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# Doctorate



## Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology (PhD)

University of Göttingen • Göttingen

### Overview

<b>Degree</b>	PhD, Dr forest, or Dr rer nat (doctoral studies with a focus on natural sciences)
<b>Teaching language</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• German</li><li>• English</li></ul>
<b>Languages</b>	Courses are usually held in English. The dissertation is often written in English.
<b>Mode of study</b>	Less than 50% online
<b>Programme duration</b>	6 semesters
<b>Beginning</b>	Only for doctoral programmes: any time
<b>Application deadline</b>	No application deadline
<b>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</b>	None
<b>Combined Master's degree / PhD programme</b>	No
<b>Joint degree / double degree programme</b>	No
<b>Description/content</b>	<p>The PhD programme involves advanced studies in theoretical and methodological forestry and forest ecology (doctoral seminar, research methods, interdisciplinary topics, key skills, in-depth specialisation).</p> <p>The following research fields are offered at the faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bioclimatology</li><li>• Remote Sensing and Forest Inventory</li><li>• Forest Botany and Tree Physiology</li><li>• Forest Management and Growth</li><li>• Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding</li><li>• Forest Policy and Forest History</li><li>• Forest Labour Science and Engineering</li><li>• Forest Managerial Economics</li><li>• Forest Zoology and Forest Conservation</li><li>• Wood Biology and Wood Products</li><li>• Wood Chemistry and Wood Technology</li><li>• Nature Conservation and Landscape Management</li><li>• Ecological Basics of Silviculture</li><li>• Ecopedology of the Temperate Zones</li><li>• Ecopedology of the Tropics and Subtropics</li></ul>

- Technical Mycology/Molecular Wood Biotechnology
- Temperate Silviculture
- Silviculture of the Tropics and Subtropics, Agroforestry
- Ecosystem Modelling
- Biodiversity
- Wildlife Management

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## Course Details

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<b>Course organisation</b>	Within the programme, students focus on their individually proposed PhD projects under the supervision of one of the participating departments (see above). Additionally, students attend seminars, courses, colloquiums, subject-related and/or interdisciplinary lectures and symposia according to their interests. Within this programme, students may also choose to improve key competences such as presentation skills, teaching techniques or project management competences, which are essential for a leading position in research institutions or companies. However, the emphasis of the PhD programme in Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology lies on preparing the PhD dissertation. The scientific work will be supervised by internationally recognised professors and scientists.
<b>A Diploma supplement will be issued</b>	Yes
<b>International elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects with partners in Germany and abroad</li> </ul>
<b>Description of other international elements</b>	It depends on the dissertation and the countries with which the PhD student collaborates (in the event of such a collaboration). During the PhD programme, many students present their studies at international conferences.
<b>Integrated internships</b>	None
<b>Course-specific, integrated German language courses</b>	No
<b>Course-specific, integrated English language courses</b>	No

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## Costs / Funding

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<b>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</b>	None
<b>Semester contribution</b>	Fees amount to around 400 EUR per semester. The fees include a prepaid semester ticket that entitles students to use regional trains in Germany. Fees: <a href="http://www.uni-goettingen.de/fee">http://www.uni-goettingen.de/fee</a> Semester ticket: <a href="http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/16432.html">http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/16432.html</a>
<b>Costs of living</b>	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

850 EUR per month. Please note that fees for health insurance may vary according to age.

Students of the University of Göttingen receive discounts for cultural events. Meals and drinks are also available at reduced prices at all university canteens.

For further information, please see the following link: [www.uni-goettingen.de/en/54664.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/54664.html).

<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	No
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## Requirements / Registration

<b>Academic admission requirements</b>	Academic admissions requirements include an outstanding Master of Science (MSc) degree or its equivalent in forest or environmental sciences, biology, geography, or a related field.
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Before applying for admission, students need to find a professor at the University of Göttingen who is willing to supervise their research project. Applications are processed through the online application portal: <https://uni-goettingen.de/en/532016.html>

<b>Language requirements</b>	Good proficiency in English and/or German is required. Applicants must provide proof of their German (if the dissertation is in German) and/or English skills. English: TOEFL: iBT at least 81 points, IELTS: band 6, or Cambridge English Scale: min. 160 points German: DSH 2
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<b>Application deadline</b>	No application deadline
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<b>Submit application to</b>	Please see our website for questions regarding the application: <a href="http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/application-and-enrolment/532016.html">http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/application-and-enrolment/532016.html</a>
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## Services

<b>Possibility of finding part-time employment</b>	The university supports students in finding part-time jobs in local industries and businesses. A number of student jobs are also available at the university. They are announced on the following website: <a href="http://www.stellenwerk-goettingen.de">www.stellenwerk-goettingen.de</a> . Please note that restrictions may apply with your scholarship or visa. Some proficiency in German may be indispensable to find a job. Non-EU students are permitted to work a maximum of 120 full days (240 half days) per year.
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<b>Accommodation</b>	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 check the following website well in advance: <a href="https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/636264.html">https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/636264.html</a> .
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Please note: For doctoral students, accommodation services are limited to those with low income.

<b>Structured research and supervision</b>	Yes
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**Research training / discussion**

Yes

**Career advisory service**

The [Career Service](#) offers individual support whether you want to work in Germany or abroad.

Especially for international students aiming for a career entry in Germany, there are workshops, online learning modules, and a qualification programme as well as digital career tools and a virtual community for international employment opportunities.

For international students and prospective graduates, the ["Start Guides"](#) project offers assistance in developing and realising individual career perspectives in Germany.

If you have a promising business idea or are interested in the topic of founding a company, [start-up support](#) is offered! The university supports you with advice, funding, qualification formats and network contacts.

**Support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Specialist counselling

**General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates**

[International Office](#)

German students help newly arrived students to adapt to the university and the city during their [first weeks](#). There is also an [orientation week](#) for new international students, which provides valuable information about Göttingen and the university.

[Study Buddy Programme](#) as a part of the project Integration and Diversity at Göttingen University (InDiGU)

[Foyer International](#): Cultural evenings and more for all students

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