

Go Abroad

Study trip & practical internship:
Possibilities - Organisation - Funding

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Where to find more information

<https://uni-goettingen.de/de/677597.html>

The screenshot shows the website header for the Faculty of Biology and Psychology at Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. The navigation bar includes links for 'FAKULTÄT', 'STUDIUM', 'PROMOTION', 'INSTITUTE & ZENTREN', 'INTERNATIONAL', and 'SERVICE'. The main content area is titled 'Outgoing - Explore the World from Göttingen' and contains a welcome message, a list of 'First information' links, and three columns of resources: 'Studies abroad', 'Internships abroad', and 'Useful information'.

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Outgoing - Explore the World from Göttingen

Welcome to our website, dedicated to the enriching world of international experiences! Immerse yourself in the thrill of exploring new cultures, embracing diversity, and stepping out of your comfort zone as you embark on an unforgettable journey.

Whether you choose Erasmus+, the Global Exchange Programme, or seek internships abroad, the benefits of these experiences are boundless. Picture yourself wandering through vibrant city streets, savoring exotic flavors, and forging lifelong connections with people from different corners of the world. Not only will you expand your academic horizons, but you'll also cultivate a profound sense of global awareness and intercultural competence.

First information

- > [Upcoming information events Nov-Dec 2025](#)
- > [Informative event "Go Abroad" November 2023 \(pdf\)](#)
- > [Informative event "Erasmus+ programme Biology" December 2024 \(pdf\)](#)
- > [Informative events by Göttingen International](#)

Studies abroad

- > [Erasmus+ Programme Biology](#)
- > [Erasmus+ Programme Psychology](#)
- > [Global Exchange Programme](#)

Internships abroad

- > [Self-organised placements](#)
- > [Organised placements](#)
- > [Funding and general information](#)

Useful information

- > [A-Z of Planning a Stay Abroad](#)
- > [Academic Recognition](#)
- > [Insurance](#)



GET OUT?!

Bringing international experience into your studies

Get to know
other countries
and customs

Study subjects not
offered in Göttingen

Fill transition
term (between
Bachelor/Master
or Master/PhD)

Recognition for
master application in
Göttingen (biology)

I simply want to
leave Göttingen.

For personal
growth and social
competence

Upgrade the CV!

Overview

1. General considerations
2. Study abroad
 - Erasmus/ Global Exchange Programme / self-organised
 - Funding/ Recognition
3. Internship abroad
 - With organisation/ self-organised
 - Funding/ Recognition
4. Prepare your stay abroad

Go abroad – general considerations

Preparation time: ca. 8 – 12 months

- Find a place to study/for internship (supervision)
- Find funding - deadlines for scholarships
- Language skills, visa, vaccinations, etc.
- Find housing

When: not before 3rd study semester

Duration: study -> min. 1 – max. 2 semester*

internship -> min. 6 weeks – max. 1 year

* two semester → academic year only (start in autumn term)

Go abroad – general considerations

Leave of absence at the University in Göttingen (Urlaubssemester)

Pro: semester does not count as study semester

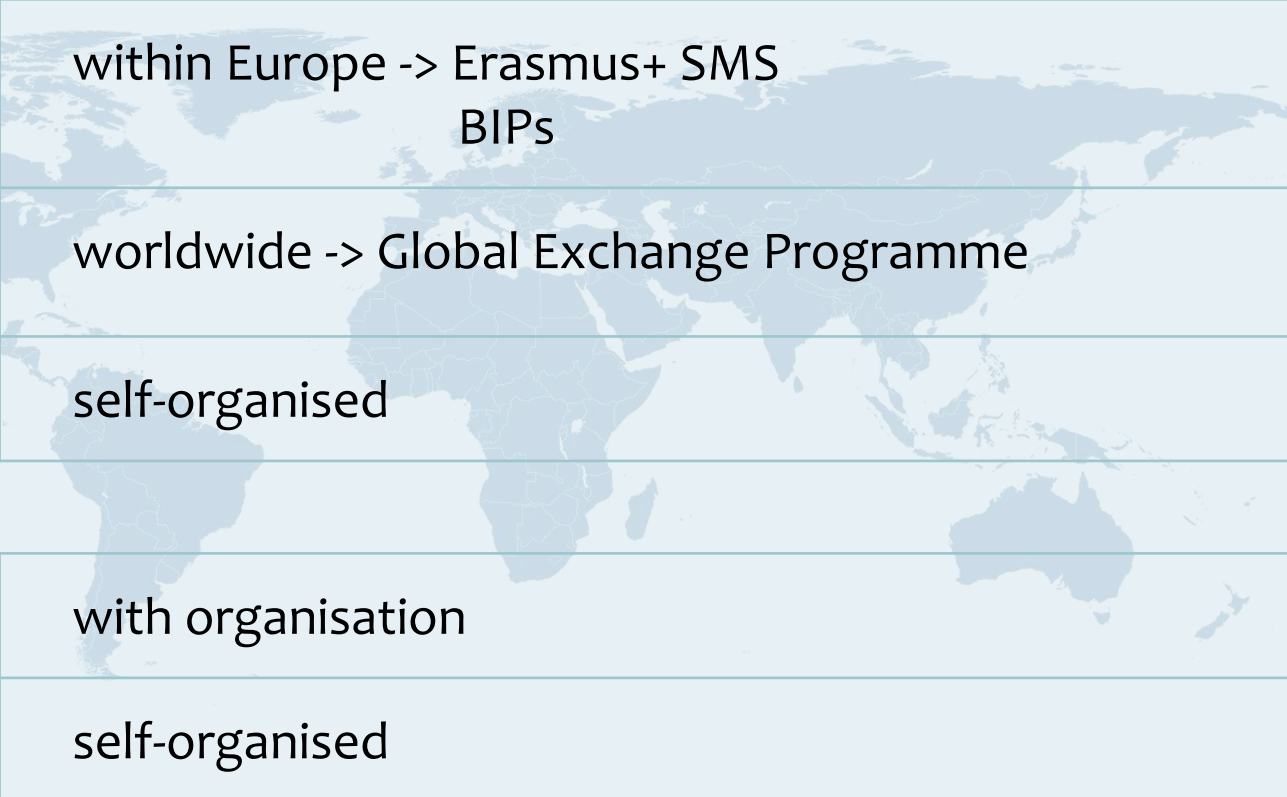
Contra: you cannot take new courses in Göttingen (e.g. block courses or language intensive courses in Feb/Mar or Aug/Sept)

- send application directly to Office of Student Affairs Göttingen
→ www.uni-goettingen.de/en/52008.html

Have in mind...

- plan your complete studies at home (-> programme coordinator)
- extension of your studies is possible
- enrolment at Göttingen University necessary
- mandatory courses?
- language requirements

Possibilities to go abroad



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	worldwide -> Global Exchange Programme
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Erasmus programme

- Each study field has its own contract (Bio und Psy separately)
- Duration of stay: 1 or 2 semesters
 - exemption of tuition fees
 - administrative support
- Inform yourself about:
 - Language requirements
 - Study possibilities (courses, prerequisites, bachelor/master level)
 - Semester dates (examination period in Göttingen)
- Application for funding included (not automatic!)
- Application deadline: **31.01.** (for WiSe 26/27 and/or SoSe 27)

Psychology - Erasmus+ SMS universities

Ankara
Bern
Budapest
Granada
Istanbul
Krakow
Lisbon
Madrid
Montpellier
Nantes
Navarra
Neuchatel
Padua
Poznan
Rome
Salamanca
Sevilla
Torun
Toulouse
Zurich



Information: Psychologie > Erasmus

<https://uni-goettingen.de/de/627581.html>



Studium Psychologie

PSYCHOBLOG STUDIENBÜRO PRÜFUNGSAMT BACHELOR MASTER MASTER KLIPPT PROMOTION WSPP ERASMUS+/ENLIGHT

ANERKENNUNGEN/EINSTUFUNGEN A-Z-LISTE/WEGWEISER DEZENTRALES QUALITÄTSMANAGEMENT INTERN

 > [ERASMUS+/ENLIGHT](#) > [OUTGOINGS](#)

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Informationen für Studierende, die einen Erasmus+-Aufenthalt im Ausland in Erwägung ziehen

Studierende können mit Erasmus+ nach Abschluss des ersten Studienjahres an einer europäischen Hochschule in einem anderen Teilnehmerland studieren, um dort ihre sozialen und kulturellen Kompetenzen zu erweitern und ihre Berufsaussichten zu verbessern. Sie lernen dabei das akademische System einer ausländischen Hochschule ebenso kennen wie deren Lehr- und Lernmethoden.

Sprechzeiten werden nach Terminvergabe ([=> StudIP](#)) angeboten.

[Ausschreibungen Erasmus+](#)

[Beurlaubung](#)

[Bewerbung / MoveON-Portal](#)

[Erasmus-Codes](#)

[Erfahrungsberichte \(2017/18\)](#)

[Göttingen International \(GI\)](#)

Biology - Erasmus+ SMS universities

- | | |
|-------------|-----------|
| Aarhus | Oulu |
| Åbo (Turku) | Porto |
| As | Poznan |
| Barcelona | Prague |
| Bern | Rennes |
| Camerino | Rome |
| Bilbao | Rotterdam |
| Budweis | Rouen |
| Ghent | Salamanca |
| Grenoble | Tallinn |
| Groningen | Tartu |
| Helsinki | Turku |
| Kalmar | Umeå |
| Krakow | Valencia |
| La Réunion | Vienna |
| León | Warsaw |
| Leuven | Wroclaw |
| Leiden | Zurich |
| Lund | |
| Madrid | |
| Murcia | |



Information: Biologie → International

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/677598.html


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Erasmus+ Biology

Through the EU programme Erasmus+, students have the opportunity to pursue their studies at partner universities across Europe. Bilateral agreements between the Faculty of Biology and Psychology and partner faculties ensure subject-specific courses aligned with students' interests. An extensive list of our partner universities in the field of Biology can be found under "Partner universities Biology". Whether for a semester or a year, Erasmus+ offers flexible durations.

Erasmus+ encompasses a range of additional benefits to support students throughout their exchange journey. Assistance is provided to guide students through the necessary formalities of the application and enrollment process. Furthermore, students enrolled in the programme can enjoy the advantage of not having to pay tuition fees at the partner university and financial support is available to assist students in covering travel expenses. Moreover, earned credits are recognized by the home university, integrating the experience into the academic curriculum.



- > [Partner universities Biology and field reports](#)
- > [Application at Göttingen University](#)
- > [Application at Partner University](#)
- > [At the Partner University and after you stay](#)

Contact

Faculty of Biology and Psychology Wilhelm-Weber-Str. 2 37073 Göttingen	Departmental Coordinator Biology <i>For subject-specific questions</i> Anke Schürer (she/her) erasbio@biologie.uni-goettingen.de Advisorv Service	Göttingen International <i>For general questions</i> Erasmus+ Team erasmus@uni-goettingen.de Information about Erasmus+ and Contact
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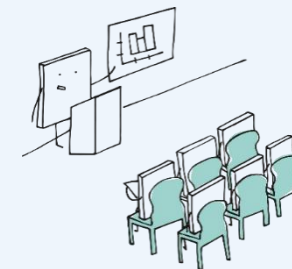
Information meetings – Erasmus+

Psychology

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(Brinkmann)

Biology

11.12.25 16:15 ZHG002
(Blackwell)



Informational meetings – Göttingen International

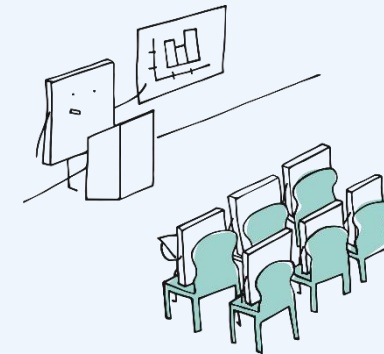
<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/137352.html>

Erasmus+ KA 131 & SEMP

Dec 10th

Erasmus+ KA 131 & SEMP Open Office hours

Jan 8th, 12th, 22nd, 29th



Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs)

- Short intensive programmes
 - Not everyone who wants to try out studying abroad can spend a whole semester abroad!
- Combines in-person and virtual learning:
 - Typically ~ one week full-time study on location, supplemented by a series of online sessions either before or afterwards (typically leads to between 3 to 8 ECTS)
 - Funding available
 - Courses announced via GI / Bio/Psychoblog as they are advertised
 - For more details see: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/692090.html>

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Global Exchange Programme – current partner universities



Canada
Argentina
South Africa
Chile

Colombia
Israel
India

China
Taiwan
South Korea

Australia
Mongolia
Japan

USA
Mexico
Costa Rica

Global Exchange Programme (G.E.P.)

- Study at a partner university of Göttingen University
 - Duration of stay: 1 or 2 semester(s)
 - Exemption of tuition fees at the partner university
- Inform yourself about:
 - Language requirements
 - Study possibilities (courses, prerequisites, bachelor/master level)
 - Semester dates (examination period in Göttingen)
 - Recognition
- **NO** funding included (see GI pages for potential funding opportunities)
- Consultation with G.E.P. team recommended to get information about university specifics in general

Global Exchange Programme - Application

- Deadlines:
 - 01.12.** for the following winter term / full year
 - 01.06.** for the following summer term
- Webpage “Göttingen International”:
www.uni-goettingen.de/en/186506.html
- Webpage Faculty:
www.uni-goettingen.de/de/677644.html

Particular for USA & Canada

- Application in **winter semester only** (regardless period of stay abroad)
- USA: connected with Teaching Assistant/Management of the German House (German as foreign language)
- Excellent study results required
- Financing: [Fulbright Grant](#) possible

Counselling – prior to application

Team at „Göttingen International“

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/602167.html

- General information on partner universities

Team at Office of Studies Biology & Psychology

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/84567.html>

- study plan & recognition possibilities

Good to know: G.E.P. evaluation criteria

- Grade (35%)
- Motivation (35%)
 - university (modules/courses), country, match with previous studies and future goals
- language knowledge & others (20%)
 - language of instruction and of the country
 - further preparation(s) e.g. INDIGU
- Further commitment (10%)
 - any kind of voluntary engagement → **PROOF NECESSARY**

University-wide place assignment -> end of January

G.E.P. - Timeline

Study abroad in the following winter semester or full academic year			
1 Dec.	mid Dec.	mid Jan.	begin Feb.
application	faculty ranking	selection (university-wide)	acceptance
1 June	late June	mid July	begin August
Study abroad in the following summer semester			

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	<p>self-organised</p>

Study abroad – “free mover”

Why:

- University/faculty has no contract with Uni Göttingen
- University offers courses, which are important for your professional career
- You wish to experience a specific foreign country/university

How:

- Get into contact with the respective university -> apply directly

Consider:

- Tuition fees at host university may apply
- Preparation time 9 - 12 months (funding, housing, travel, etc.)

Australia & New Zealand – Studies

<https://gostralia-gozealand.de/>

... support for organisation of a self-organised study visit in
Australia/New Zealand



Study options - Overview

	Erasmus SMS	GEP	self- organised
Study	Partner faculty/ department of biology / psychology	Partner universities	any option
Application deadline	31.01. (WiSe and SoSe)	1.12. (WiSe) 1.06. (SoSe)	individual
Funding	maybe (depends on money available)	not included	no
Prerequisite	consider language requirements	consider language requirements	?
Tuition fee	no	no	yes / ?

Study abroad - financing options

- **„Auslands-BAföG“** (only study, only during standard period of study)
 - www.auslandsbafoeg.de
- **PROMOS**
 - suitable for G.E.P. and self-organised internship
 - see criteria on PROMOS slides
- **DAAD Scholarship** (for studies only)
 - Different deadlines depending on country
 - Find scholarship [online](#)
- **NAMASTE+**
 - Scholarship for partner institutions in India (G.E.P.)
- **Erasmus SMS scholarship** (linked to Erasmus study place)



Recognition (Biology) – study abroad

Bachelor

Recognition as

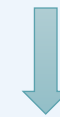
- Compulsory module: 😞
- Key competence module: 😊
- Selective compulsory module: ?/😊



Master

Recognition as

- *Coremodule*: 😞
- Key competence module (not graded): 😊
- Profile module (not graded): ?/😊



Contact the coordinator of your
study programme
prior to your stay abroad

Recognition (Psychology) – study abroad

Bachelor

Master

Contact Dr. Nuria Brinkmann
prior to stay abroad

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Placement abroad: with an organisation

- Supervised and organised placement (housing, social events...)
- Funding partly included
- You apply for a pre-existing place
- Several options [listed at website of GI](#)



www.iaeste.uni-goettingen.de/en/iaeste

- for natural scientists, placement usually during summer,
- application from Sept – Jan 15th
- being abroad: next summer (2 - 3 month)



www.aiesec.de/

- projects in sustainable development

Placement abroad: with an organisation

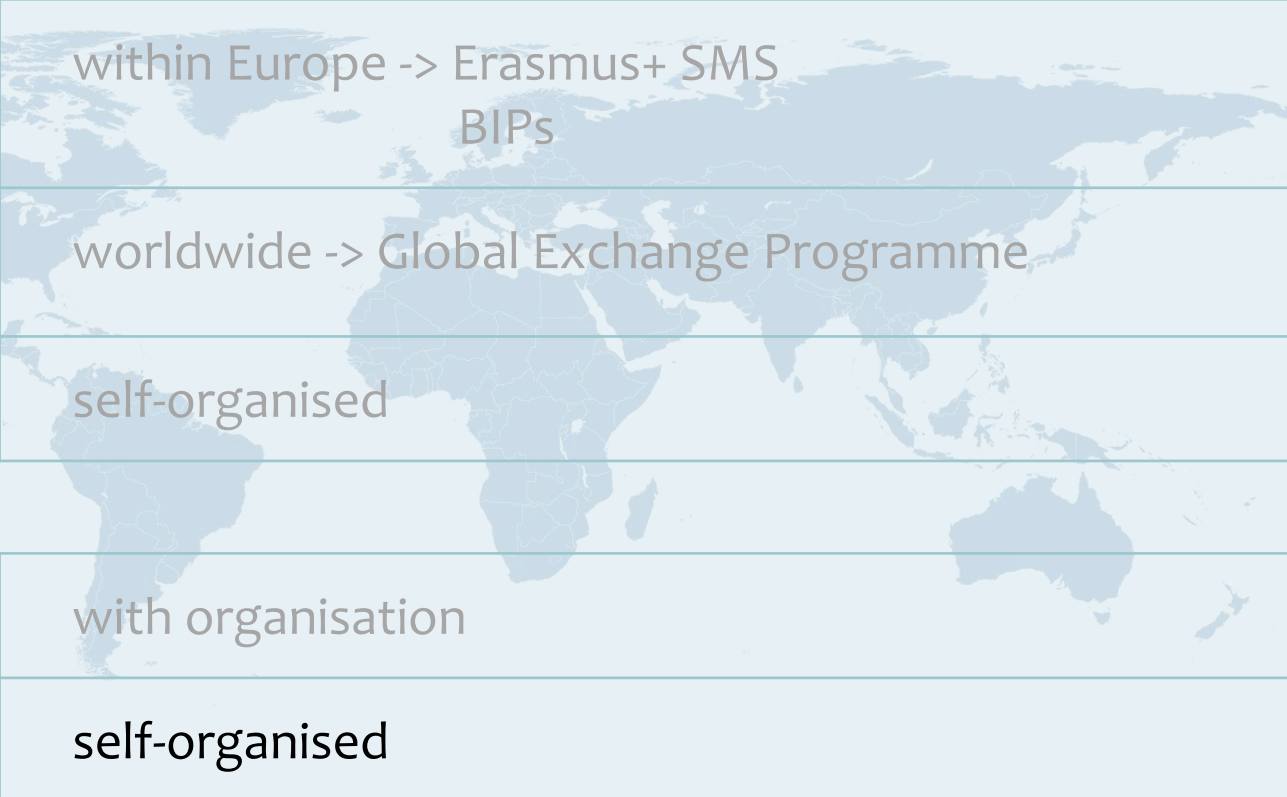


- research internships in science and engineering
- students at bachelor level only
- www.daad.de/rise/en/rise-worldwide/
- respect application deadlines

Carlo-Schmid-Programme

- www.daad.de/csp
- work in international administrations/organisations

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Procedure: Placement “on my own”

Where do I want to go?

- country
- city
- field of interest
- institution (which academic institution or company)

How do I begin?

- research on the internet
- ask lecturers/supervisors for contacts
- read field reports

Getting in contact

- via e-mail
- address research group leader/person of interest
- short cover letter (purpose of your request, time window, motivation for exactly this institution/lab)
- duration: minimum 8 weeks (the longer the more attractive for the group)
- attachment: CV (studies, practical skills -> sell your knowledge)
 - > always approach several groups (about 50 % will not answer)
 - > after 14 days without answer re-send your request

Internship – financing options

- **Working E+xperience (KA131)**
- **PROMOS**



Working E+xpérience

- Self-organised internships **in Europe**
- Duration: 2 – 12 months
- Confirmation of internship required
- Recognition in study programme necessary
- Application deadlines:
 - latest **3 months prior** to the planned stay abroad

Information: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/647465.html>

Contact : Patricia Missler („Göttingen International“)
Simon Blackwell (signature on the LA/contract)

PROMOS

- Internships & and studies (e.g. G.E.P.) **outside Europe**
- Duration: 6 weeks – max. 6 months
- Confirmation of placement required with application
- Application deadlines:
 - 31 March (for stay past July 1st the same year)
 - 30 September (for stay past January 1st the following year)
- Funding rate: approx. 20 %

Information: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/164293.html

PROMOS – Evaluation criteria

- Grade (30 %)
- Letter of motivation (30 %)
- Internationalisation strategy of the faculty (40 %)

[https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/document/download/1726cb138ce602c9558d93a58a6d5f11-en.pdf/Bewertungskriterien%20Internationalisierungsstrategie%20der%20Fakul%C3%A4ten%20\(Stand%2002%202025\).pdf](https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/document/download/1726cb138ce602c9558d93a58a6d5f11-en.pdf/Bewertungskriterien%20Internationalisierungsstrategie%20der%20Fakul%C3%A4ten%20(Stand%2002%202025).pdf)

- Thesis, self-organised -> Bio
- Research project, self-organised (recognition possible)
- Study abroad, self-organised (recognition possible)
- Study abroad with partner institution (e.g. G.E.P.) -> Psy
- Research project, self-organised (no recognition possible)
- Summer/Winter school
- Short time stay (e.g. for learning a specific method)
- Language course

Further funding possibilities

Bildungskredit

➤ www.bildungskredit.de

Parent-independent and non-income-related

Have a job and save money

- Student assistant job at Uni Göttingen
- www.stellenwerk-goettingen.de/en/startseite-gottingen
- Unsolicited application to research institutes (e.g. MPI)
- Work/job during time between terms

Ask family ...

Further funding possibilities

Scholarship → databases

- www.daad.de/ausland/studieren/stipendium/de/70-stipendien-finden-und-bewerben
- www.scholarshipportal.com

Foundations

- for your studies in general (grant for stay abroad often included)
- Prerequisites: Outstanding study performance
Social engagement (depends on the foundation)
- www.stiftungsindex.de -> keyword *Natural sciences*
- www.bmbf.de/de/die-begabtenfoerderungswerke-884.html

Example: Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes

- www.uni-goettingen.de/en/54057.html
- Self-nomination possible

Recognition (Bio + Psy) – Internship abroad

- Recognition as module for curriculum **not recommended**

- Your effort not visible on a one page transcript
- Get in touch with coordinator of your study programme

-> ask for a ***letter of recommendation*** from hosting institution

(this strengthens your CV most)

What else..

- study place / place for internship
- Funding
- (Sub)let your apartment <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/618501.html>
- Housing (ask hosting institution for help and/or funding)
- Travel planning
- Insurances (health, accident, third party insurance)
- Vaccinations
- Visa
- Language & “Country codes”

Preparation – Language & Culture

Language of instruction (& country)

- common languages: ZESS www.uni-goettingen.de/en/423445.html
- rare languages: Seminars of the faculty of Philosophy
- Adult education centre (VHS) www.vhs-goettingen.de
- use institutions throughout Germany

- **InDiGU** www.uni-goettingen.de/en/108275.html
 - Support of students from abroad (Study Buddy programme, subject specific (writing) partnerships, language tandem learning, ...)
 - Get a certificate: “Internationales” (ECTS)

Foyer International www.uni-goettingen.de/en/2554.html

- Garden Workshop, Theatre Workshop, Game nights, ...

Further Questions?

General Questions: Simon Blackwell

E-Mail: erasbio@biologie.uni-goettingen.de

Advisory service: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/84567.html>

Erasmus Biology: Simon Blackwell

see above

Erasmus Psychology: Nuria Brinkmann

E-Mail: erasmus@psych.uni-goettingen.de

Advisory Service: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/104814.html>



RAUS HIER?!
Auslandserfahrung ins Studium bringen

Good luck organising
your time abroad!