

# Erasmus+ Study Exchange - *Biology* -

Study year 2025/26

Possibilities – Procedure – Organisation

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# GET OUT ?!

Get to know  
other countries  
and customs!

Study subjects not  
offered in Göttingen.

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

Recognition at  
master's application in  
Göttingen (Biology).

I want to study  
abroad!

For personal  
growth and social  
competence.

Upgrade the CV!



# Wide range at others universities...



# Where can I find information?

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

--> Outgoings

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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**

- > [Informative event "Go Abroad" November 2023 \(pdf\)](#)
- > [Informative event "Erasmus+ programme Biology" December 2022 \(pdf\)](#)

Next information meeting: Dec 13th 2023 (for details see EXA)

- > [Informative events by Göttingen International](#)

**Studies abroad**

- > [Erasmus+ Programme Biology](#)
- > [Erasmus+ Programme Psychology](#)
- > [Global Exchange Programme](#)
- > [liveSciences Exchange Possibilities](#)
- > [Funding for your studies abroad](#)

**Internships abroad**

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

**Useful information**

- > [A-Z of Planning a Stay Abroad](#)
- > [Academic Recognition](#)
- > [Insurance](#)
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- > [Sublet your Room](#)
- > [Funding for your studies at home](#)

**Contact**

Faculty of Biology and Psychology      Departmental Coordinator Biology      Göttingen International



# Erasmus+ mobility: how often

## Erasmus+ SMS (Study) & Erasmus+ SMP (Internship)

-> applies per study cycle (Bachelor and Master)

- maximum funding of 12 months per study cycle  
12 months in Bachelor + 12 months in Master
- 12 months per cycle can be divided
  - 5 months Erasmus+ SMS & 3 months Erasmus+ SMP
  - 10 months Erasmus+ SMS & 2 months Erasmus+ SMP
  - 5 months Erasmus+ SMS university A & 5 months Erasmus+ SMS university B

# Erasmus+: general information

- Universities in Europe -> subject-specific (biology only)
- 1 or 2 semesters (depending on contract) → start at WiSe
- Lecture, seminars, laboratory practical's (depending on host university)
- Language requirements
- Organisational (and financial support)
  - no tuition fees at host university
  - Erasmus+ scholarship (possibly not for all applicants)
- Accommodation - partly through partner university
- Leave of absence (“Urlaubssemester”)
- Recognition of academic achievements possible

# Erasmus+ mobility: when

earliest in 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of your studies in Göttingen

recommended:

## **Bachelor**

5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> semester  
( $< 8^{\text{th}}$  semester)

## **Master**

3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> semester  
( $< 6^{\text{th}}$  semester)

→ depends on your individual study plan

# Erasmus+ partner institutions of Biology

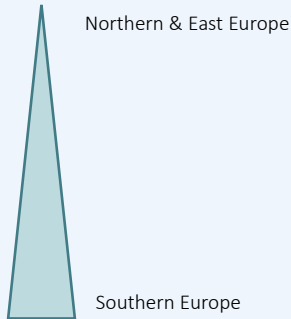
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| Åbo        | Madrid    |
| Ås         | Murcia    |
| Barcelona  | Oulu      |
| Bern       | Porto     |
| Bilbao     | Poznan    |
| Budweis    | Prag      |
| Camerino   | Rennes    |
| Dublin     | Rom       |
| Gent       | Rotterdam |
| Grenoble   | Rouen     |
| Groningen  | Salamanca |
| Helsinki   | Tallinn   |
| Kalmar     | Turku     |
| Krakow     | Umeå      |
| La Réunion | Valencia  |
| León       | Warschau  |
| Leuven     | Wien      |
| Leiden     | Wroclaw   |
|            | Zürich    |





# Erasmus+ partner Biology – courses in English

Basic knowledge of the  
local language required



Good knowledge of the  
local language required

Check course  
catalogue yourself!



# Application procedure - Biology

Students

Check Erasmus+ universities,  
term, language, courses  
consult programme  
coordinator if necessary

December

January

February

March

April

May

Biology International

# Conditions for application

- Study year **25/26**
  - > autumn term 25/26 and/or spring term 26
- Application deadline: 31.1.
- Enrolled at the University of Göttingen
  - application term and mobility term
- Application term and mobility term -> **same** study programme
  - e.g. students in their 1./2. semester apply for the 3./4. semester
  - no application from Bachelor to Master studies
- 2F-BA/MoEdu & BSc Biochemistry: at least **50 % biological courses** must be taken
  - otherwise apply via other faculty
- **language requirements** must be fulfilled

# Planning - Language requirements

## Inform yourself about partner university's language of instruction

-> min. 50 % of the courses must be taken in the designated language

- Language of instruction **English**

-> min. level **B1** at application

- Language of instruction **Spanish** or **French**

-> min. level **B1** at application

- all other languages of instruction

-> min. level **A2** at application

**proof necessary at  
deadline: 31.1.  
(31.7. spring term)**

# Planning – Language learning

## Knowledge of the language of instruction

- ZESS ([www.zess.uni-goettingen.de](http://www.zess.uni-goettingen.de))
- rare languages: seminars of the Faculty of Humanities
- community college ([www.vhs-goettingen.de](http://www.vhs-goettingen.de))
- Language tandem (<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/2554.html>)
- online courses (everywhere)
- read books & watch films in this language

# Planning - Term dates

**Term date host university  $\neq$  Term dates Uni Gö**

- check semester dates *first*
- Problem: examination period may overlap with study start


Good to know: examination abroad possible

- at the same day and time
- approval of lecturer necessary
- need of supervisor during exam
- for further information/help contact us



# Planning - study plan

- Courses at partner university
  - Content & Credits /work load
  - Structure (block course or whole semester)
  - form of examination & examination period
  - website of the [partner universities](#)
  - field reports
- Study programme at home
  - mandatory courses?
  - winter or summer term ?
  - overlap with examination period in Göttingen ?
  - sufficient time to finish thesis ?



make semester plans ***in advance***

Discuss your study plan with your study coordinator!

- Is an extension of your study time tolerable?
- Can you finance your Erasmus study abroad?

# Planning - Recognition

Is it necessary / important for me?

Which courses / course combinations?

## Bachelor

Recognition as:

- Compulsory modules: 😞
- Key competence: 😊
- Optional compulsory module: ?/😊



## Master

Recognition as

- Core module: 😞
- Key competence (without grading): 😊
- Profile module (without grading): ?/😊



contact your programme coordinator  
**before** your stay abroad

[Office of Studies](#)

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Apply -  
Biology  
Göttingen  
**until 31.1.**

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May

Biology International

# Application

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/647426.html>

- read the **Call** (“Ausschreibungstext”)
- inform about required information (fill in) and documents (upload)
  - time of mobility: start & end date of term (incl. introduction days / examination period)
  - motivation in English
- have all information & documents ready
- **MoveOn Portal**
  - choose from *Erasmus+ Key Action131 25/26* or *SEMP 25/26* (Switzerland)
  - choose Biology Universities only (not Psychology)
  - choose **five** universities
- **Deadline: 31.1.**
  - only complete applications will be considered
  - first comes first serves does not apply

# G.E.P. or ERASMUS

- G.E.P. versus Erasmus? → inform us
- Got a G.E.P.- study place offer
  - draw back Erasmus application
  - make a place free for another applicant

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Selection  
process

Biology International



# Selection criteria

- Personal Motivation (20 %)
  - Language proficiency of local & instruction language
  - extra-curricular activities (e.g. social engagement, honorary post, part-time job to finance your study) or special interests/skills
- Professional Motivation (30 %)
  - Why these universities?
- Financing plan (10 %)
  - cost of travel and living in the destination country
  - your efforts to finance the Erasmus stay abroad (financing plan, sources (Auslands-BAföG), part-time job(s) -> **no proof of fortune!**)
- Academic performance (overall grade + study progress) (30 %)
  - Transcript of records (FlexNow excerpt **with percentile rank!**)
- Fewer Opportunities (10 %)
  - Income 500 – 800 €, care responsibility, non-academic family, disability -> GI

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Apply -  
Biology  
Göttingen  
**until 31.1.**

**until 28.2.**  
commitment

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May

Selection  
committ  
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Info about  
place /  
scholarship

Biology International

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## Our place offer

Place offer  
via e-mail

**(probably) 19.02.25**

*Internet access urgently  
required mid Feb - mid March!*

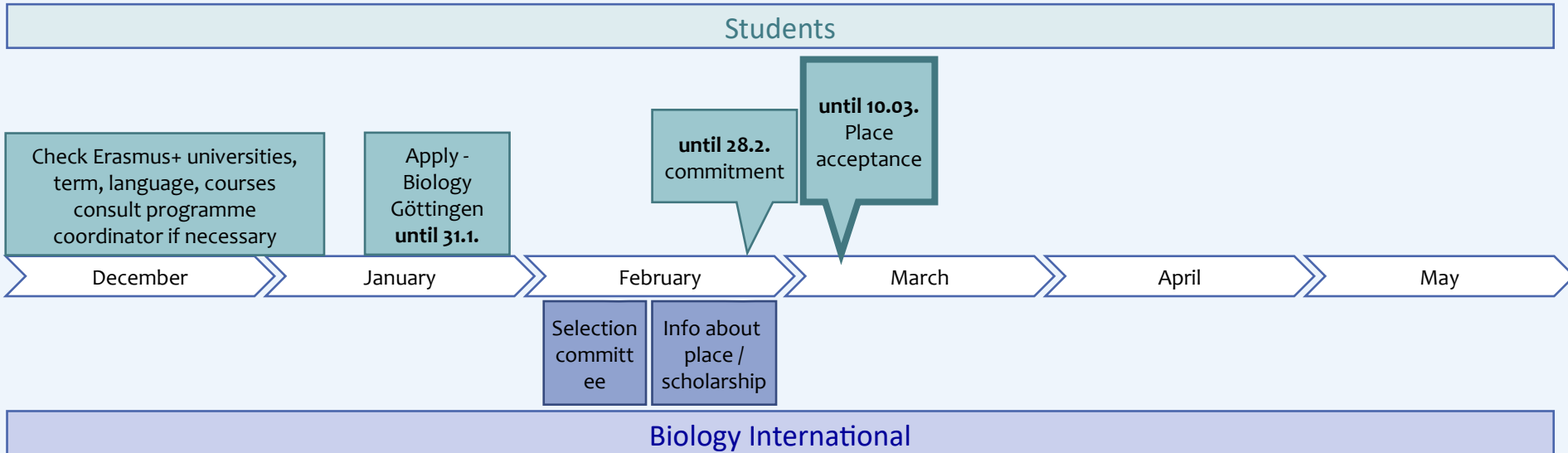
# Your place commitment

Inform us  
via e-mail

**28.02.25**

*Internet access urgently  
required mid Feb - mid March!*

# Application procedure - Biology





# Erasmus+ place – Your acceptance

until  
**10.03.25**  
(via MoveOn)


*Internet access urgently  
required mid Feb - mid March!*

→ Information will provided by us via e-mail

- no reaction: out
- inform us, if you face problems

# Where can I find information?

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



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## Erasmus+ Biology - Application in Göttingen

Inform **Apply** Await ranking Confirm Accept

**Inform yourself until December 31st**

Explore the Erasmus+ exchange opportunities at our partner universities in Biology for the upcoming academic year (winter and/or summer term) and discover the range of courses available. It is essential to consult the timetable for mandatory courses at Göttingen and consider scheduling a meeting with your student advisor at the Office of Studies. Additionally, please ensure that you meet the language requirements and possess the necessary certificates before submitting your application.

The university-wide [call for applications](#) contains vital information regarding the application procedure, allocation of places, language requirements, and required certificates. Take advantage of this valuable resource to ensure a successful and well-prepared application.

**Contact**

**Faculty of Biology and Psychology**  
Wilhelm-Weber-Str. 2  
37073 Göttingen

**Departmental Coordinator Biology**  
*For subject-specific questions*  
Anke Schürer (she/her)

**Göttingen International**  
*For general questions*  
Erasmus+ Team

## Erasmus+ place - Funding

**Place offer**  
for a particular university

**≠**

**Scholarship**

**→ have your own financing plan!**

# Funding: Erasmus scholarship

## Who gets a scholarship

- depending on funding allocation by DAAD
- best applicants receive a scholarship
- if more money is available: *all* nominated or *lottery* will receive a scholarship
- Information about scholarship **not before** mid June

# Funding: Erasmus+ scholarship

## Funding

- one semester abroad: min. 3 – max. 5 months
- two semesters abroad: min. 3 – max. 8 months



## Scholarship

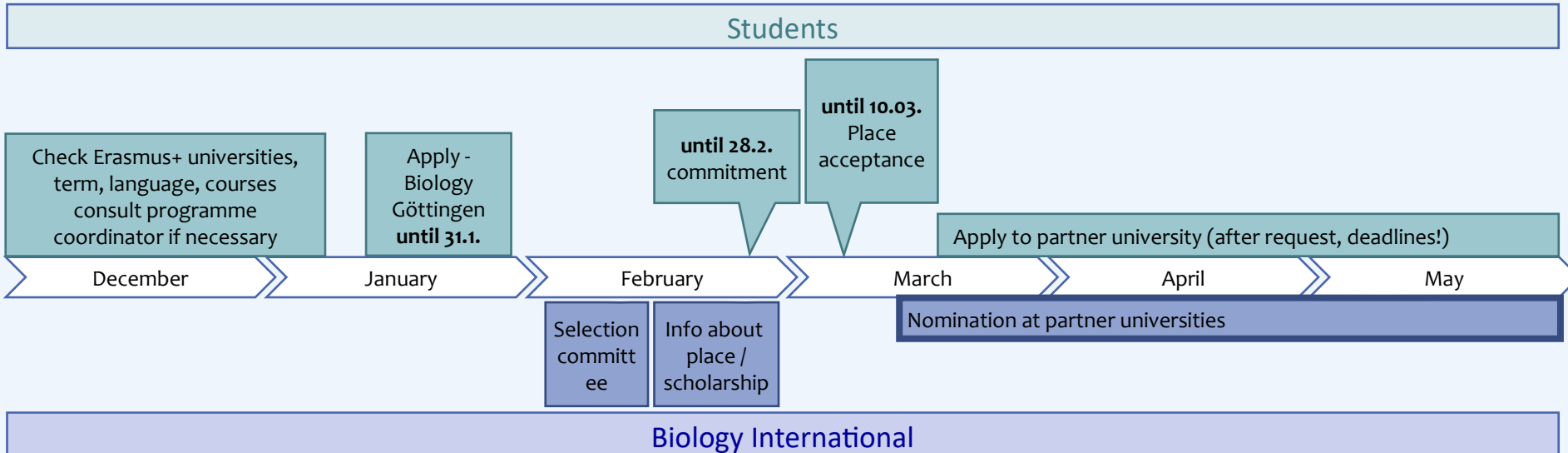
- three different country groups
- top up's (social and green mobility)

Information:  
[GI website](#)

## Payment

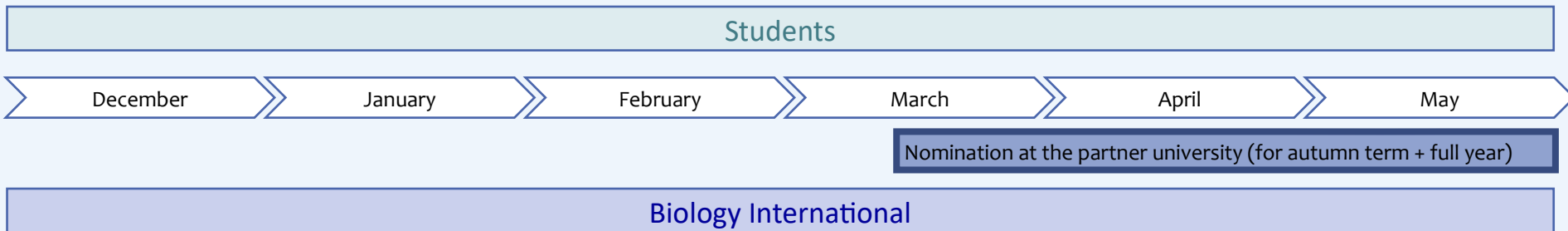
- > in two rates (depends on administrative requirements)
- 80 % during the stay abroad
- 20 % at the end
- paperwork/formalities completed in time -> **informational event** by GI (June & Nov)
- at least 10 credits successfully completed at the partner university

# Nomination & Application for autumn term





# Outgoing student: autumn term



## 1. Nomination at partner university

- by International Office Biology
- depends on deadline of partner university
  - for autumn term / full year (March – June)
  - for spring term (September)

➤ You will get informed by us via e-mail

# Outgoing student: autumn term

Students

Apply to partner university

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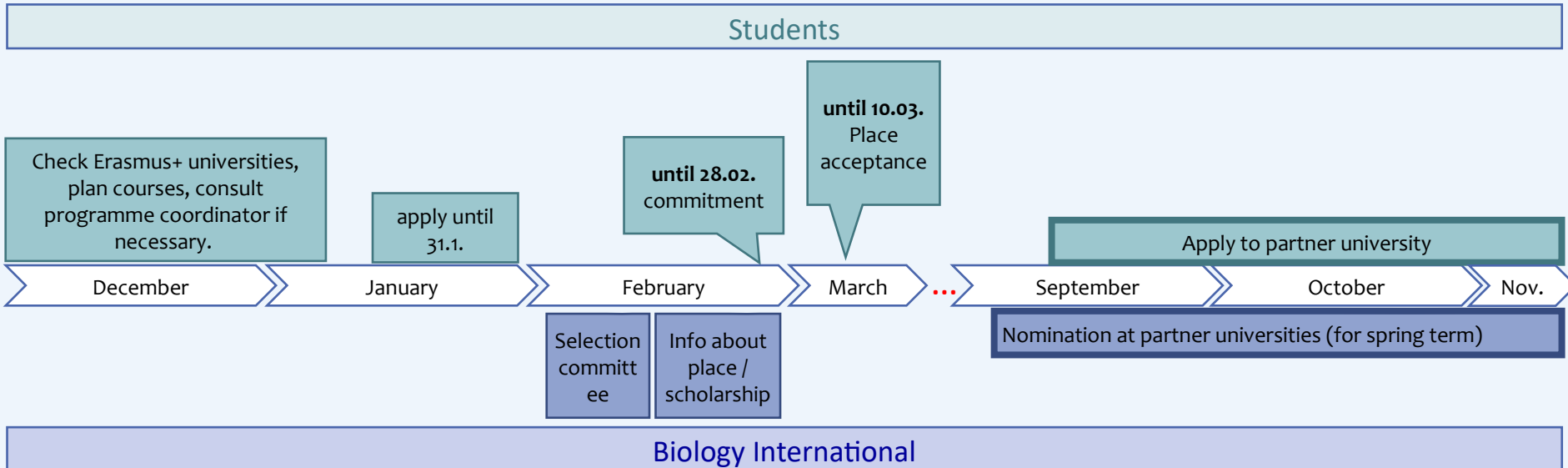
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## 2. Application to partner university

- by you (the Erasmus outgoing student)
- Inform yourself about application procedure and required documents
- depends on deadline of partner university
  - for autumn term (March – June)
  - for spring term (September - Oct)

*In case of cancellation by the host university: Inform us immediately!*

# Nomination & Application for spring term

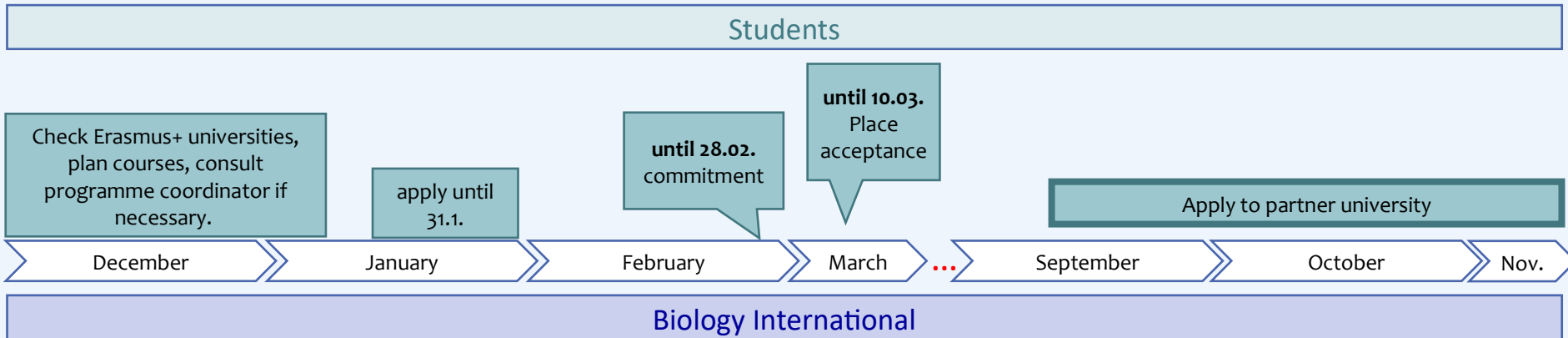


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- by International Office Biology – Anke Schürer
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# Application: Choice of courses

- Learning Agreement (LA)
- only courses of the partner faculty
  - Bachelor: as far as possible courses of the Bachelor programme
  - Master: as far as possible courses of the Master programme
  - respect prerequisites of the course(s)
- Credits (guideline: approx. 30 C per term)
- Credit requirement: 10 C successfully
- only as “Online Learning Agreement“ (OLA) → Dashboard

# Online Learning Agreement



## “Dashboard”

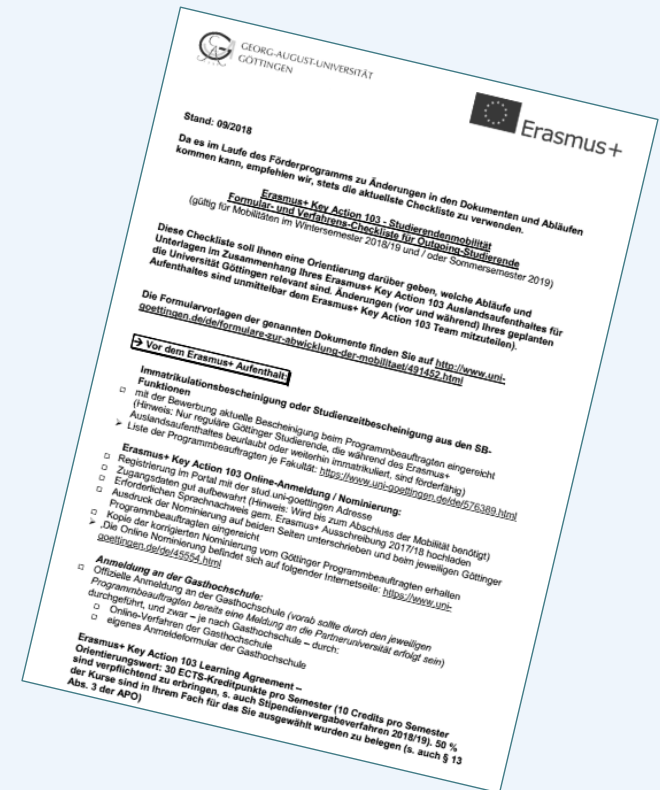
- e-mail from us with detailed information
- enter contact details of **host\* and partner** university
- needs 3 signatures
  - 1 - student
  - 2 - home university (Anke Schürer)
  - 3 - partner university
- save and upload as PDF (-> MoveON)
- until the *mandatory* information event of Göttingen International

\* Anke Schürer

# “Paperwork“

- before the stay
- after arrival/during stay abroad
- after the stay

## Checklist from Göttingen International



# Changes

- **Mobility window**

- Start date can be changed in **MoveOn** by yourself

- **Changes of course plan**

- latest until **4 weeks** after start of the courses
- use O-LA part “**During the Mobility**“ (add & del of courses)  
→ Courses from OLA, “During the mobility” and ToR must be identical finally



# Good to know: role of Göttingen International

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/647426.html>

## Göttingen International (GI)

- provides the „Call“ and gives general instructions for procedure
- check of Language certificates
- provides guidelines/checklists/forms (cancellation)
- manages Erasmus+ scholarships (Sandra Schreiber)
- Information event for Outgoings (mandatory!)
  - stay abroad in autumn term -> June
  - stay abroad in spring term -> November
  - *Grant Agreement* (contract must be signed)
  - *Learning Agreement* ready with all signatures

# Cancellation of your study abroad


## Cancellation by you after the **definite acceptance**

- you must give reasons
- use online form (GI webpage)
- lower priority for future applications for studies abroad
  - applies to Erasmus+, but also Global Exchange Program !

First plan – then apply!!

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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

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As soon as the formalities are completed...

# Preparation - Study plan at home

## Term before mobility:

- plan your exams
  - start your specialisation / thesis on time!
  - leave of absence: yes / no?
    - *contra*: no examination authorization for examinations & no new modules can be taken in this semester
    - *pro*: semester does not count as subject semester & reduced semester fee
- Application at the University (Office of Student Affairs)
- [www.uni-goettingen.de/de/52008.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/52008.html)

# Preparation - What else ...

- Travel planning
- Auslands-BAföG: independent of national BAFöG!
- Room rental (temporary)
  - e.g. via [Welcome Center der Uni Göttingen](#)
  - e.g. renting to an Erasmus+ incoming
  - you chose the subtenant!
  - ask the landlord beforehand!



# Roadmap

## 1. Inform yourself about the partner universities

- Websites of the Faculty
- Göttingen International (interactive world map)



## 2. Check the language requirements

- B1 (English, French, Spanish) for language of instruction is mandatory
- take language courses / obtain certificates

## 3. Prepare/clarify study plan

## 4. Application via MoveOn portal

**31.01.** for the following academic year

# Questions – Information by GI

## ***Information session***

12.12.24 (15:30 – 16:00)

GI, Von-Siebold-Straße 2, Raum „Foyer“

registration via StudIP

## **Open consultation times – advisory service**

19.12.24 (13:30 – 15:00)

07.01.25 (9:30 – 12:00)

21.01.25 (9:30 – 12:00)

GI, Von-Siebold-Straße 2, Raum 0.113

waiting time possible



# Contact - Biology

Anke Schürer

*Departmental Coordinator*

## Advisory service

Personal (make appointment via StudIP) – **currently not available!**

Online (waiting time possible) ?

**E-mail (concrete questions)**



Have fun organising  
your semester abroad!