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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES FACT SHEET — 2025/26

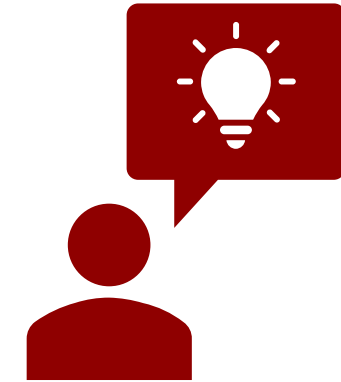


Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät
Studienbüro



Academic Programme

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- Before the beginning of each semester, an updated [course catalogue](#) with all courses given in English is made available for selection.
- Additionally you have the option to take courses from the law or economic science:
 - S.RW.6002: Introduction to German Law (this course is held every semester, currently)
 - [Course catalogue Faculty of Business and Economics](#)
- You can take courses from other faculties as well, but you need to take **50%** of your courses at the Faculty of Social Sciences.
- **Credit system for exchange students:** At the Faculty of Social Science international students will receive 6 ECTS per course as an undergraduate student and 9 ECTS per course as a postgraduate student. This rule does not apply for practical courses within the sport department (students receive 2 ECTS) and courses about statistics (4 ECTS) and economics (6 ECTS) within the Modern Indian studies postgraduate program.



Academic Calendar

Semester	Semester Period	Lecture Period
Winter Semester 2025/26	01.10.2025 – 31.03.2026	27.10.2025 – 13.02.2026
Summer Semester 2026	01.04.2026 – 30.09.2026	13.04.2026 – 17.07.2026

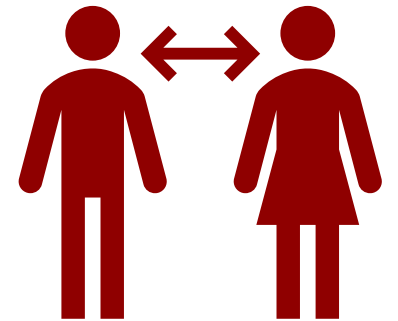
Language Requirements

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Exception Sport Science: The department of Sport Science is not offering english-taught courses at all. Therefore, we require an German B1 (CEFR) language certificate from exchange students who would like to study sport science.

Language Courses: Language courses at the university of Göttingen are a great opportunity to start or deepen your language skills in German, while being on exchange. The University of Göttingen offers free of charge German language courses for all exchange students during the semester. The language courses are available at all levels, from A1 to C1 - beginners to experienced.

- **Lectorate German as a Foreign Language**
- **German courses during the semester**



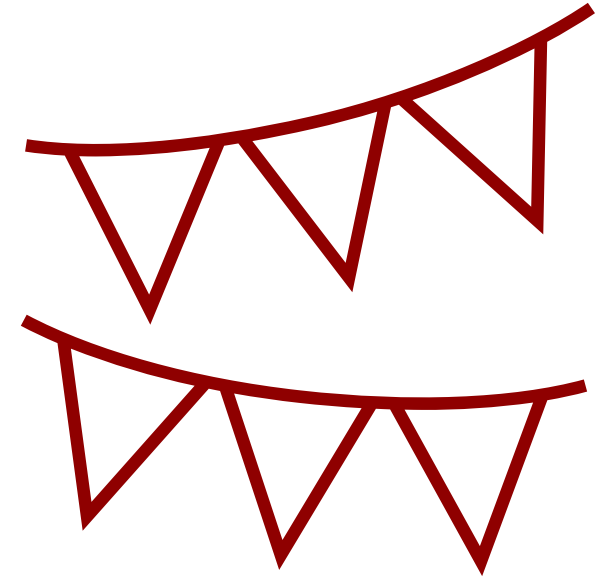
Additional language courses, which can be beneficial for your stay:

- **International Writing Lab:** Supports all students at the University of Göttingen working on their current writing projects and developing academic and professional writing skills with the help of courses specifically for the relevant field of study. The MultiConText workshops are held in German and/or English.
- **Intercultural Competence:** The team at the Intercultural Learning Lab invites students of all faculties to explore and broaden their own intercultural competencies through various courses in German and English. The ICL also offers **virtual exchanges** and workshops on cultural awareness and working in intercultural teams.
- **Language-Tandem: Accompanied Tandem-Learning:** A language Tandem allows you to join a student who speaks the language you would like to learn. It also helps to use the foreign language outside of the classroom, in authentic and realistic situations.
- **Academic Writing Advisory Service of the Faculty of Social Sciences:**
The academic writing advisory service offers advice via appointments on how to...
 - plan and organise the writing process,
 - develop a topic and formulate the research question,
 - structure the paper in a coherent way,
 - write, rewrite and revise drafts,
 - use sources and avoid plagiarism



Introductory and Welcome events

- The International Office of the university offers an introduction week for international students with different events to explain the University facilities as well as topics regarding the stay and living in Göttingen like opening a bank account or the registration procedure as a foreigner at the town hall. The Introductory and Welcome Events of the international office will mostly take place two weeks before lectures begin.
- Additionally, the Faculty of Social Sciences offers a Welcome Meeting for all international students before the start of the semester, where course selection, enrolment in courses and the academic standards of the faculty are explained. Furthermore, there is the opportunity to ask questions in person and to get to know other international exchange students of the faculty.
- In order to give students a first impression of the campus and the most important university buildings, the faculty also offers a guided campus tour, which provides insights into the department building and the most important contact offices for students.





Erasmus+ Programme

- With Erasmus + KA 131 you can study for one or two semesters tuition-free at the University of Göttingen. A prerequisite is that your home university has an agreement with the University of Göttingen as part of the Erasmus+ Programme. Find out more on the homepage of your home university or via our [exchange database](#). Regarding the registration you will be nominated by your home university via the moveon platform: [moveon](#). Additional information [here](#).
- **Registration deadlines for Erasmus+ Programme**
 - **Winter semester: 01. June**
 - **Summer Semester: 01. December**
- **Checklist & Guidelines**
 - **[FAQ for Erasmus+ incoming students Erasmus+](#)**



Further Information regarding your study and stay at the university of Göttingen

Enrolment and Housing

- Information regarding enrolment at the university of Göttingen and housing in Göttingen for international exchange students is provided by the international office: [Göttingen International](#)
- [Accommodation Service](#) for international exchange students
- [International students guide](#)
- [Life in Göttingen - University of Göttingen](#)
- [Studying in Göttingen](#)
- [Göttingen Digital Tour: Main Campus](#)
- [Virtual tour of important advisory services](#)
- [Testimonials - why our students recommend Göttingen](#)
- [Impressions of Göttingen](#)

Contact information

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We look forward to welcoming you as an international student at the Faculty of Social Sciences!

