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## Master's degree



# Developmental, Neural, and Behavioural Biology (MSc/PhD)

**University of Göttingen • Göttingen** 

#### Overview

Degree	Master of Science
Teaching language	• English
Languages	All programme-specific courses are taught in English. Additionally, students have the option to join university-wide offered courses held in German.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Wintersemester
Application deadline	15 May for the following winter semester
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	Yes
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	The English-language MSc programme in "Developmental, Neural and Behavioural Science" deals with the four areas Developmental and Cell Biology, Neurobiology, Behavioural Biology, and Systemic Neurosciences.  The programme caters to students who have a special interest in development-biological processes, in the structure and functioning of nervous systems, in behavioural research, or in the systemic neurosciences. The lecturers are scientists working with the university, the German Primate Center, and several Max Planck Institutes; a great variety of subject matters is taught, ranging from cellular functions to cognitive performance. Prior knowledge in the desired area is required.

#### **Course Details**

#### **Course organisation**

The MSc programme in "Developmental, Neural, and Behavioural Science" consists of four semesters. It typically follows a BSc degree in Biology/Biosciences and is decidedly research-oriented. In the course of this modularised MSc programme, an overall of 120 ECTS credits are to be earned. Students acquire fundamental specialist and methodological knowledge by taking core, profile, and advanced modules. Besides, competence modules can be taken to acquire further key competences related to professional life. During the fourth semester, students write their six-month

Master's thesis to learn how to conduct scientific research independently. They will deal autonomously with a current scientific topic usually embedded in a third-party funded project. Education takes place in an active, internationally renowned research environment.

The MSc degree is a qualification to practice a profession or conduct research; in particular, it is the prerequisite to write a doctoral thesis and to work in the field of biosciences. There is a fast-track option to the consecutive PhD programmes of the faculty.

Excellent knowledge of English is required and must be certified. Basic knowledge of the German language is also required.

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A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

### Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	Fees are 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: https://www.uni-goettingen.de/fee Semester ticket: https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/16432.html
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: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/54664.html.
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above- mentioned funding opportunities within the university	Germany scholarship (Deutschlandstipendium): https://uni-goettingen.de/en/218535.html

## Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in biology/biosciences
Language requirements	Applicants must provide proof of their German and English skills. In order to ensure a good integration of our foreign students, we request that they have a basic general knowledge of the

German language.

#### German:

Applicants who are not native German speakers or who do not hold a German degree must provide proof of proficiency in German of B1-level according to CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference).

#### English:

Applicants who are not native English speakers or who do not hold an English degree must provide proof of proficiency in English, which may be

- a) UNIcert®: minimum certificate UNIcert® III
- b) NULTE certificate: minimum level C1
- c) Cambridge English Scale: minimum 180 points
- d) International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic): minimum band 6.5
- e) Test of English as a Foreign Language, Internet-Based Test (TOEFL iBT): minimum 95 points
- f) Global Scale of English (Pearson Academic): minimum 76 points
- g) Additional accredited or standardised certificates can also be recognised after establishing their equivalence.

**Application deadline** 

15 May for the following winter semester

Submit application to

https://masterportale.uni-goettingen.de/bio/dnb/

#### **Services**

Possibility of finding parttime 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: www.stellenwerk-goettingen.de.

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

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 your job search. Non-EU students are 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 in finding accommodation and serves as a point of contact for related queries. The Accommodation Service also publishes suitable offers from private landlords in Göttingen and collaborates with the Student Services ("Studentenwerk"). As the number of available accommodation options 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: https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/617883.html.

#### 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.

# Support for international students and doctoral candidates

Buddy programme

# General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

The International Office provides a complimentary pick-up service ("Buddy Exchange Service") from the Göttingen railway station to the accommodation. German students help newly arrived students to adapt to the university and the city during their first weeks. http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/49307.html

There is also an orientation week for new international students, which provides valuable information about Göttingen and the university. http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/196392.html

Study Buddy programme (https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/112395.html) as a part of the Integration and Diversity project at Göttingen University (InDiGU) https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/108275.html

#### **Contact**

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