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# Doctorate



## Geography (PhD)

University of Göttingen • Göttingen

### Overview

Degree	Dr rer nat / PhD Geography
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• German</li><li>• English</li></ul>
Languages	Courses are held in English (75%) and German (25%).
Programme duration	6 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Application deadline	31 July for the following winter semester 31 January for the following summer semester
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The PhD programme in Geography is based on the research focus "Resources and Sustainability". The research focuses on the interface of human-environment research. The general theme associates process mapping and modelling, creation of material balances (water, air, sediment, carbon, nitrogen and pollutants), the reconstruction of past environmental conditions and the analysis and modelling of the consequences of interventions in biogeochemical cycles. The social science methodology is included in the context of human ecology, political ecology, institutional analysis, and resource-use conflicts.</p> <p>The Departments of Human Geography, Physical Geography and Cartography, GIS and Remote Sensing are closely linked with the Centre for Biodiversity and Sustainable Land Use (CBL). Furthermore, the Department of Human Geography is linked with the Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS) and the Department of Cartography, GIS and Remote Sensing is integrated in the Interdisciplinary Centre for Sustainable Development (IZNE).</p> <p>The doctoral students learn autonomous scientific work through participation in these international collaborative projects and centres. They also receive knowledge and skills that go beyond a curricular programme of study, namely, through the active participation in the academic affairs of the Faculty and Institute of Geography.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/430860.html">http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/430860.html</a></p>

## Course Details

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<b>Course organisation</b>	<p>The focus of the PhD programme lies on the individual research of the PhD students (160 ECTS are gained by dissertation and defence), which is accompanied by a variety of courses:</p> <p>20 ECTS are gained by completing courses: one compulsory course on theory and methods, three elective courses (e.g., on reflecting research, scientific communication, scientific teaching, key competencies, etc.).</p> <p>Students are free to decide on the specific courses they will complete during each semester.</p>
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<b>Integrated internships</b>	None
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<b>Course-specific, integrated German language courses</b>	No
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<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
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<b>Semester contribution</b>	<p>Fees are around 400 EUR per semester. The fees include a prepaid semester ticket that entitles students to use regional trains in Germany free of charge.</p> <p>Fees: <a href="http://www.uni-goettingen.de/fee">http://www.uni-goettingen.de/fee</a></p> <p>Semester ticket: <a href="http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/16432.html">http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/16432.html</a></p>
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<b>Costs of living</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>Students of the University of Göttingen receive discounts for cultural events. Meals and drinks are also available at reduced prices at all university canteens.</p> <p>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></p>
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<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	No
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## Requirements / Registration

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<b>Academic admission requirements</b>	<p>Master's degree and at least 150 ECTS credits in one of the following areas: geography, environmental sciences, agricultural sciences, forest sciences, biology, or social or economic sciences</p> <p>The confirmation of one potential supervisor from the Institute of Geography to supervise the doctoral thesis is required upon application.</p>
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Please see the course website for the entire admission regulations and details about the application procedure: <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/430860.html>

<b>Language requirements</b>	Applicants must provide proof of their English skills, e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English, at least grade "B"</li><li>• Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English, at least grade "C"</li><li>• IELTS Academic (International English Language Testing System): at least 6</li><li>• TOEFL iBT: at least 80 points</li><li>• TOEFL PBT (paper-based): at least 550 points</li><li>• CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference): at least level B2 certificate</li><li>• UNlcert: at least level III</li><li>• successful graduation from an English language study programme</li></ul>
<b>Application deadline</b>	31 July for the following winter semester 31 January for the following summer semester
<b>Submit application to</b>	Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Fakultät für Geowissenschaften und Geographie Dekanat Goldschmidtstr. 3 37077 Göttingen Germany

## Services

<b>Possibility of finding part-time employment</b>	<p>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></p> <p>Please note that restrictions may apply with your scholarship or visa. Non-EU students are subject to special regulations.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>Further information: <a href="https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/617883.html">https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/617883.html</a></p> <p>Please note: For doctoral students, accommodation services are only available if you have a low income.</p>
<b>Structured research and supervision</b>	Yes
<b>Research training / discussion</b>	Yes

## Career advisory service

The Career Service of the university offers individual support for the job entry. Especially for international students aiming for a career entry in Germany, the Career Service provides topic-specific workshops, online learning modules, and a qualification programme. [www.uni-goettingen.de/en/292.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/292.html)

The project "Start Guides" also offers assistance in developing and realising individual career perspectives in Germany: [www.uni-goettingen.de/en/637664.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/637664.html)

If you 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. [www.uni-goettingen.de/en/en/1279.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/en/1279.html)

## Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Support with registration procedures

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

Support of the graduate school: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/567628.html>

International Office of the university: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/574687.html>

Foyer International: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/2554.html>

German courses during studies (free of charge): <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/7710.html>

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🌐 Course website: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/430860.html>

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