

Erasmus+ Study Exchange - *Biology* -

Study year 2026/27

Possibilities – Procedure – Organisation

Presented by Simon Blackwell
(with slides from Anke Schürer)

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 other universities...



Where can I find information?

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

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Fakultät für Biologie und Psychologie

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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
- > Leave of Absence
- > Sublet your Room
- > Funding for your studies at home

Contact

Faculty of Biology and Psychology Departmental Coordinator Biology Göttingen International

General (Göttingen International):

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

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Göttingen International

GO ABROAD COME TO GÖTTINGEN VIRTUAL EXCHANGE

MOBILITY AND PROJECT SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL PROFILE TEAM

ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME (2021-2027) > ERASMUS + KA 131 > OUTGOING ST

Student Mobility Outgoing - Erasmus+ (KA 131) (2021-2027)

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Erasmus+: general information

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

Erasmus+ mobility: when

earliest in 3rd semester of your studies in Göttingen

recommended:

Bachelor

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

Master

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

→ depends on your individual study plan

Erasmus+ mobility: how often

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

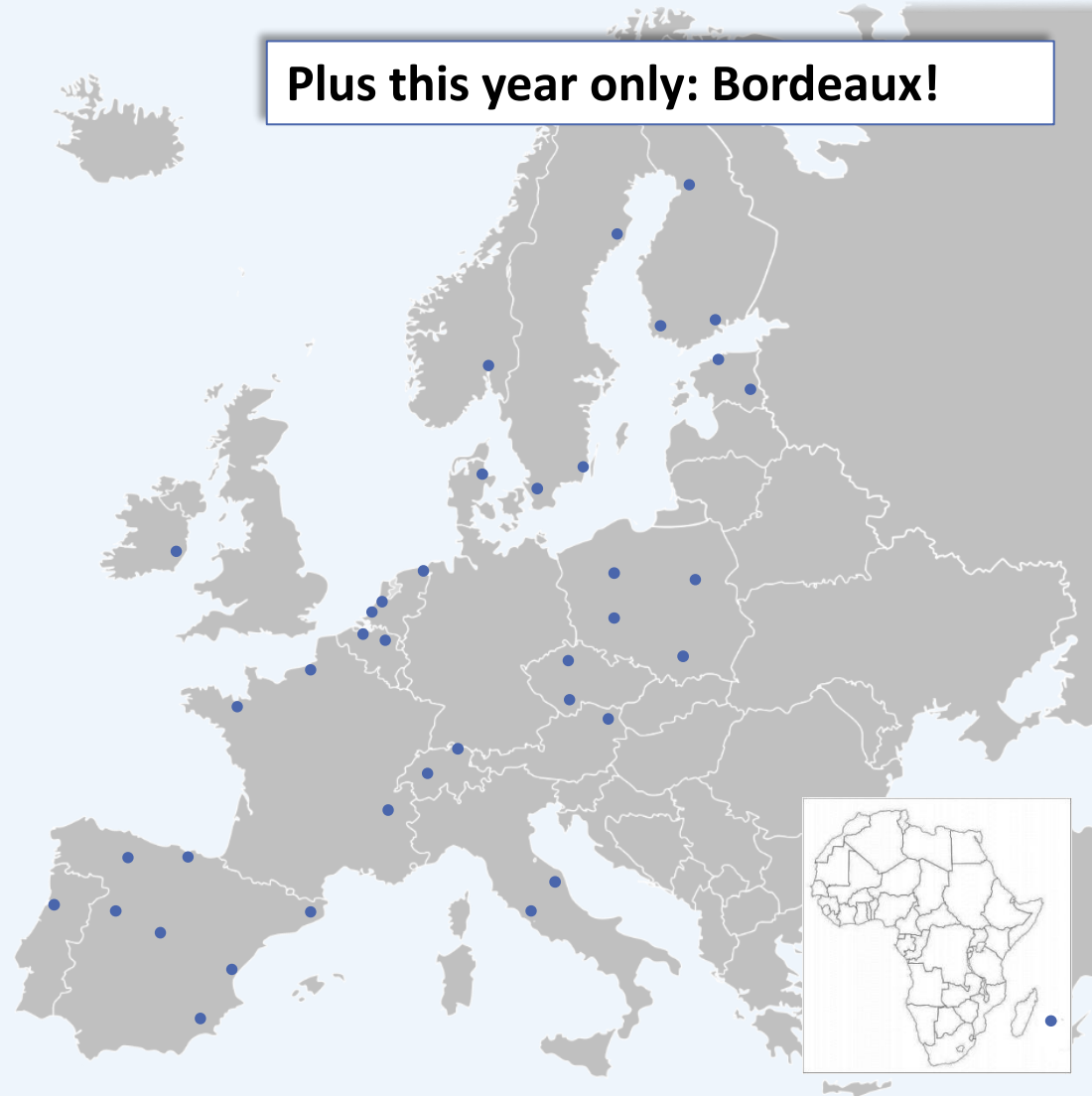
-> applies per study cycle (Bachelor and Master)

- 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

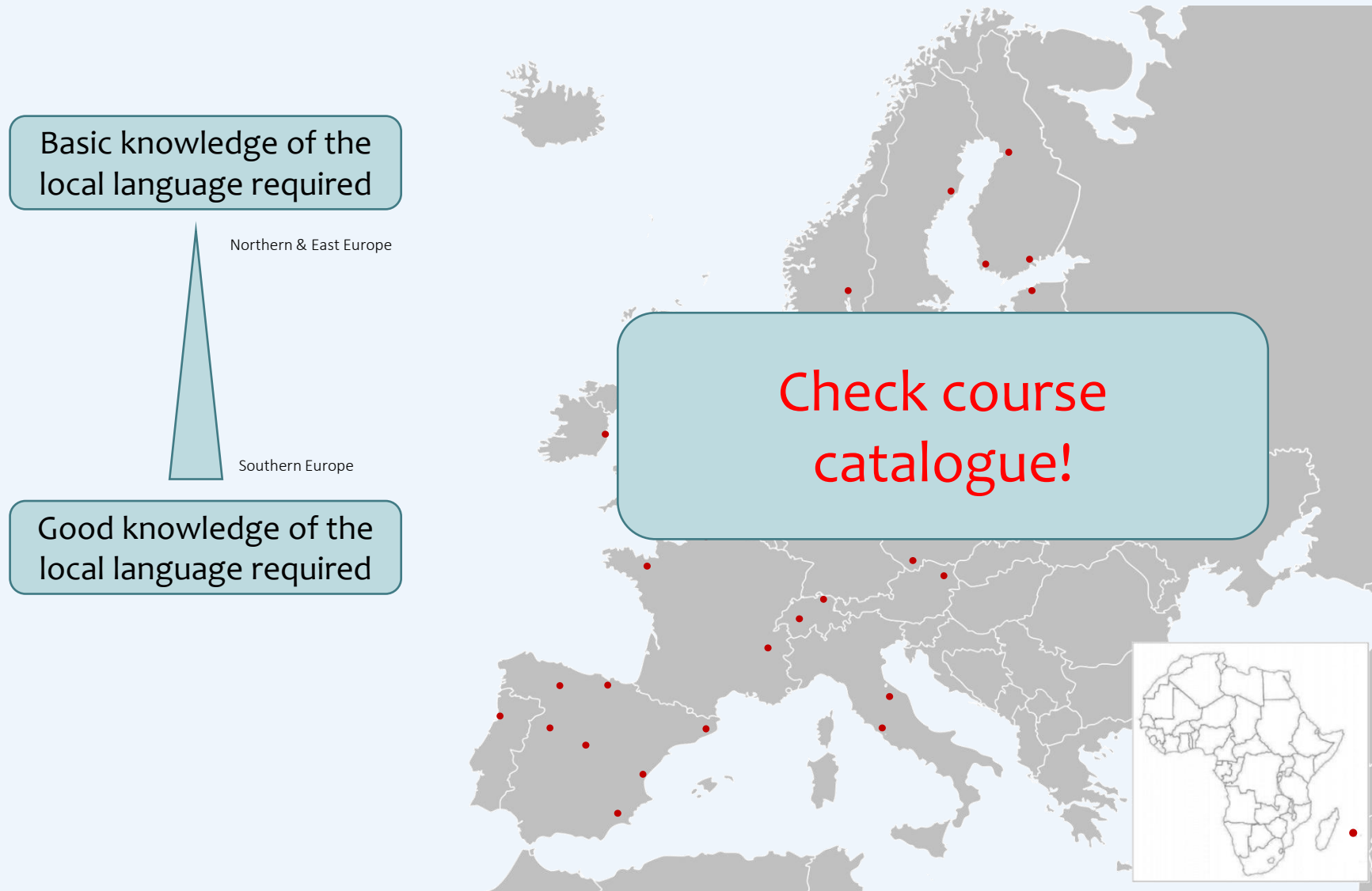
Biology - Erasmus+ SMS universities

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|-------------|-----------|
| Aarhus | Oulu |
| Åbo (Turku) | Porto |
| As | Poznan |
| Barcelona | Prague |
| Bern | Rennes |
| Camerino | Rome |
| Dublin | Rotterdam |
| Bilbao | Rouen |
| Budweis | Salamanca |
| Ghent | Tallinn |
| Grenoble | Tartu |
| Groningen | Turku |
| Helsinki | Umeå |
| Kalmar | Valencia |
| Krakow | Vienna |
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| León | Wroclaw |
| Leuven | Zurich |
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| Lund | |
| Madrid | |
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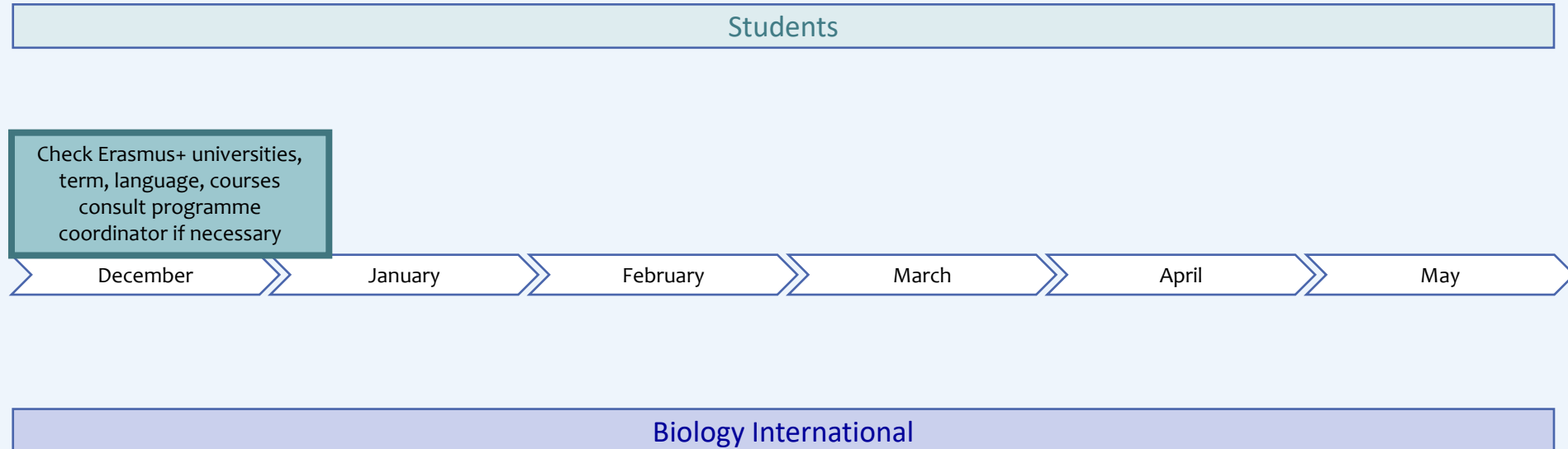
Plus this year only: Bordeaux!



Erasmus+ partner Biology – courses in English?



Application procedure - Biology



Conditions for application

- Study year **26/27**
 - > autumn term 26/27 and/or spring term 27
- Application deadline: 31.1.26
- 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, French, Italian, Portugese**

-> 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)

- See the “call” for this year for detailed information: <https://uni-goettingen.de/en/643873.html>

Planning – Language learning

Knowledge of the language of instruction

- ZESS (www.zess.uni-goettingen.de)
- rare languages: seminars of the Faculty of Humanities
- community college (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 ?
- Is an extension of your study time tolerable?
- Can you finance your Erasmus study abroad?



make semester plans *in advance*

Discuss your study plan with your study coordinator!

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

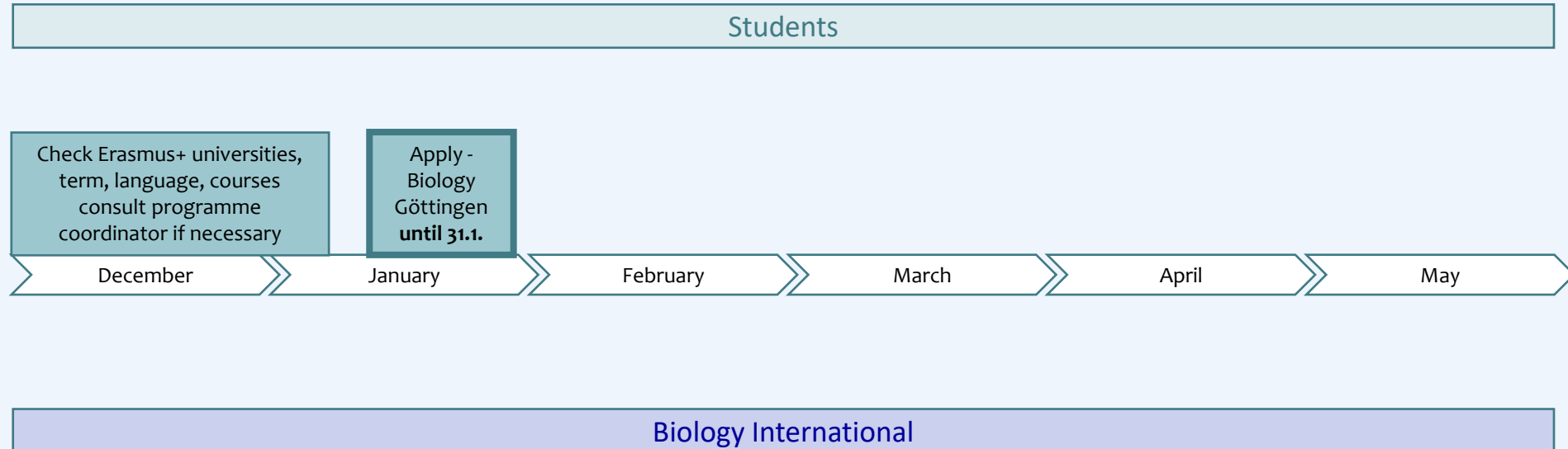
- Core module: 😞
- Key competence (without grading): 😊
- Profile module (without grading): ?/😊



contact your programme coordinator
before your stay abroad

[Office of Studies](#)

Application procedure - Biology



Application

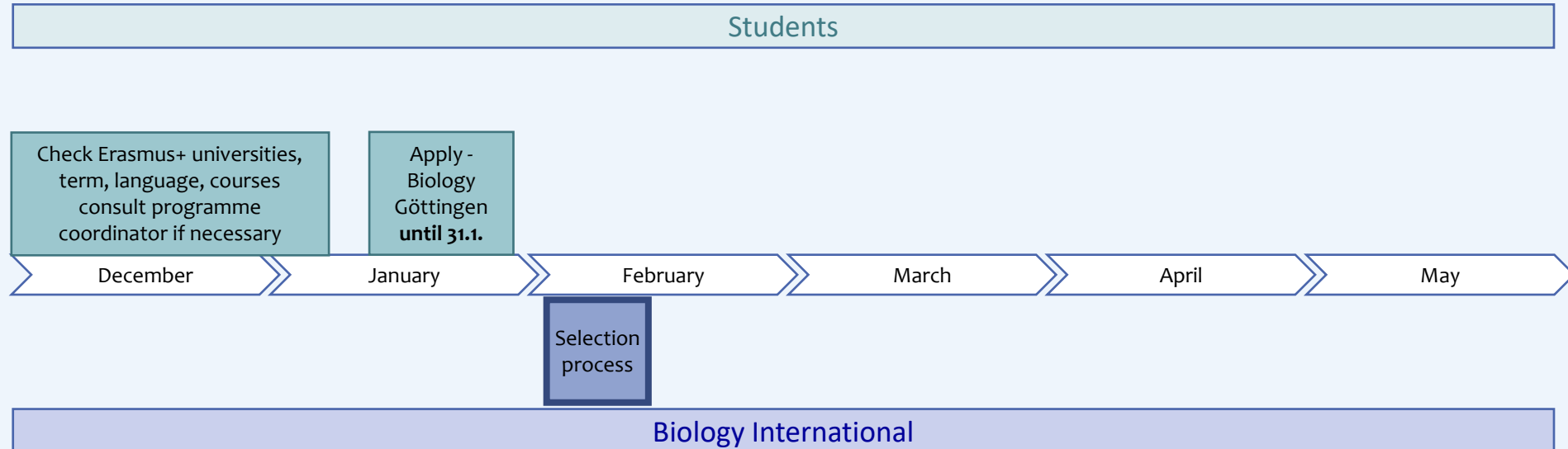
<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/647426.html>

- read the **Call** (“Ausschreibungstext”)
- inform yourself 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 26/27* or *SEMP 26/27* (Switzerland)
 - Choose **five** universities, Biology Universities only (not Psychology)
- **Deadline: 31.1.**
 - only complete applications will be considered
 - How long before the deadline you submit does not matter (as long as it is before the deadline!)

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

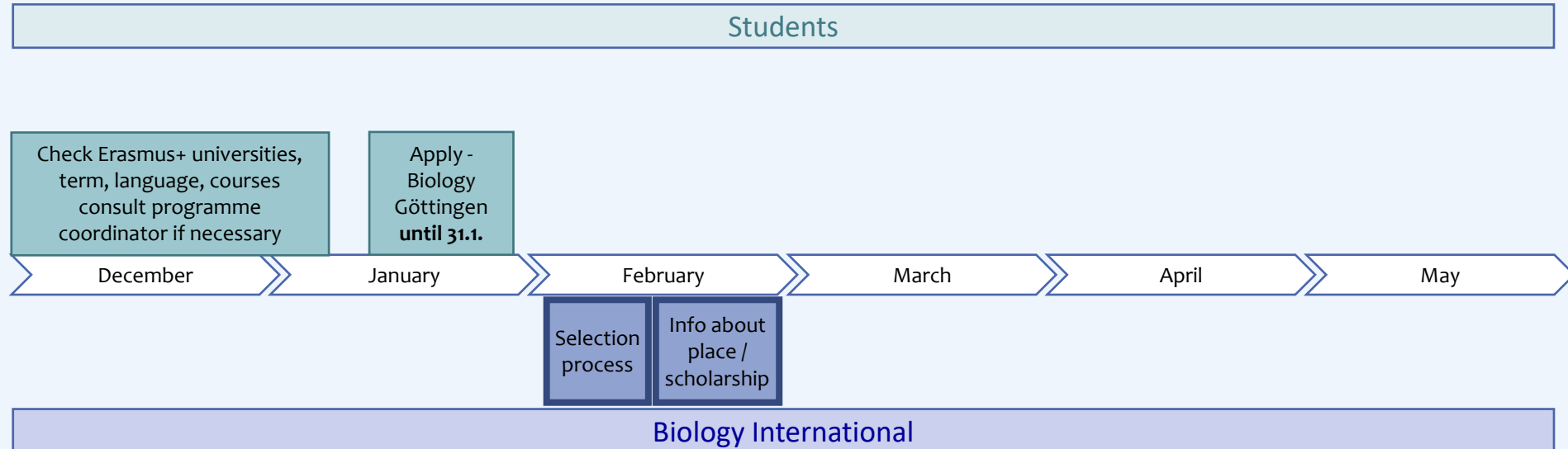
Application procedure - Biology



Selection criteria

- Personal Motivation (25 %)
 - 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 required!**)
- Academic performance (overall grade + study progress) (30 %)
 - Transcript of records (FlexNow excerpt **with percentile rank!**)
- Fewer Opportunities (5 %)
 - Low income, care responsibility, non-academic family, disability -> GI

Application procedure - Biology

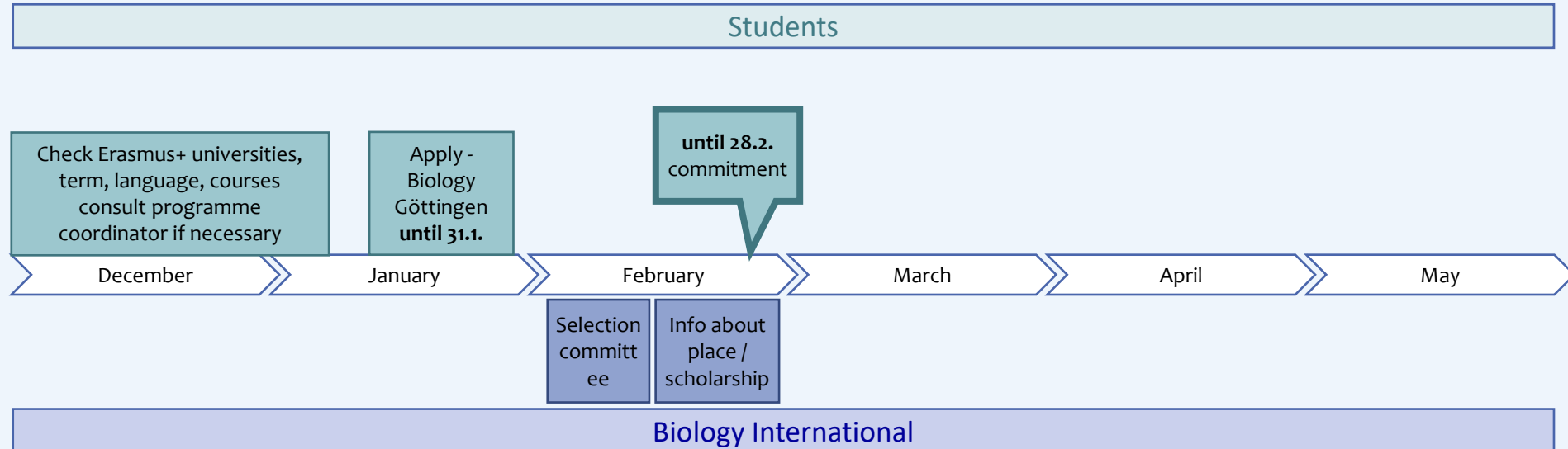


Our place offer

Place offer
via e-mail

(probably) 20.02.25

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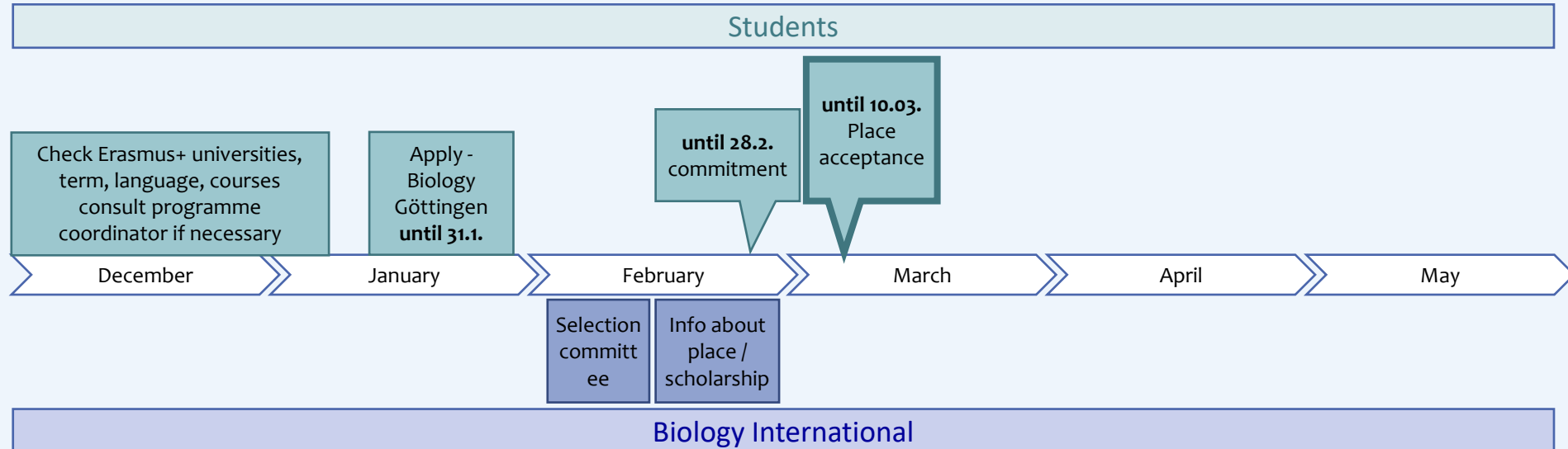


Your place commitment

Inform us
via e-mail

28.02.25

Application procedure - Biology



Erasmus+ place – Your acceptance

until

10.03.25

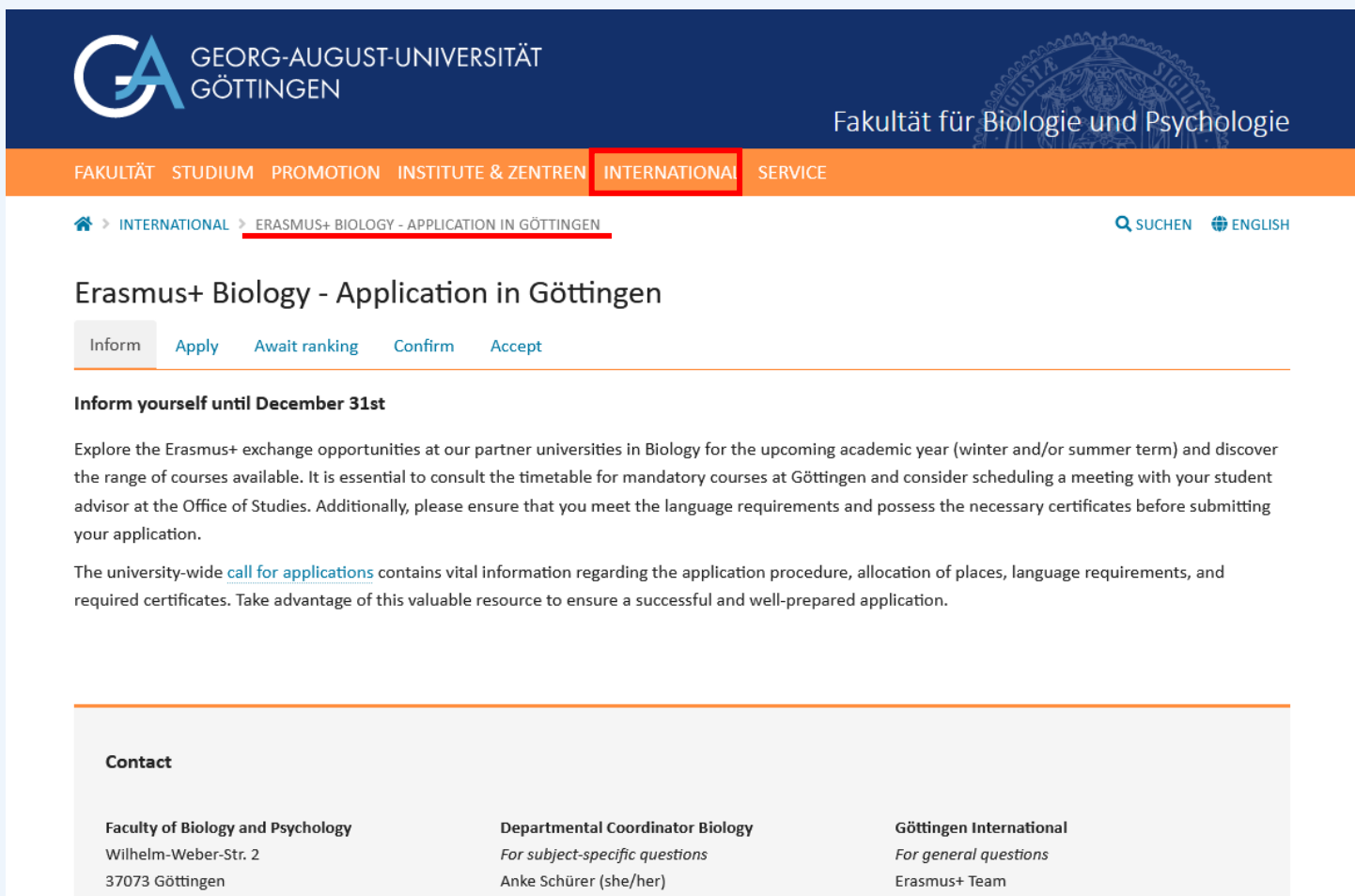
(via MoveOn)

→ 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



The screenshot shows the website of the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Faculty of Biology and Psychology. The page is titled "Erasmus+ Biology - Application in Göttingen". The navigation bar includes links for FAKULTÄT, STUDIUM, PROMOTION, INSTITUTE & ZENTREN, INTERNATIONAL (highlighted), and SERVICE. The breadcrumb trail shows: Home > INTERNATIONAL > ERASMUS+ BIOLOGY - APPLICATION IN GÖTTINGEN. The page has a search bar and a language selector (SUCHEN, ENGLISH). The main content area has tabs for Inform, Apply, Await ranking, Confirm, and Accept. The "Inform" tab is selected. The text under the "Inform" tab states: "Inform yourself until December 31st". It explains that users can explore Erasmus+ exchange opportunities at partner universities in Biology for the upcoming academic year (winter and/or summer term) and discover the range of courses available. It emphasizes the importance of consulting the timetable for mandatory courses at Göttingen and considering scheduling a meeting with a student advisor at the Office of Studies. Additionally, it advises ensuring that users meet the language requirements and possess the necessary certificates before submitting their application. It also mentions a university-wide "call for applications" containing vital information regarding the application procedure, allocation of places, language requirements, and required certificates. A contact section at the bottom provides information for the Faculty of Biology and Psychology, the Departmental Coordinator Biology, and Göttingen International.

Erasmus+ Biology - Application in Göttingen

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Contact

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|---|--|---|
| Faculty of Biology and Psychology Wilhelm-Weber-Str. 2 37073 Göttingen | Departmental Coordinator Biology <i>For subject-specific questions</i> Anke Schürer (she/her) | Göttingen International <i>For general questions</i> 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 ups (social and green mobility)

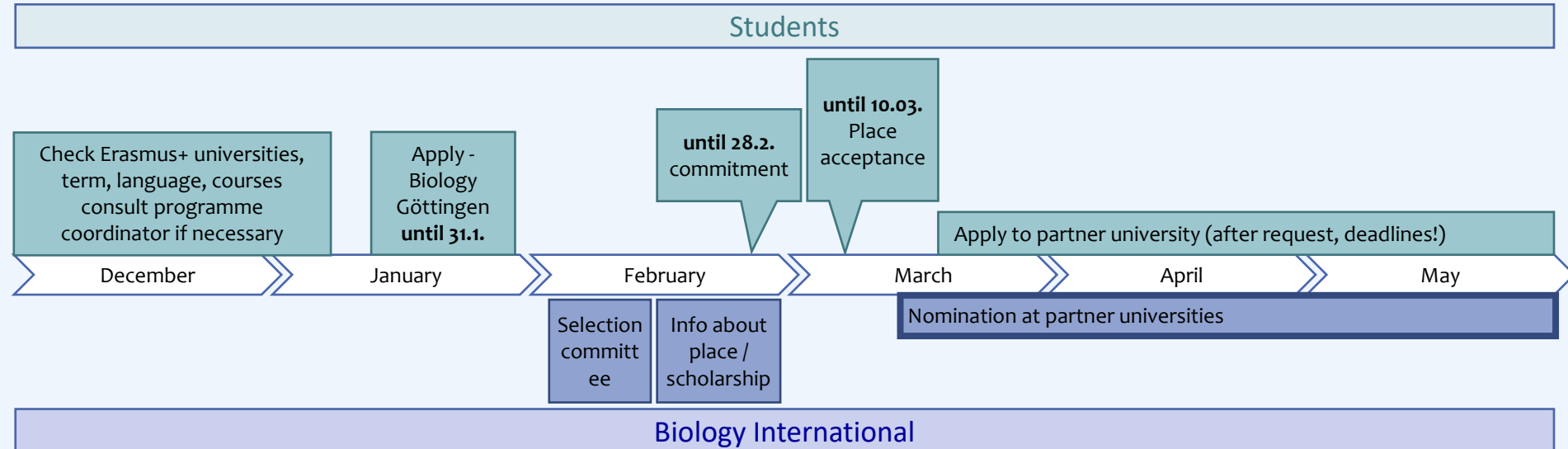
Information:
[GI website](#)

Payment

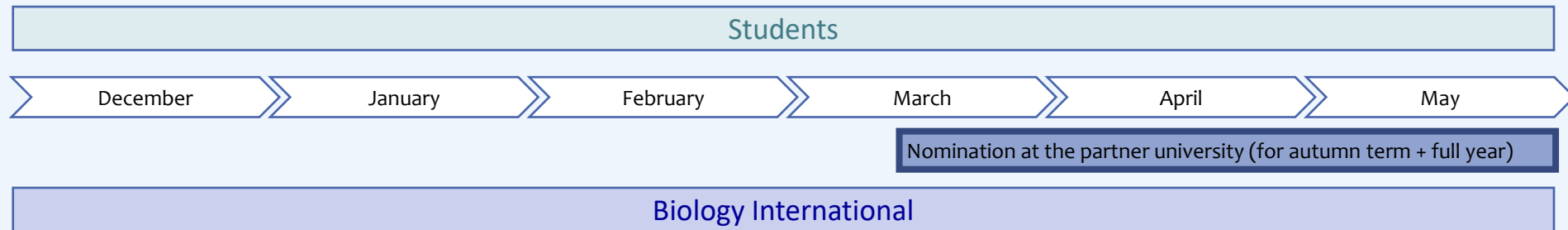
- > in two installments (depends on administrative requirements)
- 75 % during the stay abroad
- 25% at the end
- paperwork/formalities completed in time -> **informational event** by GI (June & Nov)
- at least 10 credits successfully completed at the partner university



Nomination & Application for autumn term



Outgoing student: autumn term

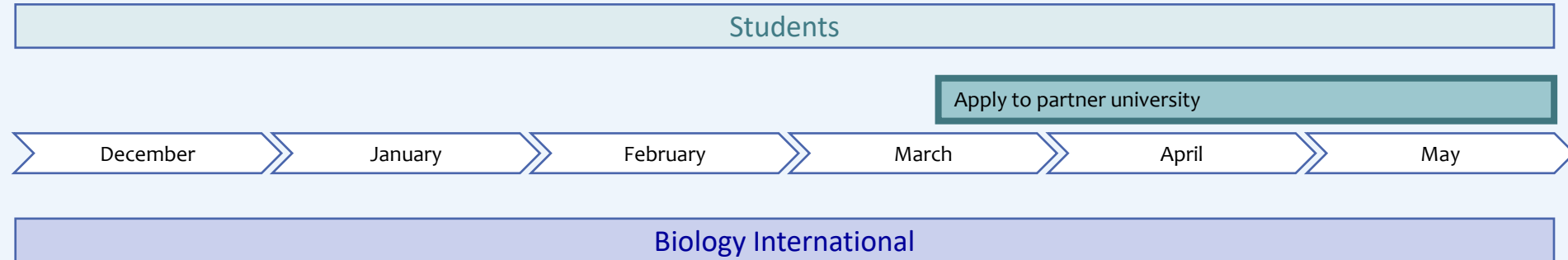


1. Nomination at partner university

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

➤ You will be informed by us via e-mail

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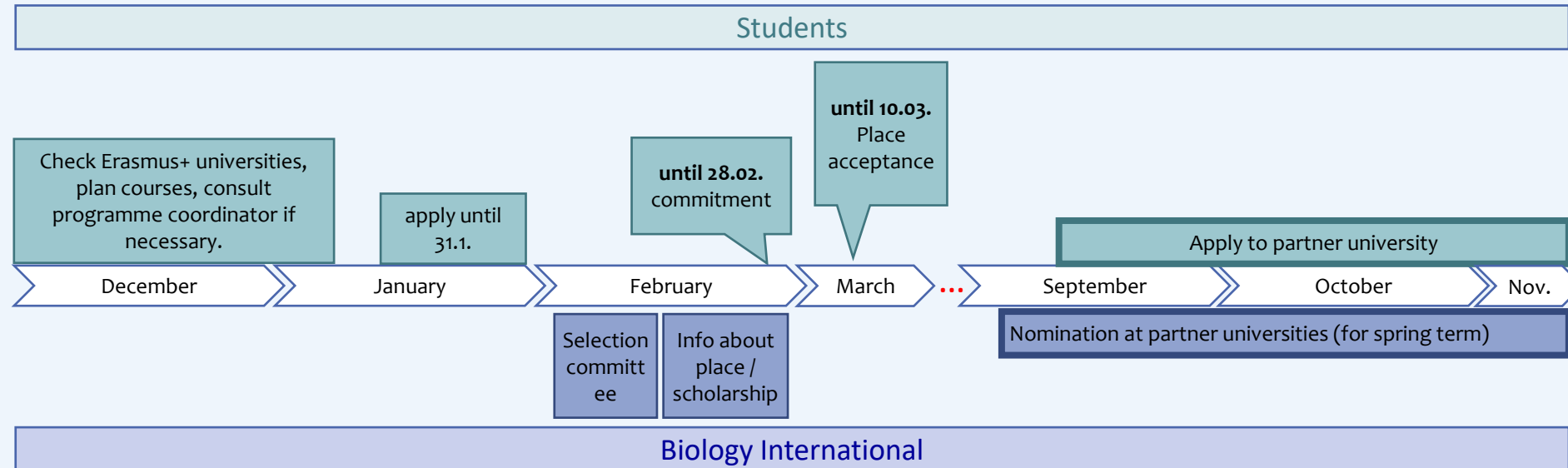


2. Application to partner university

- 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

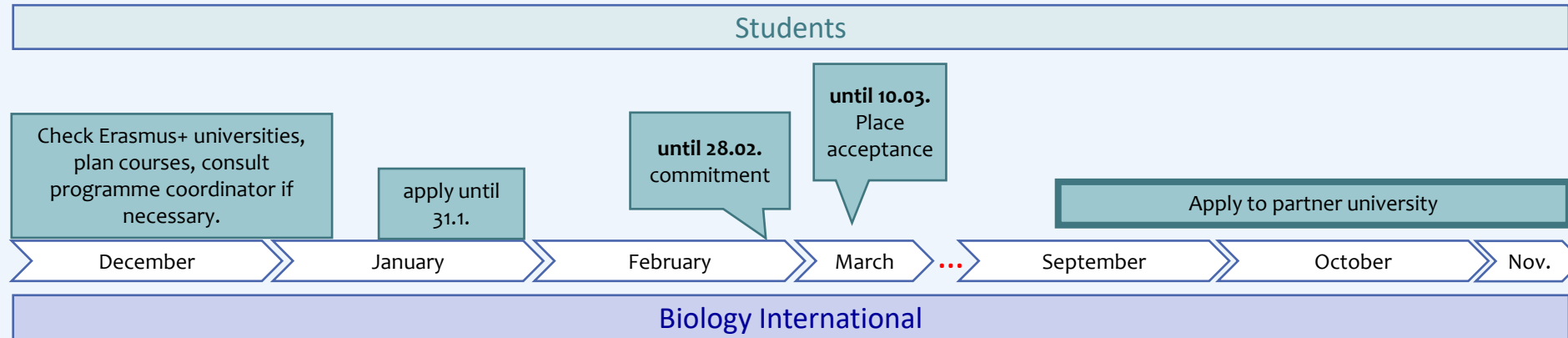


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Application: Choice of courses

- Learning Agreement (LA)
- At least 60% courses from 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)
 - At least 60% from partner Faculty (i.e. Biology), can't guarantee that you can take courses from other Faculties (check with the host university)
- Credit requirement: 10 C successfully
- only as “Online Learning Agreement“ (OLA) → Dashboard

Online Learning Agreement



“Dashboard”

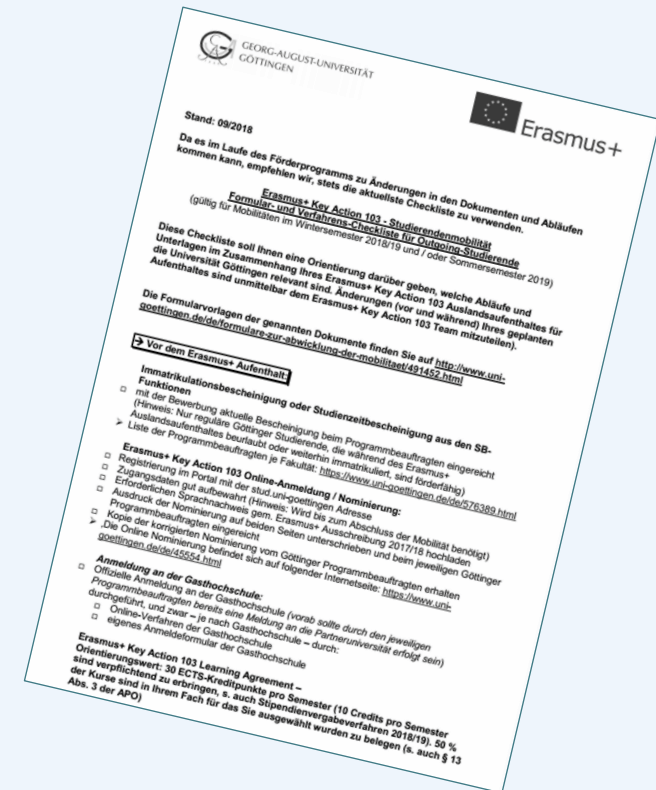
- e-mail from us with detailed information – please read and follow the instructions!
- enter contact details of **sending*** and **receiving** university
- needs 3 signatures
 - 1 - student
 - 2 - home university (Simon Blackwell)
 - 3 - partner university
- save and upload as PDF (-> MoveON)
- before the *mandatory* information event from GI (June / November)

* Simon Blackwell, erasbio@biologie.uni-goettingen.de

“Paperwork“

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

See Checklist from Göttingen International: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/647426.html>



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 OLA part “**During the Mobility**“ (add & deletion 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 Ludwig)
- 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
- For most questions, email us (Simon Blackwell: erasbio@biologie.uni-goettingen.de) first!
 - But check the GI website (checklist, call, other info) and these slides and Biology website before then!

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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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?
 - not recommended
 - *contra*: no examination authorization for examinations & no modules or key competencies can be taken
 - *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

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 choose 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, Italian, Portugese) 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 from GI

See website – many information events throughout the year!

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

Erasmus Video and Film:

„Collect Lasting Memories“: <https://youtu.be/kwdUtnxQeUY>

The Erasmus Generation (Trailer: [HOME | Erasmus Movie](#)) (GI plan to host free screening, to be arranged)

Contact - Biology

Simon Blackwell

Departmental Coordinator

Email us at erasbio@biologie.uni-goettingen.de !



Have fun organising
your semester abroad!