

# WELCOME!

This guide is made for incoming teaching and staff  
training mobility



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# Willkommen!

- The University of Göttingen is delighted to welcome you to our traditional university as part of the Staff Teaching or Training Mobility Programme. With its 275-year history, the University of Göttingen offers an inspiring environment for international exchange. The university offers 212 study programmes in 13 faculties. A total of 45 Nobel laureates were academically linked to the University of Göttingen. Our campus and the city of Göttingen offer you not only an excellent working environment, but also a vibrant academic community and a wide range of cultural and social activities.
- This Welcome Guide is designed to help you quickly find your way around Göttingen and make your time with us as pleasant and productive as possible. We wish you a successful and enriching stay!

# Arrival

## Bike rental

- Since Göttingen is rather small, many distances can also be covered by foot. Another possibility to get around is to hire a bike. More information about bike hire can be found under the two following links:
  - <https://swapfiets.de/en-de/>
  - <http://www.marcobike.de/PARKHAUS-VERLEIH/>



## Bus

- Upon your arrival, you will find several options to help you get around. There are conventional means such as taxis, but also an extensive network of bus routes.
- You can either download the app “VSN” under this link:
  - <https://vsinfo.de/de/fahrplaner-app>
- or you can go to the website and search for the appropriate bus connection there:
  - <https://vsinfo.de/de/home>

### Good to know

- **Bus:** make sure you have money in cash (payment by card is not accepted) before boarding the bus

# University - campuses

## Campuses

- The university buildings are spread all over Göttingen. But most of them are located on the main campuses: the Central Campus and the North Campus and for the medical students at the University Medical Centre Göttingen.
- Map of the university:
  - <https://lageplan.uni-goettingen.de>

## International Office

- Find out more about the **International Office** by visiting the following link:
  - <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/502946.html>
- **Contact** for incoming teaching and staff training mobility:
  - [erasmus@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:erasmus@uni-goettingen.de)

## Good to know

The International Office is located near the main campus:

Von-Siebold-Straße 2  
37075 Göttingen

Telephone numbers of the Head Office of Göttingen International:

+49 551/39 21328 or

+49 551/39 21362

# Travel & Accommodation

- You can travel from Göttingen to various destinations by train. For example, cities such as Hanover, Goslar, Erfurt or Kassel can be reached directly from Göttingen by regional trains. Information on train routes and tickets for the German Trains (“Deutsche Bahn” in short DB) can be purchased on their website: <https://int.bahn.de/en>
- Surrounding villages can also be reached by bus so that you can explore Göttingen's surroundings, such as Plesseburg Fortress.
- More information on Göttingen and its surroundings can be found on the following website: <https://www.goettingen-tourismus.de/erleben/ausflug-region>
- Göttingen offers a wide range of comfortable hotels to suit all budgets. On the Tourism Office website you can find an exhaustive list of where you can stay: <https://www.goettingen-tourismus.de/uebernachten>

# Practical Information

- The currency used in Germany is **EURO** which is the common currency in Europe.
- In Germany, **traffic drives on the right**. When you cross a road, be sure to check left first.
- Electrical outlets are **F-type**. Verify that your plugs to charge electrical devices are suitable.
- In Germany Central European Time (**CET**) is used as standard time. However, in summer Central European Summer Time (**CEST**) is observed to save daylight.
- For information regarding entry conditions and visa information, please consult the following website: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service>

## In case of Emergencies

In the event of an emergency there are the following telephone numbers to receive assistance:

- Police: 110
- Fire department: 112
- Ambulance: 112

# Dictionary

- Hello – Guten Tag
- Thank you – Danke
- Please – Bitte
- Yes – Ja
- No – Nein
- Help – Hilfe
- The pharmacy – die Apotheke
- The bus stop – die Bushaltestelle
- The bakery – der Bäcker
- The street – die Straße
- The destination – das Ziel
- The start – der Start
- The journey planner – die Fahrplanauskunft

## *Numbers*

1. one – eins
2. two – zwei
3. three – drei
4. four – vier
5. five – fünf
6. six – sechs
7. seven – sieben
8. eight – acht
9. nine – neun
10. ten – zehn

# Dictionary

## *Useful Phrases*

- Excuse me... - Entschuldigen Sie bitte/Entschuldigung...
- I do not understand German. – Ich verstehe kein Deutsch.
- Can you speak English? – Kannst du Englisch sprechen?
- I need help. – Ich brauche Hilfe.
- Where can I find the pharmacy? – Wo finde ich die Apotheke?