

Willkommen am Campus

Der Studi-Guide des AStA

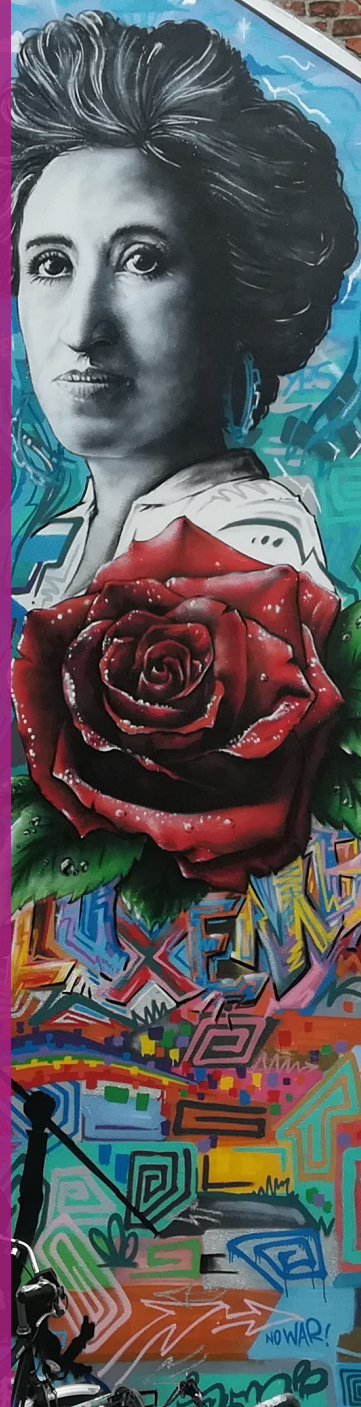


**unpolitisch sein heißt
politisch sein, ohne es
zu merken.**

- Rosa Luxemburg

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Dear students,

We are the AStA and want to welcome you to this new and exciting period of your life starting in Göttingen.

Whilst reading our texts you certainly ask yourself what the AStA is and does. The General Student Council (short AStA) **is the political representation and the highest committee of the self-administration** compiled out of students. The AStA represents the students interests inside as well as outside the university. Added to that the AStA has a broad spectrum of offers to improve your studies, as you'll be able to see on the following pages. We are always there for you with all questions and problems you develop over your time in Göttingen.

Of course, whilst studying you should also be able to have fun. If you're interested in a nice evening or even a nice party we can recommend the Stilbrvch on campus – a club led by students with a wide array of events – which is sadly closed due to the still ongoing crisis. But there are also many pubs of varying size, bars, cafés and several other places waiting for you to discover them. Nice places for meeting your friends are, of course, spread wide and far in the city. This could be the Willi (Wilhelmsplatz) right inside the downtown area, the Z-Campus (central campus), the Schillerwiesen the Cheltenham Park and even the banks of the Leine, the river leading through the city. If you'd like to see animals you could even go to the Kehr, especially in spring you'll be able to see resly born ones.

If you'd like to involve yourself in (university) politics and like to implement your own ideas, there are several possibilities in Göttingen. The Department and Student Faculty Groups as well as different University Groups always look forward to new involvement by interested people! In this booklet we will present a few of the initiatives and groups existing at the university. But the city has many more to offer, from subjects like sustainability or climate crisis to sociopolitical or feminist, there is a huge pool of possibilities. While starting your studies here in Göttingen, you may develop new questions.

Don't be afraid to write your „Fachschaftsrat“, „Fachgruppe“ or even the AStA a mail, for example at:

sekretariat@asta.uni-goettingen.de

The addresses of the different departments you can find on our homepage:

asta.uni-goettingen.de

We hope you have a nice start here in Göttingen and wish you the best for your studies!

What is the AStA?

The General Student Council (in short AStA) is the highest political committee of the self-representation of students. **We are active in the politics of the university and represent your needs** inside (in all the different boards and bodies) and outside (to the states, the country as well as the other universities) of it. We started a mass-letter campaign sending letters to the ministry and organized demonstrations to be able to increase the semesters we are able to take to reduce the stress during this phase of adaptation during the Corona-crisis in Lower Saxony. Next to this function we see it as our duty to develop a vast array of social and political options to increase the quality of your time at the university.

The AStA structures itself in different topic-related units, which in their own respect care for the various parts of the life at this university. Next to a few people working in the administration the AStA is only composed of students – we obviously have a great interest in a good study and life quality!

To **our versatile services** you can count the counseling, centered for example on studying with a child, on how to finance your stay and on a peer-to-peer trans*guidance. When facing financial troubles you can also lend 100€ for a month without any interest. And when your department group hosts an event it can lend several items from our inventory: cups, pavillions, benches and tables are there for you. Every University Group inside the AStA brings their own ideas and projects inside this body to improve your quality of life and your studies.

The AStA gets its money from a small portion of your tuition fee. This is why we try to invest the money in the best way possible. Our **semstertickets** for example offer you the possibility to take the train, the bus and be part of several cultural events inside the city. And this is only available because speak with the corporations to buy this for all students, getting way chaper prizes for you.

The AStA also plans and executes many events and meetings throughout the year in which you can take part for free.

For **individual counselling** we can offer you the social, trans* and legal guidance. Here you're able to ask diverse questions about their area of competence. When you have a hard time making ends meet we can also provide you with a loan for a month which is free of interest, when you're having huge problems financing you're stay in Göttingen you can apply for a hardship application. More details about this are in a later text about the financing of your study. For more information you can also take a look at our homepage!

Participate in the elections!

Every January, during the university elections, you get the chance to vote for the course of politics at the university. The election determines the seats every university group gains in the Student Faculty Parliaments (Fachschaftsparlamente, FSP), the Student Parliament (Studierendenparlament, StuPa) and the Senat (the highest-ranking academic caucus). You have the choice between a wide array of political groups and lists. The parliaments elect the respective councils on their level of academic administration, i.e. every Faculty Parliament elects their own Faculty Student Council (Fachschaftsrat, FSR), the Student Parliament elects the AStA (General Student Council, Allgemeiner Studierenden Ausschuss).

The AStA determines the political direction for the next year and tries to implement its goals. If you have your own ideas of university politics, join a university group or find other students to found your own. During the elections, you also vote for the upkeep of the cultural ticket as well as the student bus and train tickets.

„Fachschafsräte“ & „Fachgruppen“

Your first contact for concerns surrounding your study, like exams, problems with lecturers or questions regarding your course of study is your Faculty Student Council (Fachschafsrat, FSR) or your Department Group (Fachgruppe, FG). They consist of active students from your faculty or department. They advocate for student's interests on faculty and department level.

The **Department Groups** are a hub of activity for your department or subject. They organise events like the O-Phase and plan meetings and parties. Those events are meant for subject discourse and communication, but serve as a social meeting point between students as well. The Department Groups are familiar with your department's organization and are able to help with administrative duties. If you have questions, you can contact your Department Group and get to know them! If there isn't a Department Group for your subject, maybe you want to found one?

The **Faculty Student Councils** work on matters of faculty administration. If you have trouble with your faculty, lecturers or exams, you can contact your Faculty Student Councils. They help you with your problems, can act as intermediaries and are able to assert pressure on an administrative level.

You can always **be a part of the student bodies**. Contact your Department Group or student association. You can find the latest contact details on our website.

Representation of Students of Education

Dear first-year student,

Welcome to the University of Göttingen and especially to our beautiful Waldweg.

We are the LSV - LSV stands for "Lehramtsstudierendenvertretung", i.e. the representation of students of education. We are a diverse group of students of education from different subjects who stand up for your interests.

Our field of activity includes:

- the coordination of the teaching profession-related work of the students' self-administration at the faculties where teacher training courses take place,
- the support of the work of the student members of the study commission for teaching professions as well as the ZEWIL board
- furthering the knowledge and the formation of opinions among students with regard to teacher training and
- the organization of various events, such as the O-Phase, parties such as the LSV Summer Party and the LSV Christmas Party, the Trainee Weekend and many more.

Our HQ is the so-called LuLZ - the "Lehrer- und Lehrerinnenzimmer" (teachers' room). **It is a place:**

- for the exchange of information on the different teacher training courses, internships and schools,
- for meeting students of all the different subjects,
- for introducing and exchanging ideas about students' papers,
- for cooperation with schools in the context of the practical phases and
- for our weekly LSV meetings followed by social evening rounds.

Would you like to get involved or simply exchange ideas with other students of education? Then the door to our LuLZ is open for you every Thursday evening from 6 p.m. But we are also happy to assist you with other concerns and help wherever we can. You can reach us by email (lsv@uni-goettingen.de) or via Instagram ([@lsv_uni_goettingen](https://www.instagram.com/lsv_uni_goettingen)).

We look forward to meeting you!

Unfortunately the pandemic does not leave us untouched, but nevertheless we currently meet every Thursday with at least as much enthusiasm and energy via Zoom! :)

author: LSV



Representation of International Students

Students who do not or not only have German citizenship are represented by the International Students' Parliament (ISP) and the International Students' Council (ISC). The members of the ISP are elected by these students as part of the general university elections each January. Similar to the AStA, the ISC advocates for students' interests, but with a focus on internationals. Networking opportunities for international students are created here, and the interests and needs of the student group are politically represented. Occasionally there will be events and projects to further involve the internationals in the university's social life.

If you would like to make contact with other international students or if you have any concerns or questions, this is the right place to go. If the ISP has piqued your interest and you would like to find out more, take a look at their Instagram page or write them an email.

Instagram: [@isc.uni_goettingen](#)
isc@uni-goettingen.de

Representation of students with disabilities

We represent students with disabilities (Vertretung für Studierende mit Beeinträchtigungen, VfSB) and support students with disabilities, chronic illnesses, neurodiversity (e.g. ADHD, autism ...) and mental illnesses and want to make studying at our university more accessible.

Some of our concerns currently include simplifying getting compensation for disadvantages, setting up a self-help group for students with disabilities, raising awareness and reducing digital and physical barriers. We are also available as a reference for any questions concerning these topics.

Our organization is currently still under construction, which is why we are always happy to receive suggestions and tips. We hope to be able to start some larger projects in the future.

If you would like to join us and / or have any questions, you are welcome to write us a message on our Instagram profile or contact us via email vfsb@uni-goettingen.de and attend one of our meetings. Everyone is very welcome here.

Instagram: [@vfsb_goettingen](#)

author: VfSB



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The beginning of your studies: „O-Phase“

The Faculties' orientation weeks (O-Phase) take place in the first few weeks of the semester. You have probably already received information on the various program items in your O phase from your faculty, if not, you can contact your student council or department.

As the AStA, we support the faculties in this task. If you have any unanswered questions about starting your studies, please send an email to erstsemester@asta.uni-goettingen.de

Code of Conduct

The O-Phase should be an event for everyone to find their way into the course of study and to form new, hopefully long-lasting friendships and relationships. In order to make the O phase as pleasant as possible for you, we have created a Code of Conduct, an implementation protocol. If you find out that someone is violating this, you can contact the O-phase teams. The code is the following:

1. Pay attention to your surroundings and try not to endanger anyone. Even if it is important to start your studies, the requirements still have to be complied with.
2. Don't be afraid to ask questions. The planners of the O phase can be contacted at any time with questions and problems of all kinds. They can help you with a wide variety of concerns.
3. Name your limits so that they can also be adhered to. Only when you state your limits can others perceive and maintain them.

4. You should have the opportunity to have fun in the O phase on your own terms. No means no and is not an invitation to a discussion.
5. State your preferred name and pronoun in the groups. Nobody can tell gender from looks.
6. During the O phase you should find a wide range of events, if not in your subject, for example through the Alternative O phase.
7. The O-phase teams are always there for you, turn to them if you notice something unpleasant or problematic.
8. You don't have to do anything that you don't feel like doing. You are free to choose what you want to do and what not.
9. Alcohol is not part of the compulsory program at university either. If it suits the events, you can drink, but hold back: not everyone can do something with it.

If you notice something unpleasant during the O-Phase, you can speak to the organizer at any time, most things should be clarified through a conversation. Otherwise, you can always contact the various advice centers in the university or send us an email.

Für kritisches Lernen und Leben!

Insider Tip: Alternative Kick-Off Week

Have you just arrived in Göttingen and would like to get to know the diverse political and cultural activities in the city? Then the Alternative Kick-Off Week (german Alternative O-Phase; AOP) is the ideal opportunity for you!

As part of the AOP various groups in the city offer free events such as workshops, lectures, city tours etc. which add to the orientation offers by the faculties and different studies. The "alternative" is not to be understood as in countering the regular kick-off events; rather the AOP-events have an alternative aspiration on a social level and deal with scientific topics together with political and cultural ones. There are also plenty of opportunities to just meet new people in a good atmosphere.

AOP events take place throughout October and November, but mainly in the main orientation week (October 18-22) and the first two weeks of lectures. You can find the program under issuu.com/bttheart/docs/aop_flyer2021_web.

Each event is independent; you can simply go to those who interest you (in exceptional cases, prior registration is required, but this is noted in the program). ALL the events are free of charge. So take a look at the program and get to know Göttingen from its best side. :-)

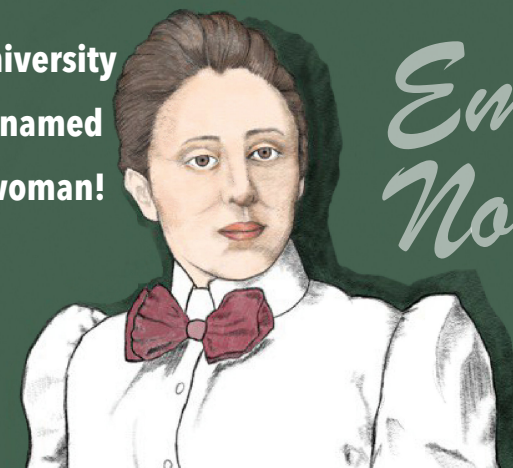
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Why our university
should be named
after this woman!

Emmy
Noether



Emmy Noether was a German mathematician who became the first woman in Germany to qualify for professor in the field of mathematics. She was born in 1882 and grew up in a Jewish family in Erlangen. After women were admitted to Bavarian universities from 1903 on, she was also able to study mathematics and do a doctorate there. This made her the second German to receive a doctorate in mathematics at a German university. In 1915 she applied for a habilitation at what was then the World Center for Mathematics in Göttingen. There were controversial debates in her faculty about this and many spoke out against a habilitation for women. The saying of mathematician David Hilbert "a university is not a bathing establishment" became famous. Her application was rejected by the responsible Prussian minister, so she had to give her lectures under David Hilbert's name. After the First World War and the collapse of the German Empire the legal position for women got better, so Emmy Noether finally was the first woman in Germany to be able to habilitate in mathematics in 1919. This also made her the first woman in Germany to receive a (non-civil servant) professorship. However, she only got her first paid teaching position in 1922 and 1923. She never received a full professorship. 1944 under the Nazi

regime, her teaching permit was revoked since she was Jewish and she had to emigrate to the USA. In 1935 she died there due to a tumor.

Emmy Noether made significant contributions to mathematics and theoretical physics. She is considered a co-founder of modern algebra, several theorems and the Noetherian ring are named after her.

Through her contributions to science and her important role in the field of women's studies, with her habilitation at the University of Göttingen, we see Emmy Noether as an important scientist and a good potential namesake for our university. In comparison, a monarch like Georg August, who only used the money of his subjects to establish a university in a rivalry to the Prussian University of Halle, looks outdated. A namechange to Emmy Noether University would make Göttingen University the first university in Germany to be named after a woman. It should be in everyone's interest to reward Emmy Noether for **her outstanding performance and also as a proxy to honor the achievements that women have achieved in the past despite the different barriers they were facing.**

Counseling offers

With your studies, a new phase of life begins for you, full of new challenges and demands on yourself or from others, which you cannot always meet. Sometimes overwhelming situations can come your way. We want to let you know that you are not alone with this and that there are many support offers at the university and in the city that can help you in such moments. We have listed some of them here. Their names are not translated to make it easier for you to find them:

Counseling of the AStA department for social affairs:

Our team helps with all social questions that arise during your studies, be it study financing, accessible studies or studying with a child. We would be happy to advise you or forward your concerns to the appropriate offices.

Gender and Diversity

- [Queeres Zentrum Göttingen](#)
- [Trans*Beratung Göttingen](#)
- [Gleichstellungsbeauftragte Uni Göttingen](#)
- [Dezentrale Gleichstellungsbeauftragte der Fakultäten](#)
- The AStA department for gender and diversity works politically on gender and diversity issues and offers peer-to-peer trans * counseling for students.

Mental health

- [Psychotherapeutische Ambulanz für Studierende \(PAS\)](#): The PAS of the University is a special outpatient clinic for young adults and offers diagnostics, advice and treatment for students in mental crisis situations.
- [Psychosoziale Beratungsstelle \(PSB\)](#): The PSB of the Studentenwerk is your contact point for personal or study-related problems, such as pressure to perform, stress, fears, disorientation, relationship problems, etc. The trained staff offer you an initial consultation and, if necessary, follow-up appointments and are subject to confidentiality. In addition, coaching and courses on various topics (autogenic training, motivation, time management, etc.) are offered.
- [TelefonSeelsorge Göttingen e.V.](#): Anonymous advice from volunteers. Sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Church District Göttingen. Available around the clock.
- [Nightline](#): Anonymous listening phone from and for students

Studying without barriers

- [Beauftragte für Studierende mit Behinderungen und chronischen Erkrankungen](#): Advice and assistance on barrier-free studies, e.g. on compensation for disadvantages, assistance, financial aid, etc.
- [Nachteilsausgleich](#): For students with disabilities, it is possible to receive a so-called disadvantage compensation, which relates to the form of the services to be provided.
- [Services bei Sehbeeinträchtigung \(visual impairment\)](#)
- [Sozialdienst des Studentenwerks](#)
- [Vertretung für Studierende mit Beeinträchtigung](#)

Legal Advice

- [AStA-Rechtsberatung](#): For an initial legal assessment, the AStA offers advice from a lawyer.
- [Studentische Rechtsberatung](#): Students advise under the supervision of a lawyer
- [Refugee Law Clinic](#): Legal advice for refugees
- [Rechtsberatung an der Göttinger Tafel](#)
- [Arbeits- und sozialrechtliche Anfangsberatung für Studierende](#): The cooperation center for universities and trade unions offers an office hour where you can bring your questions about the part-time job with you.

Other points of contact

- [Zentrale Studienberatung](#): Advice on educational careers and critical study situations, as well as group events and workshops to help with study decisions.
- [Family Service of the Uni](#)

How to fund your studies

Studying can be very nice, but it can also be damn expensive. Somehow, a source of money has to be found. But how? Our social department has collected a few tips for you. Basically, there are five financing options:

1. BAföG

A BAföG application can be submitted at any time. However, the BAföG is NOT paid out retroactively, which is why the application should be taken care of as early as possible. The approval period is initially one year, after which the eligibility for funding is checked again. The application must be submitted to the Studentenwerk in Göttingen. You can receive up to € 744 and € 835 respectively. You have to repay half of this at the end of your studies.

2. Part-time jobs

In Göttingen there are a number of opportunities to work part-time while studying. Take a look, for example, at the university's job center which has many student-friendly jobs on offer. A popular option is to work as a Studentische Hilfskraft (student assistant) at the university. Apart from the fact that you naturally earn money, you can also work directly on campus and get exciting insights into ongoing research. Vacancies are advertised on the websites of the faculties and the university, and sometimes also in the news area of the eCampus.

3. Scholarships

Another way of financing your studies are scholarships, which are offered by various sponsors from political parties, religious communities, private foundations and corporations. A scholarship does not have to be repaid and there is non-material support with seminars, language courses, etc.

In addition to a good academic performance, most scholarship providers also include social activism or special characteristics (students with children, migration background, etc.) among their criteria. An application is therefore frequently a good idea even without top grades! On our homepage you can find information on which organizations students can apply to for scholarships.

4. Education loan

The federally owned Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) offers educational loans for students. This is the cheapest of the student loans. Before you decide, however, you should go through all other options for financing your studies, as a loan goes hand in hand with debt. The student loan is paid back in monthly installments. The guarantee is taken on by the federal government.

5. Graduation Loans

For the last phase of your studies it is possible to take out an interest-free graduation loan from the social services of the Studentenwerk. This is only granted for the final eight months of studying (or less), and the repayment period begins seven months after graduation. To be able to take advantage of the loan, a certificate stating that graduation is imminent must be presented, and another person must provide the guarantee. You can get more information at studentenwerk-goettingen.de/sozialberatung.html.

Perhaps you're initially thinking that you are definitely not entitled to or have no chance of receiving any of these funds, but in most cases it is worth a try. We are happy to support you.

We also want to draw your attention to a very special offer from the AStA:

The interest-free instant loan:

If you run out of money in a given month, you can get a loan of € 100 from the AStA, which must be repaid after four weeks at the latest. However, we do not charge any interest. The offer is only valid for students at the University of Göttingen. We provide further information on all of these options on our website.

Annual calendar 2022

January	February	March	April	May	June
1		1	1 summer term	1 Labor Day	1
2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4 Dersim Genocide Memorial Day	4
5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6
7 end of christmas break	7	7	7 Tutsi Genocide Memorial Day	7	7
8	8	8 Anti-sexism day	8	8 VE-Day	8
9	9	9	9	9	9
10	10	10	10	10 book burning memorial day	10
11	11 end of term	11	11	11	11
12	12	12	12	12	12
13	13	13	13	13	13
14	14	14	14	14	14 World Blood Donor Day
15	15	15	15	15	15
16	16	16	16	16	16
17	17	17	17	17 IDAHOBIT*	17
18	18	18	18	18	18
19	19	19	19 Lecture period	19	19
20	20	20	20	20	20 World Refugee Day
21	21	21	21	21	21
22	22	22	22	22	22
23	23	23	23	23	23
24	24	24	24 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day	24	24
25	25	25	25	25	25
26	26	26	26	26	26
27 Memorial Day for the victims of the Holocaust	27	27	27	27	27
28	28	28	28	28	28 Christopher Street Day
29		29	29	29	29
30		30	30	30	30
31		31 Transgender Day of Visibility		31	

Re-registration deadlines: 01.12. to 31.01. for the summer term & 01.06. to 31.07. for the winter Term; Deviating deadlines in the study program Human Medicine under:

www.umg.eu/studium-lehre/aktuelles/semestertermine

July	August	September	October	November	December
1	1	1	1 winter term	1	1 world AIDS day
2	2	2	2	2 Resistance Day for Rojava	2 Day of the abolition of slavery
3	3	3	3	3	3 Day of people with disabilities
4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9 memorial day of the Pogrom night	9 Day of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide
10	10	10	10 Mental Health Day	10	10 Human rights day
11 Day of the genocide in Srebrenica	11	11 Democracy day	11 Coming Out Day	11	11
12	12	12	12	12	12
13	13	13	13	13	13
14	14	14	14	14	14
15	15	15 Day of Democracy	15	15	15
16	16	16	16	16	16
17	17	17	17	17 Student day; Conny-Wessmann-Day	17 Day of the migrants
18	18	18	18	18	18
19	19	19	19	19	19
20	20	20	20	20 Transgender Day of Remembrance	20
21	21	21	21	21	21
22 end of term	22	22	22	22	22
23	23	23	23	23	23
24	24	24	24 Lecture period	24	24 Christmas break
25	25	25	25	25 Day against violence against women	25
26	26	26 Memorial day of the femicides in Grono	26 Intersex Awareness Day	26	26
27	27	27	27	27	27
28	28	28 Safe Abortion Day	28	28	28
29	29	29	29	29	29
30	30	30	30	30	30
31	31		31		31

Culture ticket

In addition to the university, there is more to student life, and Göttingen also has a lot to offer in terms of culture! The culture ticket (German Kulturticket) has been available at the university since 2013, which means that as part of the semester fee you can use your student ID to use numerous offers, **from theater to concerts to parties all over Göttingen**, to get special discounts. Due to the corona situation the offers are currently still a bit limited, but it is worth taking a look at the AStA website and the facilities, because something is always happening!

This winter semester 2021/22, five new facilities will be added and one former will be back in the ticket. From October, in addition to the old offers (which you can see below and of course with more information on the website), you can also see what Boat People Projekt and NichtNurTheater have to offer, watch both the men's and women's national league in Stadion an der Speckstraße, marvel at changing exhibitions in Kunsthaus and listen to various concerts in Vinyl Reservat! The café bar dots also welcomes you to its events again with a student discount.

We wish you a lot of fun at all events! If you have any questions, comments, criticism or requests, please contact kulturticket@asta.uni-goettingen.de!

You can also find the culture ticket's social media on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook! You can find the specific conditions on our website.



Semester ticket

At the beginning of your studies you will receive your student ID, on which the semester ticket will be printed. With the semester ticket you can use **all local trains in Lower Saxony**. You can also travel to Hamburg, Kassel or Magdeburg, among other places. The ticket can be used around the clock and every day during the period of validity. You can also use the rail replacement service. You have to buy a regular bike transport ticket for your bikes. You can find detailed information on the current route network and the types of train that can be used on the supplementary sheet for the semester ticket, which can be found on the AStA website.

You can also use the **buses in the city of Göttingen** around the clock. You can travel on all buses with two-digit numbers (11-92), all night buses (N1-N8) and three regional buses (130,180,185). With the regional buses you have to keep in mind that you can only drive from a village to the city area or from the city area to a village. The three-digit lines cannot be used within the city of Göttingen.

Don't forget to **update the ticket every semester** on one of the ticket printers, after you have re-registered. These printers are located in the central lecture hall building (ZHG), the study center service office and in the LRC medicine. Without the renewed validation of your ticket, it can no longer be used after the expiration of the validity. So it's best to always validate it directly after you have re-registered for the new semester.

If you have any questions about the semester ticket, you are always welcome to contact ticket@asta.uni-goettingen.de or check the website for the current office hours.

Insider tip: traveling by bike

Anyone who has ever tried to park a bike at the station plaza knows that Göttingen is quite the bicycle workshop. Perhaps you have already noticed the blue markings on some paths and roads. This is the so-called bicycle expressway or bicycle road, which is intended to make cycling in the city more attractive and safe. Other than on this expressway, make sure that you are cycling on the right-hand side of the street and not in pedestrian zones; the police are frequently checking for violations of those latter rules, and you might end up having to pay a fine.

If your bike is broken, the brakes wobble or the headlight is weak, you can of course have your bike repaired in one of the city's many workshops. But we want to draw your attention to the bicycle workshop in the AStA building. The students who provide this workshop will assist you in repairing the bike yourself, and they usually have the necessary materials in storage. As an offer from the AStA, this is free for students! The opening times change every so often, so it is advisable to take a look at our website: asta.uni-goettingen.de/angebote/service/fahrradwerkstatt/

Online Tools of the University

eCampus

As a student at the University of Göttingen you get an account for eCampus, the university's online portal that lets you access your emails, courses and exams. It is best to register as soon as possible and get an overview. Your username is the part of your university email address before the @ sign. Do not be surprised about long loading times, that is normal at eCampus, especially at the beginning of the semester.

In the 'eCampusMail' tab you will find the inbox for your university e-mail address. In the 'Stud.IP' tab you can search for the various modules and courses of your area of study and then register in order to receive important announcements and files. Please note, however, that you must also register for your modules in the 'FlexNow' area so that you can take exams. More details will be explained to you in the respective course.

BigBlueButton

BigBlueButton is a video conferencing tool widely used during the pandemic to hold online courses. With your student account, you can even create rooms yourself and share them with others. Maybe for a digital game night or a study session?

Zoom

For events and online meetings, many lecturers resort to the commercial cloud solution Zoom. With its range of functions, it is a common alternative to BigBlueButton.

Other online services

You can use GWDG's OwnCloud with your university account. Here you have 50 GB of online storage space and you can share individual files or folders with others via a link. The GWDG also offers CodiMD pads and Sharelatex for writing texts. Pads are online documents that several people can work on at the same time. Sharelatex is an editor for the typesetting system Latex, which is widely used in the scientific field. You can find an overview of many software products to which you have access as a student at the University of Göttingen [here](#).

StudIT

StudIT offers you technical support for all questions regarding computers, printers, WLAN, eCampus, software products and other digital questions.

Orientation on Campus

Where was the meeting point for your group? Where is room 0.104? Where are the barrier-free entrances on the north campus? And where is the north campus anyway? The university's digital campus map is available to answer all of these questions. Here you can search for buildings and rooms, display bus stops or find the closest parent-child room. You can use the site plan in the browser (lageplan.uni-goettingen.de) or as an Android app ('Göttingen site plan').

Insider Tip:

To explore the city, we recommend the [new virtual city map](#), with which you can experience digital city tours on the topics of your choice. The local cultural institutions, bars and important buildings of the city can be found there. The offer is new and will be continuously updated.

Groups and Initiatives in Göttingen

In Göttingen there is a wide range of different groups in which you can get involved. There is something for everyone. Would you like to gain your first journalistic experience? Then you have come to the right place at GöHört campus radio. Or you prefer to stand in front of the camera? Then contact Univision. Musical students should take a closer look at the university choir or the university orchestra. Or how about acting in the ThOP? (german: Theater im OP)?

Or you want to get involved politically (maybe in student self-administration or in general political topics), work for human rights or support existing medical offers? Perhaps the „Aktion queer and trans*“ (aqut*) will be interesting for you.

Of course there are also numerous groups that deal with sustainability and environmental protection, for example Göttingen Zero or Greenpeace.

This is only a small summary of the variety that our university has to offer in terms of university groups. There are also many more initiatives and city groups that you can participate in!

You can find an overview of many university groups and their contact addresses on our homepage

Insider Tip: Meet & Greet with Initiatives

The AStA Department of Internal Affairs organizes a regular meeting at which initiatives from all over the university have the opportunity to present themselves and their work.

The meeting is aimed at interested students who are looking for opportunities to get to know fellow students and become involved. There are a large number of student groups that are active at the university, so it is always worth stopping by. You can find out when the next meeting will take place on our social media channels.

The meeting usually takes place in German, but there will also be meetings in English where initiatives that (also) speak English in the organizational context are presented.

More information [here](#).

It is not long until the next Ini-meeting, but we would like to introduce you to a few initiatives in greater detail...

Refugee Law Clinic

The Refugee Law Clinic Göttingen is an association of students who offer legal advice for refugees free of charge. Participation in the Clinic can take the form of legal advice or help with organizational matters. We focus on offering high quality legal advice, which is why every year between October and February we offer training to become a legal advisor; you can take part in that training regardless of your semester and regardless of your subject of study. We're always happy when these trainings result in teams being formed to help refugees with legal problems online or in the AStA building.

In addition to advice, we also offer support in cases of hardship (for people who are only "geduldet" in Germany and who are soon threatened with deportation), for which a hardship application can be submitted.

But you can also get involved with us without the training. We are very active when it comes to events, celebrations, education and political activism. In addition to internal parties, we also organize lecture series (the most recent one: "Flight, Migration and Discrimination - Critical Perspectives on the Asylum System"), to which we invite speakers on a politically topical issue. This summer we also held a rally with other Göttingen groups, with the motto "Human rights are #unverhandelbar (non-negotiable)". We also regularly apply to institutions and projects in order to receive funding, for example to #wiristplural by the bpb and the BVerfG. Networking and cooperating with other Göttingen institutions is also important to us. Finally, we are also very active on Instagram and Facebook.

Our association is partly a university group, partly a registered association, which is why we have a board of directors and general assemblies, but also access to university infrastructure. We welcome everyone, from the chairperson to the training department to someone who only wants to organize advanced training courses from time to time.

We will also hold an information evening this October where you can primarily find out about the upcoming training, but of course you can also come if you are interested in non-advisory participation.

author: Refugee Law Clinic

Radikarla*

Radikarla* is a queer-feminist magazine that is published at the University of Göttingen.

We are an editorial team consisting mainly of students from many different disciplines, in which all the tasks that belong to journalistic editorial work for a magazine are shared and dealt with together, with as little hierarchy as possible. This includes, for example, the writing and editing of articles, conducting interviews, the visual design or the distribution of the magazine.

The Radikarla* actually existed back in 1993 - but only for a few issues. It was originally founded as a women's lesbian magazine and then rediscovered in 2017 and re-established in the format as we know it today. You can find out more about the exciting history of Radikarla* and its rediscovery in issues 4 and 10, all issues in digital format can be found here: fsr-sowi.de/c/radikarla.

In the Radikarla* editorial team, anyone can take on the tasks they want to do, i.e. not everyone has to do everything. Those who prefer to write may only write, those who like to design, design and those who want to be part of everything, can be part of everything. In general, anyone can take part and we are always happy to see new Radikarla*s! You can always participate, even if you do not speak or write German, for example by writing in English.

It's always an exciting journey from the first article ideas to the finished printed product, which is then distributed around the university and across the city. If you want to find out more about the magazine and how we work, just drop by! A get-to-know meeting for those interested will take place as part of the Alternative O-Phase in October (you can find the exact date on our social media channels). But even after that, you can stop by the open weekly plenum at any time. The plenary sessions are currently always online on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. via the video conference platform Big Blue Button. Feel free to contact us for the link!

You can reach us by email (radikarla@fsr-sowi.de), Instagram ([@radikarla](https://www.instagram.com/radikarla)) or Twitter ([@radikarlazine](https://twitter.com/radikarlazine)). For exciting news about Radikarla* you can also register in our mailing list (radikarla-news@lists.riseup.net).

If you just want to read it, you can find all issues online here: fsr-sowi.de/c/radikarla.

author: Radikarla*



TV-Stud

Who are we?

TVStud stands for "Tarifvertrag studentische Beschäftigte" (collective labour agreement for student employees) and is a grass-roots initiative of student employees. Our aim is to improve our working conditions at the university by fighting for a uniform collective labour agreement. This would apply to all assistants and tutors and enforce better conditions in terms of wages, working hours, fixed-term contracts, vacation, wages payments in times of illness and much more. The initiative is supported by student employees and tutors at various institutions at the University of Göttingen, supported by unions such as ver.di and the GEW as well as the AStA.

How is the collective labour agreement created?

A collective labour agreement is not going to fall from the skies, it is at the result of our collective action. We are planning to start the negotiations with the university in the winter semester 2021/22 and have already achieved a lot on the way: In the summer semester 2021 we started to mobilize the student employees and were looking for colleagues who are willing to speak to their colleagues and join a union. At the end of the summer semester, together with colleagues, we determined our specific requirements, which we can now negotiate with the university in the winter semester 2021/22. While the negotiations are in progress, strikes will most likely occur in which student employees will stop working. This increases the pressure on the university and thus the chance of a good collective labour agreement. To do this, many student employees have to stand behind the demands and organize themselves in unions. At the end of the successful collective action, there is the TVStud, with which our demands for better working conditions are implemented.

Do you want to fight with us for better working conditions? Here's how it's done:

We meet every Wednesday at 5 p.m. and look forward to new comrades-in-arms, regardless of whether you are a student employee yourself or just want to support us. If you know of interested student employees who are not yet part of the initiative, we look forward to arranging contacts. Due to the corona situation, we meet outside in the AStA garden when the weather is good, and online via BigBlueButton when the weather is bad. If you can't make it to the meeting, you can make the initiative known to other student employees and your friends, hang up flyers and posters, follow our social media channels and stay informed about news and action from TVStud. Together for a student collective labour agreement!

For more information, check our social media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram) or send us an email at tvstud-goe@web.de.

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Do you fancy competitive sport?

Then should get to know us!

During your studies there are not only countless opportunities to be physically active, but also a large number of student competitions and tournaments where you can compete in your sport with students from other universities and get to know them! This gives you the opportunity to represent the University of Göttingen in competitive sports on a national and international level. We, the student-run sports department of the University of Göttingen, support you organizationally and financially. If you are interested, you are welcome to contact us personally or by e-mail and get more information.

For some time now, due to the improvement in the corona situation, competitive sport has been partially possible again, albeit often under restricted conditions. Since the current regulations could possibly change at any time, please contact us if you are interested to see what is possible. You can find information on the current situation of university sports here:

my.sport.uni-goettingen.de

We wish you a great start into your semester!

Your AStA sports department
Dirk Delfs, Anja Bosold and Konrad Kroß

Who and what is the AStA sports department?

We are Dirk, Anja and Konrad and together we form the AStA sports department of the University of Göttingen. Our main task is the organization and execution of student competitive sports at our university. This includes, on the one hand, the organization of competitive sports events in Göttingen, such as the German University Championships, and, on the other hand, the sending of athletes to national and international university competitions, in which students and employees of the university can take part. In addition, we coordinate student self-administration within the framework of university competition sports and cooperate with the "Hochschulsport". Among other things, we annually hold a joint honor celebration for athletes with the city of Göttingen and support the "Hochschulsport" at various points. In the framework of Göttinger "Hochschulsport" we act as a representative of many student matters. Furthermore, we represent the student side of Göttingen University Sports in the General German University Sports Association (adh) and actively shape the association's work.

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University sports - „Hochschulsport“

In the next few years you will not only get to know one of the most renowned universities in Germany, but you will also gain a lot more experience. As the sporting focus of the university, we would like to accompany you during this eventful time.

Our goal is to offer you new movement experiences or to accompany you in your passion. We would not only like to welcome you to the sports center, but also take you on a journey through your studies. For example, at our seminars in the area of key competencies (event management, snow sports instructor, etc.) or on our excursions in summer or winter. The areas of university sports are diverse. Whether climbing center or fitness studio, group course or individual sport, for your mental and physical well-being or for your children. There is something for everyone! You can find all offers on:

my.sport.uni-goettingen.de

For almost a year now, university sports have been running a new digital sports and health platform on which you can get information and get started on the topics of "Sport and Exercise", "Health and Training" and "Mindfulness and Stress Reduction". At myhome.sport.uni-goettingen.de you will find various online courses, health topics, podcasts and more that you can integrate into your everyday student life in the winter semester.

Welcome Weeks! Are you still looking for the right sport?

No problem: In our Welcome Weeks from October 4th to 24th, we will present our offers to you on theme days!

Further information at: my.sport.uni-goettingen.de/welcome-weeks



Fraternities

When a room in a flat share costs 180€, but also your freedom

Finding an affordable room despite the stressed housing market, is a challenge for most students in German cities. It seems almost too good to be true to be able to find a room in an old villa in best location students normally would never be able to afford. Moreover, there are housemates who are interested in communal life, an in-house bar and other nice features. And all that for a rent less than 200€. A dream.

But if you look closer you realise that it's too good to be true and that all the advertisements share noticeable similarities: Which normal flat share consists only of male flatmates who share bis houses with far more rooms than usual and insist on accepting only other male flatmates? This is one conclusive, if not at first glance obvious indicator for a fraternity ('Verbindung' or 'Burschenschaft' in German).

Especially newcomer in Göttingen don't always know what's so problematic about fraternities. Therefore, we want to illustrate our criticism here and warn you about them.

Fraternity life:

Fraternities seem often particularly attractive because they present themselves as a community that suggests a feeling of security, cohesion and connection. In order to become part of this community, however, new members must commit themselves to the ‚Lebensbundprinzip‘ (principal of a lifelong bond). This means that after you move out you will continue to be part of the association as ‚Alter Herr‘ (a title that literally means „old man“) and have to support its active members and the house financially. In order to become part of the community, new members must also follow the ‚Comment‘ of the fraternity. This code of conduct structures the coexistence of the members; for example, it provides for regular

participation in internal community events, such as joint dance lessons, instruction in the history of fraternities, eating together and evenings together in the in-house pub.

Apart from the fact that the comment and the strict and binding integration into the fraternity hardly allow free time and individual development in addition to the fraternity life, they always put new "masculinity competitions" on the agenda. An evening in the in-house pub does not mean a nice get-together, but compulsion to drink and the pressure to prove to each other who can drink more and more quickly. The so called ‚Bier Comment‘ is enforced here by its own presidium, which provides severe penalties for weaker liaison members and enables arbitrariness. Humiliation and submission are the order of the day.

Similar also with ‚schlagende Verbindungen‘ (fencing fraternities) and the ‚Mensur‘: A special form of student fencing, through which one's own "masculinity" is to be demonstrated by exposing oneself to pain and permanent scars without twitching. The fencing of the ‚Mensur‘ also serves as an initiation rite to introduce new members to the fraternity. In this way, their willingness to submit to the community and to sacrifice themselves for it is tested.



Outdated Worldview:

In keeping with this outdated image of men, connections propagate gender roles from 150 years ago. The consensus here is that there are only two sexes who are fundamentally different by nature. Women are hardly assigned more competence than those for a life as mother and housewife. So this is not about slightly antiquated, gentlemanly looking ideas of men and women; it is about the resolute denial of the pillars of a society based on equality. In addition to the exclusion of FLINTA * people, discriminatory practice can also be recognized by the fact that there are repeated racist or anti-Semitic attacks and statements in (digital) spaces of fraternities.

Only a brief outline of the nature of fraternities is possible here. Not all fraternities are characterized by the same attitudes, but they do prevail very often. It should have become sufficiently clear

that fraternities are usually male societies, the existence of which is incompatible with an egalitarian society as we imagine it to be. We reject this way of life and thinking and are actively committed to a society that simply does not need fraternities and in which students are not forced by the housing shortage in our university cities to accept an attractive low-cost offer. That is why we as AStA are committed to maintaining existing student living space and ensuring that rents are affordable. To achieve this, more apartments must be publicly owned and kept affordable. Attractive living space near the university must not be a luxury good!

If you want to get a feel for everyday life in fraternities or if you think that these statements are grossly exaggerated and out of date, we recommend [Leon Enrique's research!](#)

FAQ - Tips and Tricks

At the start of the semesters we always get a lot of questions. For this reason we collected them and put them into this FAQ.

What's the use of the student ID?

In the Central Lecture Hall (ZHG) you can get your student ID at the Glass Box. It isn't just a plastic card you can use to take the bus, the train and show to be able to write your exams, but it has a range of different functions. You can use it to pay for your food and drinks in the canteens and cafeterias. Added to that you're able to use it as key for the for lockers and the doors in the learning and study building (LSG) as well as a library card for lending books in the SUB.

How do I get my schedule in order?

During your incoming week you'll surely be instructed on your studies and how to construct your own schedule. On top of that the homepage of your faculty or institute can give you a hand in creating it on your own, there you'll be able to find an exemplary schedule. Otherwise there's always the possibility to get in contact with your department or student faculty group for help.

Where do I get important university documents?

Before your studies you should have gotten your confirmation of enrollment. For the other documents you can use the eCampus, here you're able to, next to all the other important functions, get the important paperwork. This should be part of your incoming week, if not, you always can ask your student faculty or department group as well as the AStA.

Where do I get to know what's demanded in my examinations?

General information is available in the examination regulations. If you have courses with tutorials, we'd recommend you start with those ones. Here you'll get a helpful and important knowledge helping you get through your studies.

Where do I find the examination regulations and module manual?

You'll be able to find those on the homepage of your faculty or institute under the category "studies".

Can I repeat examinations I didn't pass?

Normally you can repeat your examinations twice. Only when you fail a third time it can become problematic. Sometimes you're even able to repeat your examination to improve your grades. But this has to be written explicitly in the description of the module.

When will I be excluded from seminars and how is the compulsory attendance regulated?

At the Göttingen university you must attend the seminars. Even though this has been brought to an end by the University Law of Lower Saxony (NHG), the university itself hasn't changed this yet. So, you still have to take part every week with two exceptions. If you ever get in trouble due to this you can get in contact with the AStA, we politically work on getting this law set in place and help where we can. So don't shy away if something like this occurs to you!

How do I take part in language courses?

There's a wide range of language and other modules in an extra institute (Zentralen Einrichtung für Sprachen und Schlüsselqualifikationen, ZEISS), to take part in these modules you have to follow special rules of admission. First you have to enroll yourself in the module via FlexNow. Unlike usual, a question mark then appears. Since the courses have a limited number of participants, your registration will not be successful. If the question mark is crossed out, you did not get into the course, but it is also not counted as an attempt. You can still unsubscribe within the deadline stated in the course description. In addition, the Philosophical Faculty offers a wide range of language and key qualifications, which follow the normal registration regulations in Stud.IP.

The „Studentenwerk“

The Studentenwerk supports you in your everyday student life: with student accommodation (dormitories), through its campus catering (canteens and cafeterias), with student financing (BAföG advice and other options), through day-care centers (for children of studying parents), through psychosocial counseling (at the Psychosoziale Beratungsstelle or PSB), social services (loans, grants, certifications) and cultural events (concerts, courses, exhibitions).

Popular: Living at the Studentenwerk Göttingen

Living in a dormitory means diversity: The ways of living are as different as the buildings. There are inexpensive single rooms at house communities, single and double apartments as well as group and family apartments.

Historic half-timbered houses in the city center, apartment blocks from the 60s and 70s, modern apartment complexes close to the campus - the Studentenwerk offers a choice between 41 dormitories with almost 4,700 inexpensive rooms, apartments and flats.

On the north campus, the new "Lutterterrasse" dormitory building with 264 individual apartments was built using a wooden modular construction; it has been in use since spring 2020.

Please be prepared to end up on one of the existing waiting lists when you apply for a dormitory room, especially if you want to live in a "single apartment". The demand for dormitory rooms is high - especially close to the start of the semester in March and August/September. We therefore recommend that you apply for a dormitory room as early as possible, and that you remain flexible with regard to the start of the rental period and the type of accommodation. This will improve your chances of getting a room at a dormitory. Our service offices and dormitory administrations are happy to be your contacts!

We consciously rely on the personal responsibility of our tenants: In many dormitories, student self-administrations are responsible for internal organizational matters, but also for leisure activities.

It is worth taking a look at the informations [on our website](#)

Eat well and healthily: Be a Guest at the Studentenwerk Mensas and Cafeterias

With our four Mensas (canteens) and eight cafés, students are well cared for everywhere. All those facilities are located in the city of Göttingen. Whether on or around the central campus, on the north campus or the Zienterrassen - all locations are easy to reach.

In all Mensas, students can eat healthy, varied and inexpensive food: thanks to the large selection of vegetarian and vegan dishes as well as dishes with fish or meat, vegetables, salads and hearty stews, there is something for everyone.

The "Campus is(s)t fit" ("Campus is/eats fit") line stands for fresh, seasonal and carefully prepared dishes. With "Campus to go" you can enjoy your favorite food on the go.

The cafeterias offer a large selection of cold and hot drinks, fruit, salads, cakes, pastries as well as fresh buns and bagels. These are the places to get refreshments and tasty snacks. Vegetarians and vegans will also find something to suit their taste. If you have an appetite for something warm, you can enjoy potato casseroles, pizza variations and pide.

All cafeterias offer FAIRTRADE coffee, consisting of 100% Arabica, and FAIRTRADE cocoa. Please think about the environment when enjoying coffee or tea: Use the white ceramic cups (deposit: 1 euro), which are very environmentally friendly due to the many rinsing cycles. Or even save 0.20 euros on every hot drink by using a private 0.2 liter cup or the red-and-gray reusable "Coffee-To-Gö" mug from the Studentenwerk! You can get this reusable cup with screw cap for 4.80 euros (cost price) in all cafeterias. It is a matter of personal responsibility that the use of disposable cups should be an exception.

author: Studentenwerk

Insider Tip:

The canteens and cafés operated by the Studentenwerk only accept payment via student ID. You can either top up this yourself at the top-up devices using your bank card, or you can use the autoload process, which automatically recharges your credit if the value falls below a minimum. In order to activate Autoload, you have to register once with the Studentenwerk. [More information here.](#)

By the way, there is a cafeteria app that shows you the menu.

Libraries

Most libraries are assigned to the State and University Library (SUB). In addition, some faculties have other book collections for their students. The respective faculties will inform you about this.

It is advisable to take part in a library tour offered by the SUB at the beginning of your studies. You can find information on their website. Their literature offer is supplemented by digital resources.

Last but not least, if there are no pandemic restrictions, the libraries are an excellent place to study and write term papers. An alternative is the **Learning and Study Building** (LSG), where you can rent a room on your own or in small groups. How this works is also explained to you on the [university website](#)

Insider Tip: Printers

There are printers set up for you in the various libraries at the university, and you can use them simply with your student ID. Some faculties already have printing credits on their ID cards. However, if you want to top up your credit, you can transfer money from your student ID to your print account in most libraries, the WiSo computer center and in Zentralen Hörsaalgebäude (ZHG).

There are then two options for printing:

We recommend the "Follow-me" function, which uses your ID card as a medium on which you temporarily store the files to be printed. Now you hold your card to the printer and you can select the desired print files. That's it. If you have further problems, please have a look at the [Stud.IT FAQ](#)

Now you should have an orientation about studying in Göttingen. We hope to have made your first steps at university a little easier with these contributions. On our website we offer you a lot more information about studying, learning and living in Göttingen!

If you have any questions, come to our infopoint on the central campus in October or send us an email. If you have any problems or questions about your studies, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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