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# Master's degree

**TIF — Tropical and International Forestry (MSc)**  
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## Overview

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<td>Description/content</td>
<td>The MSc programme in Tropical and International Forestry focuses on sustainable management and conservation of forest ecosystems worldwide, especially in the tropical and subtropical forests of developing or emerging countries. It offers a research-based education in the field of forest sciences and forest ecology. The programme is for students interested in pursuing an international career in forestry, nature conservation, ecosystem research or in development organisations. Along with the formal course work, students gain intercultural work and life experience by interacting with international colleagues and professors. Experience has shown that personal and professional contact established during this MSc programme is an excellent way to expand the</td>
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Course Details

Course organisation

The MSc course is a two-year programme with a modular structure.

**Phase one:** The first two semesters consist of lectures and coursework in Göttingen. Forest-related knowledge and methods are taught in compulsory modules such as Tropical Silviculture and Forest Ecology, Tropical Soil Science, Forest Resource Assessment, Bioclimatology and Global Change, International Forest Policy and Economy, and Project Planning and Evaluation. With a wide range of elective modules, students may specialise in some fields of forestry, gain interdisciplinary knowledge by choosing courses from other faculties of the university (e.g., Agricultural Sciences, Biology) or improve professional skills (e.g., foreign languages, soft skills).

**Phase two:** During the third semester (winter semester), an interdisciplinary student project is conducted abroad. The project deals with a problem specific to the project partner, e.g., agroforestry, reforestation, conservation, forest fires, soil protection. So far projects have taken place in Chile, Ecuador, Indonesia, Malawi, Laos, the Philippines, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, and Myanmar. In addition to the students’ own research activities, the project organisation and the ability to work in an intercultural context are of high priority.

**Phase three:** Having completed the project, students usually begin fieldwork for the final thesis in a country of their choice. Field research usually takes up to three months and is supervised by professors and experienced scientists.

The Faculty of Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology offers a modern working environment. Apart from many well-equipped laboratories and great variety of research facilities (climate chamber, gene and molecular biological equipment, greenhouse, etc.), the faculty holds the largest library of forestry literature in Germany. During the programme, students will experience a variety of new and traditional teaching methods.

The faculty runs some blended learning projects and is developing e-learning modules constantly. E-learning methods are mainly applied in GIS and software courses. Stud-IP is the Internet-based platform that is used by students and lecturers, especially for sharing documents, results and online discussions.

In addition to “traditional” lectures in an auditorium, students are often taught in smaller groups outside during excursions and practical courses.

Some modules are designed as seminars in which students are required to give a presentation on a specific topic; the presentation and topic will be discussed among the group.

An interdisciplinary project is carried out by the students in the second winter semester. Students work as a team on a forestry-related problem with a focus from different disciplines. The students find themselves in close-to-reality situations in which they have to cope with a given situation and find a practical solution.

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**International elements**

- International guest lecturers
- Study trips
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
- Content-related regional focus

**Integrated internships**

Students can take an **optional internship module**. The four-week internship can be completed in a forestry-related institution or enterprise during the lecture breaks.

**Special promotion / funding of the programme**

- DAAD development-related postgraduate course
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<td><strong>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Semester contribution</strong></td>
<td>Fees are around 380 EUR per semester. The fees include a prepaid semester ticket that entitles students to use regional trains (in Lower Saxony and Bremen) and city buses in Göttingen free of charge. Students of the University of Göttingen receive discounts for cultural events. Meals and drinks are also available at reduced prices at all university canteens. Fees: <a href="http://www.uni-goettingen.de/fee">http://www.uni-goettingen.de/fee</a> &quot;Semesterticket&quot;: <a href="http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/16432.html">http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/16432.html</a></td>
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<td><strong>Costs of living</strong></td>
<td>The average cost of living in Göttingen is modest compared to other major university cities in Germany. Currently, expenses for accommodation, food, health insurance and books are about 800 EUR per month. Please note that fees for health insurance may vary according to age. Living expenses might be slightly higher. For further information, please see the following link: <a href="http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/54664.html">www.uni-goettingen.de/en/54664.html</a></td>
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<td><strong>Funding opportunities within the university</strong></td>
<td>No</td>
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<td><strong>Course-specific, integrated German language courses</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Course-specific, integrated English language courses</strong></td>
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<td><strong>The course of study can be taken entirely online</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Digital learning and teaching modules</strong></td>
<td>Wikis</td>
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<td><strong>Description of e-learning elements</strong></td>
<td>The department for Forest Inventory and Remote Sensing runs a <a href="http://www.uni-goettingen.de/fee">wiki</a> for sharing information, knowledge and expertise in the context of forest inventory and remote sensing. It was initiated by the Chair of Forest Inventory and Remote Sensing to extend academic offers to students and interested scientists. During a pilot phase, it is planned to implement <a href="http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/16432.html">lecture notes</a> in the above-mentioned scientific fields and to cultivate an appropriate structure of this wiki for additional content in other categories. Under the current COVID-19 conditions, a large amount of course content has been transferred to e-learning formats.</td>
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<td><strong>Participation in the e-learning course elements is compulsory</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Can ECTS points be acquired by taking the online programmes?</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Can the e-learning elements be taken without signing up for the course of study?</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
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Requirements / Registration

**Academic admission requirements**
To be considered for admission, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

- professional degree (BSc or equivalent) in forestry or a related field (e.g., agriculture, geography) with very good to good results conferred by an institute of higher education or a similar qualification
- proficiency in English (TOEFL or IELTS)

We welcome applicants with relevant professional experience.
Please check our [application platform for non-EU applicants](#).

**Language requirements**
TOEFL 81 (Internet-based), IELTS 6.0 or equivalent

**Application deadline**

**Non-EU applicants:**
- For the following winter semester: 15 March

**EU applicants:**
- For the following winter semester: 15 June

To be considered for a DAAD scholarship (programme start in winter semester of the following year): 30 October

**Submit application to**
Please apply via our [website](#), fill out the online form and wait for our reply before you send us any documents.

Services

**Possibility of finding part-time employment**
Students may find a part-time jobs in local businesses or on campus, as long as their study performance is not affected. We do not recommend planning to fully finance your studies in Germany through a part time job.

Please note that restrictions may apply with your scholarship or visa. Non-EU students have special regulations.

More information on student jobs in Germany can be found [here](#).

A number of student jobs are also available at the university. They are announced on the following webpage: [www.stellenwerk-goettingen.de](http://www.stellenwerk-goettingen.de)

Foreign applicants should note that it is not easy to find a job in order to finance their studies, as German students are also searching for jobs. Non-EU students are allowed to work for a maximum of 120 full days (240 half days) per year.

**Accommodation**
The Accommodation Service of the International Office supports international students who are enrolled at the University of Göttingen to find accommodation in Göttingen and serves as a point of contact for queries. The service works together with the private market in Göttingen and the Student Services ("Studentenwerk"). As the amount of accommodations in Göttingen is limited, it is highly recommended to contact the Accommodation Service as early as possible.

For further information, please see the following link: [www.uni-goettingen.de/en/364086.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/364086.html).
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Career advisory service
The Career Service offers individual support to facilitate a successful transition from the academic to the professional world — whether you want to work in Germany or abroad. Especially for international students aiming for a career entry in Germany, the Career Service provides topic-specific “Career Impulse Sessions”, workshops, online learning modules, and a certificate programme on “Building International Careers” as well as an information platform on “Working in Germany” in English.

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/292.html

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