studies
- biometric passport photo
- money for the fee



# Opening a 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)
- At some banks you have to pay a reduced price, e.g. GLS (ecological bank) 1 €/month or Sparkasse 3,90 €-6,90 €/month

## 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 as paper brochure at the International Student Office!)



### 3. Living in Göttingen

- Student advisory services
- Go by bike in Göttingen
- Semester ticket = Student ID card
- Learning languages
- Excursions
- Further leisure time activities
- Meet friends



## Student Advisory Services

Come to the Welcome Event on 4. April 2024 for all new international students!

- Meet the colleagues at the International Student Office
- Representatives of the Student Advisory Services will introduce themselves
- Make first contacts!



## Go by bike in Göttingen

- Go by bike
  - Buy a bike: new or second hand
  - Rent a bike via Swapfiets
    - ✓ Only 19,90 € a month for a bike in good condition
    - ✓ With repair service
  - ADFC bike school offers courses for adults (approx. 100€ fee)
  - All information about cycling in Göttingen here: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/bicycle> (incl. brochure in eight languages)





## Semester ticket = Student id card

- Semester ticket
  - Use the city busses free of charge
  - Use the regional and local trains free of charge (no IC/ICE)
  - Connections with: <https://www.goevb.de/fahrplaene/fahrplaninformationen>
- Culture ticket
  - Cultural events in Göttingen free of charge or at reduced rates
- Important!
  - Keep your student id card up-to-date after successful re-registration.
  - Do not forget to update your student id card before departure!
  - Overview of all events: <https://asta.uni-goettingen.de/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Beiblatt-202223-.pdf>



## Learning languages & Soft Skills

- Lektorat Deutsch als Fremdsprache & Institute for Intercultural Communication e.V. (IIK)
  - German language courses during studies
  - Intensive German courses
  - Tandem learning
- ZESS – Zentrale Einrichtung für Sprachen und Schlüsselqualifikationen
  - Further foreign languages
  - Key competences (Leadership, communication, social and media competences, etc. )
  - IT courses (Excel, Word, Powerpoint, etc.)



## Excursions

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

- Memorial place Buchenwald
- Borderland Museum Eichsfeld
- Activities with Foyer International
- ESN Göttingen



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

# Foyer International

Meeting point for students from  
all over the world:

- Typisch Deutsch!?
- Theater
- Garden & Sustainability
- Cooking, Game and Quiznights
- Lifehack and Mental Health
- Trips



You don't want to miss anything?  
Join teamfoyer on Instagram!



## Meet friends

- Foyer International: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/foyer-international>
- FSNG: <https://discord.com/invite/6B37z8wphm>
- Language tandem: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/572807.html>
- Study buddy: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/112395.html>
- ESN: <https://www.esn-goettingen.de/>
- Göttinger Gastfreunde: <http://www.goettinger-gastfreunde.de/>



## Future events – Stay tuned!

- Monday: information especially for international exchange students
- Tuesday: Online systems in Göttingen and Study Buddy programme
- Wednesday: Studying in Göttingen and Tips from students
- Thursday: Working in Germany and career planning + great things to do in Göttingen
- Friday: Finding accommodation and living in Göttingen



Enjoy Göttingen 😊