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# Master's degree



## Master of International Nature Conservation (MSc)

University of Göttingen • Göttingen

### Overview

Degree	Double degree "Master of Science (MSc)" or "Master of Science/Master of International Nature Conservation (MSc/M.I.N.C.)"
In cooperation with	Lincoln University, Canterbury, New Zealand
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	<p>The teaching language of this Master's programme is English. The Master's thesis has to be written in English. German speaking students can in addition choose elective modules which are taught in German.</p> <p>The University of Göttingen offers free German language classes for international students.</p>
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	<p>Lectures start in October in Göttingen. Admitted students have the option to start their studies in New Zealand in February instead and subsequently attend the Göttingen study semester the year after admission.</p> <p>More information: <a href="https://uni-goettingen.de/de/programme+structure/662650.html">https://uni-goettingen.de/de/programme+structure/662650.html</a></p>
Application deadline	1 April – 15 May
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	Varied
Additional information on tuition fees	For their compulsory study semester at Lincoln University, Göttingen M.I.N.C. students pay tuition fees once for one study semester of about 9,600 NZD (approx. 5,700 EUR). The fees for the study semester at Lincoln University can change from one year to the next.
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree	Yes

## programme

<b>Description/content</b>	<p>The course of study provides students with a basic understanding of conservation biology and offers insights into international conservation problems.</p> <p>The compulsory and elective courses at the University of Göttingen (international nature conservation, population viability analysis, assessing wildlife for conservation, data analysis for field biologists) focus on basic theories and research approaches in conservation biology, reasons for biodiversity loss and the role of population biology. Furthermore, they deal with methods of describing biodiversity and wildlife populations and practical strategies for recovery.</p> <p>At Lincoln, a combination of three modules is compulsory, including courses in advanced ecology and environmental sciences for environmental policy, research methods in ecology, and aspects of sustainability.</p> <p>The degree is a double degree offered jointly by the University of Göttingen and Lincoln University, New Zealand. A Master of Science (MSc) or Master of Science / Master of International Nature Conservation (MSc/M.I.N.C.) can be awarded.</p>
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## Course Details

<b>Course organisation</b>	<p>The programme consists of four parts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. one semester in Germany at the Department of Conservation Biology, University of Göttingen (25%, 30 credits)</li><li>2. one semester in New Zealand at the Isaac Centre for Nature Conservation at Lincoln University, Canterbury (25%, 30 credits)</li><li>3. one internship semester including a practical project (25%, 30 credits)</li><li>4. Master's thesis (25%, 30 credits)</li></ol>
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<b>A Diploma supplement will be issued</b>	Yes
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<b>International elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)</li></ul>
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<b>Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)</b>	Students spend one semester at Lincoln University in New Zealand to take three classes at the Master's level.
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<b>Integrated internships</b>	The internship semester with its practical project is an important component of the programme. Students will acquire practical skills by assisting in fieldwork and projects at a scientific host institution or at international nature conservation organisations or NGOs. The practical project will take place over a minimum of three months.
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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

<b>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</b>	Varied
<b>Additional information on tuition fees</b>	For their compulsory study semester at Lincoln University, Göttingen M.I.N.C. students pay tuition fees once for one study semester of about 9,600 NZD (approx. 5,700 EUR). The fees for the study semester at Lincoln University can change from one year to the next.
<b>Semester contribution</b>	Enrolment fees at Göttingen University differ from approx. 75 EUR to 400 EUR, depending on the semester. For their study semester at Lincoln University, Göttingen M.I.N.C. students pay an administration fee of about 700 NZD, which includes health insurance.  For further information: <a href="https://uni-goettingen.de/de/661682.html">https://uni-goettingen.de/de/661682.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.  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> .
<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	Yes
<b>Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university</b>	Enrolled students can apply for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the "Deutschlandstipendium" (<a href="https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/information+for+students/218535.html">https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/information+for+students/218535.html</a>)</li> <li>• the Lower Saxony Scholarship (<a href="https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/306042.html">https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/306042.html</a>)</li> <li>• the Promos Scholarship for studies abroad (<a href="https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/164293.html">https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/164293.html</a>)</li> </ul>

## Requirements / Registration

<b>Academic admission requirements</b>	<p>Admission to the programme at the University of Göttingen is limited to a maximum number of 10 students each winter semester. Admission criteria are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's degree from a six-semester programme in biology, biodiversity, ecology, agricultural sciences, forest sciences, geography, nature conservation, veterinary medicine, wildlife management, environmental sciences or equivalent fields</li> <li>• Applicants must provide evidence that at least 50% of their achievements from their previous studies have been in the fields of nature conservation, biology, ecology, biodiversity, wildlife management, environmental science, veterinary medicine, forestry, agricultural science, and geography.</li> <li>• sufficient knowledge of the English language</li> <li>• personal motivation</li> <li>• previous special experience and expertise in international nature conservation</li> </ul> <p>Applicants will be ranked according to ranking scales found in the admission regulations (<a href="https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/home/661069.html">https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/home/661069.html</a>), and the best candidates will be selected. Applicants must provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The result of an internationally recognised test of English as a foreign language (if English is not the native language) – see language requirements</li> <li>• examination transcripts and certificate of the Bachelor's degree (original or certified copy, with an English translation if the original is not in English or German)</li> <li>• curriculum vitae (in German or English)</li> <li>• written explanation about the applicant's motivation to study nature</li> </ul>
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- conservation/expression of research interest
- publications or referee's reports or other documents which highlight the applicant's expertise in the field of international nature conservation

Applicants who fulfil the admission criteria will be ranked, and the best applicants will be selected for a 20-minute interview within one month of the application deadline. The interview focuses on the applicant's background in the field of nature conservation, previous knowledge/expertise, concrete ideas on the content of the programme, and the self-assessment of the working attitudes of the applicant.

<b>Language requirements</b>	<p>One of these internationally recognised tests of English as a foreign language must be passed (if English is not the native language of the applicant):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) UNICert®: at least certificate UNICert® III</li> <li>b) NULTE certificate: at least level C1</li> <li>c) Cambridge English Scale: at least 180 points</li> <li>d) International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic): at least band 6.5</li> <li>e) Test of English as a Foreign Language, Internet-based test (TOEFL iBT): at least 95 points</li> <li>f) Global Scale of English (Pearson Academic): at least 76 points</li> <li>h) At least a two-year stay abroad for studying or working in an anglophone country within the last three years</li> <li>i) Successful graduation from an anglophone Bachelor's programme</li> </ul> <p>The test of English proficiency must have been passed during the last three years.</p> <p>Applicants do not have to submit a German language certificate.</p>
<b>Application deadline</b>	1 April – 15 May
<b>Submit application to</b>	Information about the application procedure can be found here: <a href="https://uni-goettingen.de/de/661077.html">https://uni-goettingen.de/de/661077.html</a>

## 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.</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</p>

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](#) 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 project “[Start Guides](#)” 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

- Welcome event
- Pick-up service

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

The [International Office](#) provides a wide range of services for international students.

German students help newly arrived students to adapt to the university and the city during their [first weeks](#).

An [orientation week](#) for new international students 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](#): Meetings and activities for all students

[German courses](#) during studies (free of charge)

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