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# Doctorate



## Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology (PhD)

University of Göttingen • Göttingen

### Overview

Degree	PhD, Dr forest, or Dr rer nat (doctoral studies with a focus on natural sciences)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• German</li><li>• English</li></ul>
Languages	Courses are usually held in English. The dissertation is often written in English.
Mode of study	Less than 50% online
Programme duration	6 semesters
Beginning	Only for doctoral programmes: any time
Application deadline	No application deadline
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No

#### Description/content

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).

The following research fields are offered at the faculty:

- Bioclimatology
- Remote Sensing and Forest Inventory
- Forest Botany and Tree Physiology
- Forest Management and Growth
- Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding
- Forest Policy and Forest History
- Forest Labour Science and Engineering
- Forest Managerial Economics
- Forest Zoology and Forest Conservation
- Wood Biology and Wood Products
- Wood Chemistry and Wood Technology
- Nature Conservation and Landscape Management
- Ecological Basics of Silviculture
- Ecopedology of the Temperate Zones
- Ecopedology of the Tropics and Subtropics

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

## Course Details

<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

## Online learning

<b>Pace of course</b>	Self-paced (Material is always available and students progress at their own speed)
<b>Phase(s) of attendance in Germany (applies to the entire programme)</b>	Yes, compulsory
<b>Types of online learning elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chats (with lecturers and other students)</li> <li>• Online sessions</li> </ul>

## Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	Fees amount to around 400 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> Semester ticket: <a href="http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/16432.html">http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/16432.html</a>
Costs of living	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. 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> .
Funding opportunities within the university	No

## Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	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.  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: <a href="https://uni-goettingen.de/en/532016.html">https://uni-goettingen.de/en/532016.html</a> .
Language requirements	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
Application deadline	No application deadline
Submit application to	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> .

## Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment	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. Foreign applicants should note that it is not easy to find a job to finance their studies, as German students are also searching for jobs. Some proficiency in German may be indispensable to find a job. Non-EU students are
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permitted to work 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 check the following website well in advance: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/636264.html>.

Please note: For doctoral students, accommodation services are limited to those with low income.

#### Structured research and supervision

Yes

#### Research training / discussion

Yes

#### Career advisory service

The Career Service of the University of Göttingen offers individual support to facilitate your 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 qualification programme in "Building International Careers" as well as digital career tools and a virtual community for international employment opportunities: [www.uni-goettingen.de/en/292.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/292.html).

#### Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Specialist counselling

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🌐 Course website: <https://uni-goettingen.de/en/527314.html>

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