

Studying in Göttingen

The Georg-August-Universität Göttingen was established in 1737. It is an internationally accredited research university and part of a world-wide network of science and learning. The university is characterized by its excellent facilities for conducting research and the outstanding quality of its study programmes. The university's excellence is evidenced by the fact that 45 Nobel laureates have walked its halls.



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Göttingen is situated in the southern part of Lower Saxony in the geographical centre of Germany. The Georg-August-Universität Göttingen with more than 27,000 students is an integral part of the city and contributes considerably to the young and lively atmosphere of the town.

The bicycle is the preferred means of transportation within the city. The university departments and buildings are scattered throughout the city and are within easy walking or cycling distance of each other. Due to its central position in Germany, Göttingen has excellent traffic connections; it is close to the A7 motorway, the major North-South highway, and the ICE (high-speed train) stops hourly at the Göttingen Railroad Station; within two hours you can be in Berlin, Hamburg or Frankfurt.

Göttingen has three theatres, a symphony orchestra and many cinemas, cafes and pubs offer numerous opportunities to meet people and exchange ideas.

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Master's Degree Programme
Tropical and International
Forestry



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About the programme

The Georg-August-Universität Göttingen offers the MSc programme Tropical and International Forestry with the international degree Master of Science (M.Sc.).

The MSc programme Tropical and International Forestry provides advanced study in management and conservation of tropical and subtropical forest ecosystems. It especially focuses on the ecologically sound and economically viable management of forests and tree-based land use systems in developing or emerging countries. Particular emphasis is given to scientific methods, interdisciplinary project work and problem solving. The programme is for students interested in pursuing an international career in forestry, nature conservation, ecosystem research or in development organisations.

Along with formal courses, students gain intercultural work and life experience by interacting with international fellow students and professors. Experience has shown that personal and professional contact established during this MSc programme is an excellent way to expand the students' professional network and to facilitate careers.

The course is officially accredited by the national accreditation agency ZEvA, and positively evaluated by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

DAAD

Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst
German Academic Exchange Service

We offer:

- International study environment – students from Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America
- Course language English
- Individual consultations to enhance learning
- Practical and international experience
- Research-based education
- Modern working environment

Content and Organisation*

The MSc course is a 2-year programme with a modular structure. It consists of four different components: compulsory modules, elective modules, an interdisciplinary student project and a master's thesis (duration up to 6 months).

Phase 1: The first two semesters (winter term starts in October and summer term starts in April) consist of lectures and course work in Göttingen. The elective modules can be chosen either from the Faculty of Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology or from other faculties of the university.

Phase 2: During the 3rd semester (winter term) an interdisciplinary student project is conducted. The project deals with a problem specific to the project partner, e.g. agroforestry, reforestation, conservation, forest fires, soil protection. At the end of the project the results are presented during a seminar and as a written report. So far projects have taken place in Chile, Germany, Ecuador, Indonesia, Malawi, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

Phase 3: After completing the project the students usually begin their field work for the final thesis in a country of their choice. Field research may take between 3 and 6 months and is supervised by professors and experienced scientists.

Curriculum*

1st semester				
Tropical forest ecology and silviculture	International forest policy and economics	Monitoring of forest resources	Forest utilization and wood processing	Elective module
2nd semester				
Ecopedology of the tropics and subtropics	Project planning and evaluation	Biometrical research methods	Biotechnology and forest genetics	Elective module
3rd semester				
Project: Development of a forest region			Elective modules	
4th semester				
Master's thesis (6 months)				

*Schedule differs when starting the programme in the summer term

Admission requirements

To be considered for admission, the applicant has to fulfil the following requirements:

- BSc degree (or equivalent) in Forestry or a related field (e.g. Agriculture, Geography) with very good to good results conferred by an institute of higher learning or a similar qualification
- proven proficiency in English (TOEFL 80 points/ibt, IELTS 6 points at least)

Professional experience is also welcome.



Application

Please apply online and provide following documents: curriculum vitae, photo (passport size), certified and translated copies of qualifications, including detailed results of the final exam (transcripts), and certificate of proficiency in English.

Further information about the application process:
www.uni-goettingen.de/tif

Scholarships: Every year the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) provides scholarships for students of this programme. Applicants should contact either the German embassy or a DAAD office for further details.