

Study Guide

MSc Crop Protection

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Dear students,

a very warm welcome to Göttingen and to our M.Sc. Crop Protection program!

My name is Dr. Rebecka Dücker, and I am the scientific coordinator of the program. I am very happy to welcome you and hope that you will soon feel at home – both in Göttingen and at the university.

Over the next two years, I hope that you will make this program your own: deepen the interests you already have, discover new topics within Crop Protection that excite you, and gain plenty of practical experience along the way.

For us, a good learning environment is about more than lectures and exams. We want to create an atmosphere of collegiality, curiosity and enjoyment of learning – inside and outside the classroom. Field trips, practical courses, internships and research projects are just as much a part of this as discussions and lectures.

And perhaps most importantly: connect with each other. You are coming together with different backgrounds, experiences and perspectives. Learn from each other, support each other, share your ideas – and also have fun together. Some of the most valuable experiences during your studies may happen outside the lecture hall.

Use the opportunities that come your way, ask questions, try things out and find out what areas of Crop Protection you are most passionate about.

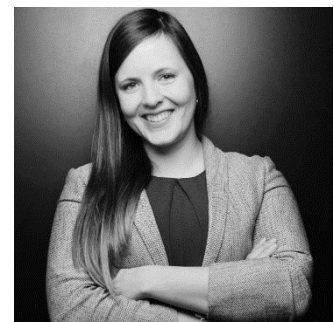
Along with Dr. Lydia Pohl and also Dr. Anke Sirrenberg, I am one of your main contact people throughout your studies. If you have questions, run into problems, have an idea or simply don't know whom to ask, please feel free to contact us.

I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you and accompanying you through the next two years.

Best wishes,



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1 General Information

This study guide is intended to provide practical orientation for students enrolled in the Master's program **Crop Protection** and to summarize the Göttingen requirements for students enrolled in the **PlantHealth** program. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to contact the coordinators (see Essential Contacts on first page).

1.1 The M.Sc. Crop Protection Program: At a Glance

The two-year Master's program in Crop Protection comprises 4 semesters and a total of 120 ECTS credits.

4 semesters	120 ECTS	30 ECTS
standard period of study	to complete the degree	regular full-time semester
Compulsory modules (36 C) Six compulsory modules, including the 9C internship. These modules form the core of the Crop Protection program.	Elective compulsory modules (48 C) Choose from the elective compulsory modules listed in the module catalog.	
Key competencies (6 C) Students develop methodological and transferable skills, particularly in statistics and experimental design.	Master's thesis and colloquium (30 C) 24 C are awarded for the Master's thesis and 6 C for the colloquium.	

Compulsory Internship

9 C minimum 6 weeks	Provides practical experience in a professional or research environment related to crop protection (see Chapter 5)
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Understanding ECTS and SWS

Each module is assigned a certain number of credits under the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). ECTS credits are commonly abbreviated as C.

1 C $\approx$ 30 hours of work (including preparation, self-study, assignments, and examinations) 6 C module $\approx$ 180 hours of work 30 C = regular full-time semester	SWS (Semesterwochenstunden) One SWS corresponds to one scheduled teaching hour per week during the lecture period. SWS describe teaching time, while ECTS reflect the overall student workload.
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1.2 The PlantHealth Program: At a Glance

The Master's program "Plant Health in Sustainable Cropping Systems" (PlantHealth) is a double-degree scholarship program closely linked to the M.Sc. Crop Protection program. During their study period in Göttingen, PlantHealth students attend many of the same courses as Crop Protection students.

The PlantHealth program comprises a total of **120 ECTS credits**. Of these, 60 C are normally completed during the preceding study period at the Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV) or the University of Padua (UNIPD). The remaining **60 C** must be completed according to the requirements of the University of Göttingen.

4 semesters	120 ECTS	60 ECTS
standard period of study	to complete the degree	completed at the University of Göttingen
Compulsory modules (6 C) Students complete “Pesticides II: Toxicology, Ecotoxicology, Environmental Metabolism, Regulation and Registration”.	Elective compulsory modules (18 C) Students choose from the elective compulsory modules listed in the module catalog.	
Key competencies (6 C) Students complete 6 C in German language courses, depending on their individual language proficiency.	Master’s thesis and colloquium (30 C) 24 C are awarded for the Master’s thesis and 6 C for the colloquium.	

Administrative procedures

As fully enrolled students at the University of Göttingen, PlantHealth students are generally subject to the same administrative rules and procedures. In particular, this includes the procedures and deadlines for module and exam registration, as well as the administrative requirements for the Master's thesis. Further information on examination procedures can be found in **Chapter 4.2**.

2 Planning and Organizing Your Studies

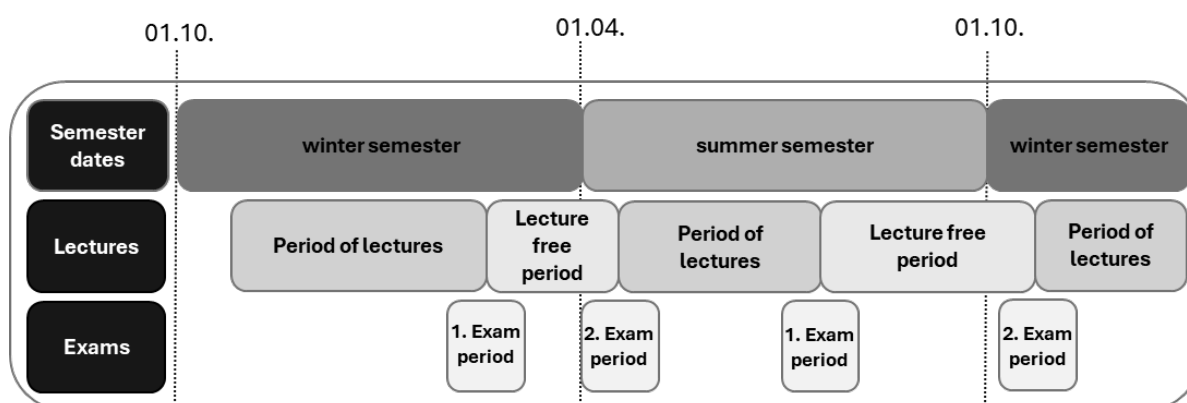
2.1 Standard Period of Study, Workload and Study Planning

The standard period of study is 4 semesters with a regular full-time workload of 30 ECTS credits per semester. As most modules are worth 6 ECTS credits, this usually corresponds to about **5 modules per semester**. An **Exemplary Study Plan** is provided at the end of this Study Guide to help you plan and organize your studies.

The academic year is divided into a winter semester and a summer semester. Each semester consists of a lecture period and a lecture-free period. The exact semester and lecture dates are published in the University's **academic calendar**².

	Winter semester 2026/27	Summer semester 2027
Semester period	01 Oct 2026 – 31 Mar 2027	01 Apr 2027 – 30 Sep 2027
Period of lectures	26 Oct 2026 – 12 Feb 2027	12 Apr 2027 – 16 Jul 2027
winter break (no regular classes)	24 Dec 2026 – 08 Jan 2027	

There are two **examination periods** per semester: one at the end of the lecture period and one at the beginning of the following semester. Each examination period lasts approximately 2-3 weeks. Students can generally choose in which examination period they take an exam.



The **compulsory internship** is usually scheduled during the lecture-free period between the 2nd semester (summer semester) and the 3rd semester (winter semester). In addition, several **block courses (see chapter 2.4)** take place during lecture-free periods. These periods are therefore not necessarily course-free and should be considered when planning internships, travel, or other commitments.

2.2 Grading System

The German grading system may differ from grading systems used in your home country. In Germany, lower numerical grades indicate better performance. Grades generally range from **1.0 (very good)** to **4.0 (sufficient/pass)**. A grade of 5.0 indicates that the examination has not been passed.



2.3 Elective Compulsory Modules

To complete your degree, you must successfully complete elective compulsory modules amounting to at least **48 C**. These modules are listed in the module catalog (**see Chapter 11.2**) and are particularly closely related to the field of Crop Protection. Up to **18 C** may be earned through modules from other Master's programs in Agricultural Sciences at the University of Göttingen. In addition, upon application to the Examination Board, one module worth up to 6 C from a Master's program offered by another faculty may be credited toward this area.

It is therefore worth checking the module catalogs of other Master's programs offered in English, such as M.Sc. Integrated Plant and Animal Breeding and M.Sc. Sustainable International Agriculture. The mainly German-taught Master's program M.Sc. Agricultural Sciences (*Agrarwissenschaften*) also includes several modules taught in English.

Before registering, students should check the admission requirements for the respective module. If a module is not available for registration in FlexNow under the M.Sc. Crop Protection program, but it meets the requirements described above, you should contact the Examination Office before the examination registration deadline to arrange the registration (see Chapter 4.1).

2.4 Block Course Schedule

Within the Master's program Crop Protection, many practical courses are offered as block courses (i.e., intensive courses taught over a short, concentrated period) during the lecture-free period. The table below provides an overview of the currently planned dates.

Please note: **M.Cp.0019 - Basic Laboratory Techniques** is a compulsory component of the Master's program and must therefore be taken into account when planning your studies.

Code	Title	ECTS	Dates
M.Agr.0023	Interactions between plants and pathogens*	6 C	22.-25. Mar 2027 or 05.-09. Apr 2027
M.Agr.0039	Molecular Techniques in Phytopathology	6 C	4.-15. Oct 2027
M.Agr.0045	Mycology	6 C	1.-12. Mar 2027
M.Agr.0057	Plant Virology*	6 C	15.-19. Feb 2027
M.Agr.0173	Nematology	3 C	5.-9. Apr 2027
M.Cp.0008	Fungal Toxins	6 C	15.- 26. Mar 2027
M.Cp.0019	Basic Laboratory Techniques	3 C	19.-23. Oct 2026 or 15.-19. Feb 2027
M.Cp.0020	Ecotoxicological Risk Assessment for Plant Protection Products	3 C	5.-9. Apr 2027
M.Cp.0024	Digital Techniques for Crop Monitoring	6 C	05.-09. Oct 2026

* The course consists of a weekly lecture during the semester and a compulsory practical course offered as a block course.

2.5 Semester Re-registration

You will need to re-register for your study program each semester. To do so, you must pay the semester fee by the **re-registration deadline**⁷, which usually falls in July for the upcoming winter semester and in January for the upcoming summer semester.

If you have missed the re-registration deadline or forgotten to pay the semester fee, please contact Dr. Lydia Pohl (crop.protection@uni-goettingen.de) as soon as possible to clarify the next steps.

PlantHealth: During the two semesters of your regular study period at the University of Göttingen, you do not need to arrange payment of the semester fee yourself. This is handled by the administrative coordinator, Dr. Lydia Pohl. If you need to remain enrolled at the University of Göttingen beyond these two semesters, for example because your Master's thesis cannot be completed on time, you will need to pay the semester fee yourself for the additional semester(s).

2.6 Long-Term Tuition Fees

Students may be required to pay long-term tuition fees once their available study credit (*Studienguthaben*) has been used up. For students who obtained their qualifying degree outside Germany, the study credit usually corresponds to twice the standard period of study. This means that long-term tuition fees generally apply from the 9th semester onwards. The fee is currently **€500 per semester** and is charged **in addition to the regular semester fee**. Previous semesters at German public universities may reduce this study credit. Further information is available on the University's website on **long-term tuition fees**⁷.



3 Digital Systems

During your studies, you will use several digital systems of the University of Göttingen, which serve different purposes:

- **eCampus:** central access point for university services and your university e-mail
- **Stud.IP:** course registration (not exam registration!) and course materials
- **EXA:** course catalog and information on courses, times and locations
- **FlexNow:** examination registration, grades and records of achievement

3.1 eCampus and University E-Mail

eCampus is the central online portal of the University of Göttingen. Via eCampus, you can access the digital services presented in the following sections, including Stud.IP, EXA, FlexNow, Self-Service Functions and your student e-mail account ("eCampusMail").

Together with your university user account, you will receive the access details for your student e-mail address. This address usually follows the format *firstname.lastname@stud.uni-goettingen.de* or *firstnamemiddlename.lastname@stud.uni-goettingen.de* and cannot be changed.

The first part of your e-mail address (e.g. *firstname.lastname*) is your central university user ID. This user ID, together with your central university password, is used to log in to eCampus, Stud.IP and other university services. **Your personal password is universally valid.**

Your university e-mail address is the **official communication channel of the University**. Important information from the university administration, the Examination Office and other university services will be sent to this address. Therefore, please check your university e-mail regularly.

3.2 EXA – Course Catalog and Semester Planning

EXA is the University's online course catalog. It provides information about courses offered in the current and upcoming semesters, including course dates, locations and lecturers. You can use EXA to search for courses and plan your semester. You can access EXA via eCampus by following the link "University Course Catalog."

3.3 Stud.IP – Course Registration and Materials

Stud.IP is the University's central learning platform. For most modules, you should register for the corresponding course in Stud.IP at the beginning of the semester.

Stud.IP is mainly used to:

- register for courses;
- access course materials and announcements;
- receive information from lecturers;
- view course dates and your personal timetable; and
- communicate within your courses.

Stud.IP automatically generates a personal timetable based on the courses you have registered for. You can use this timetable to keep track of your weekly schedule.

Please note that registration in Stud.IP is not the same as registration for an examination.

Examination registration is usually completed separately in FlexNow. If you decide not to participate in a course for which places are limited, please deregister in Stud.IP so that the place can be made available to another student.

Stud.IP Group “M.Sc. Crop Protection”

In Stud.IP, you can find a study group titled “M.Sc. Crop Protection”. This group is used to share information related to the Crop Protection program. All students should join the group to receive important information, including announcements, events, course-related information and job advertisements.

3.4 FlexNow – Examinations and Grades

FlexNow is the University’s examination management system. It is used to register for and withdraw from examinations, to check examination results and grades, and to access your academic record.

In FlexNow, you can:

- register for and withdraw from examinations;
- check your current examination registrations;
- view examination results and grades; and
- generate a record of achievement.

Please note that registration in **Stud.IP** **does not automatically register you for an examination in FlexNow**. Examination registration must be completed separately within the applicable deadlines.

For detailed information on examination registration, withdrawal and examination deadlines, please refer to **Chapter 4.2**.

3.5 Self-Service Functions

The Self-Service Functions („SB-Funktionen“) are used for administrative matters related to your enrolment. Here you can:

- re-register for the next semester;
- download certificates of enrolment;
- update your contact details; and
- apply for de-registration from the University.

Please make sure that your contact details are always up to date!

3.6 Technical Support

If you experience technical problems with your university account, password or eCampus, please contact **studIT – IT Service for Students** (campussupport@uni-goettingen.de). For problems with Stud.IP, please contact the Stud.IP Support for Students (studip@uni-goettingen.de).

4 Examination Matters

4.1 Examination Office

The **Examination Office of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences** is responsible for the administrative aspects of examinations. Please contact the Examination Office if you have questions or problems concerning **FlexNow, examination registration or withdrawal, examination results, or other formal examination matters**.

If you need to visit the Examination Office in person, please arrange an appointment in advance.

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Telephone hours:	Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 09:30–10:30 Tuesday and Thursday: 13:30–14:30	

4.2 Examination Registration and Withdrawal

Examinations generally take place during **two examination periods per semester**. For information on the timing of these periods, please refer to **Chapter 2.1**.

In the first lecture of each module, the examination procedure will usually be explained by the lecturer responsible for the module.

Registration for Examinations

Registration for module examinations is carried out independently by students in **FlexNow via eCampus**. To register, open FlexNow and select **“Register for exams/cancel registration”**. Please make sure to check the examination date carefully so that you register for the correct examination.

The following registration deadlines apply:

- **Written and oral examinations:** at least **7 days before the examination date**
- **Course-related examinations**, such as reports: generally, until the end of the official submission period
- **Practical examinations**, project work, laboratory courses, etc.: specific registration periods may apply

Please always check the deadline shown in FlexNow and the information provided by the lecturer.

Withdrawal

If you decide not to take an examination, you must withdraw from it in FlexNow within the applicable deadline.

The following withdrawal deadlines apply:

- **Written examinations:** up to **24 hours before the examination**
- **Oral examinations:** up to **5 days before the examination**
- **Course-related examinations**, such as reports: withdrawal is generally only possible within the course-specific registration period
- **Practical examinations**, project work, laboratory courses, etc.: specific withdrawal periods may apply

If you remain registered and do not attend the examination without an accepted reason, the examination may count as a **failed attempt**.

Important: Successfully completed modules cannot be repeated to improve the grade.

4.3 Illness on the Examination Date

If you are unable to take an examination due to illness, you must notify the Examination Office and submit a medical certificate within 3 days of the examination date.

The notification is submitted through eCampus.

Go to: “Forms” → “Examination Office’s forms” → “Acknowledgement of an illness”

Select the relevant examination, upload the medical certificate, add your electronic signature, and submit the form. You can check in FlexNow whether the Examination Office has received your notification. If the medical certificate is submitted **later than 3 days after the exam**, or if you miss the examination without an accepted excuse, the examination will count as a **failed attempt**.

4.4 Failed Exams and Repetition of Examinations

If you fail an examination, you can repeat it **twice**, giving you a **maximum of 3 attempts** in total. Before the second repetition, i.e. before your final attempt, you should contact the program coordination/advisory service and the lecturer responsible for the respective module. You can normally repeat the examination in the following examination period. The examination should be **repeated within 1 year** at the latest.

5 Compulsory Internship

The internship is an important practical component of the M.Sc. Crop Protection. It gives you the opportunity to experience professional life outside the regular university setting, apply your knowledge in practice, explore possible career paths and build your professional network. Internships may take place in companies, research institutions, governmental or regulatory organizations, consulting services or other organizations working in Crop Protection.

The internship module (**M.Cp.0002 Internship**) comprises **9 credits** and includes a minimum of **6 weeks (240 working hours)** of practical work in a field related to Crop Protection.

5.1 Purpose and Requirements

During the internship, you should gain insight into professional working routines while working independently on your own practical or scientific project. This allows you to deepen your subject-specific knowledge and develop skills in independent work, work organization and problem-solving, while also experiencing teamwork, interdisciplinary collaboration and the day-to-day work of your host institution.

The module is completed with a written internship report (**max. 10 pages**) and a **seminar presentation**.

5.2 Finding an Internship

The program coordination organizes an internship opportunity for every student. These internships are intended to be completed during the lecture-free period following the summer semester.

We will try to take your interests into account when matching students with internship hosts. However, specific types of internships or particular host institutions cannot be guaranteed. For example, we cannot guarantee an internship in industry, at a particular research institute, in a specific Crop Protection discipline or at a particular location. Therefore, if you have a very specific idea of where or in which field you would like to complete your internship, we strongly encourage you to look for a suitable position yourself. Please coordinate individually arranged internships with the program coordinator in advance to ensure that they meet the module requirements.

Important: The program can only guarantee an organized internship opportunity within the designated internship period. If you decide not to complete your internship during this period, you are responsible for finding a suitable internship yourself at a later date.

5.3 Before, During and After the Internship

For internships organized through the program, you will receive information about your host institution, internship period, project and contact person in advance. Please contact your host

in good time and clarify any practical arrangements. If your internship takes place outside Göttingen, start **looking for accommodation early** (best: 2-3 months in advance).

During the internship, take an active role in your project and in the day-to-day work of your host institution. Please be **reliable, respectful and professional**, follow the rules and working hours of your host institution, and treat colleagues, supervisors and their time with respect. Ask questions, take responsibility for your tasks and use the opportunity to learn from the people around you.

You are expected to work on your internship report throughout the internship, rather than writing it only afterwards. After the internship, finalize your report and prepare your short presentation for the internship seminar.

5.4 Internship Report and Presentation

The module is completed with a written internship report (**max. 10 pages**) and a **seminar presentation (3-5 minutes)**.

6 Master's Thesis and Colloquium

The Master's thesis is an independent scientific research project and is usually completed in the final phase of the study program. Successful completion of the Master's thesis is worth **24 C**, and the subsequent colloquium is worth **6 C**.

6.1 Requirements for Starting the Master's Thesis

To be admitted to the Master's thesis, Crop Protection students must have earned at least **72 C**, including at least **18 C from compulsory modules**.

Before applying for admission, students need to find a suitable thesis topic and two supervisors. At least one of the supervisors must be a habilitated professor or an authorized examiner of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at the University of Göttingen.

It is your responsibility to arrange supervision for your thesis. During the coming semesters, you will have many opportunities to meet our professors and authorized examiners, learn about their research, and explore potential thesis topics.

If you plan to write your thesis at an external institution, please make sure to arrange for a university supervisor **before** starting your thesis or initiating any visa-related processes.

PlantHealth: PlantHealth students must also provide proof of at least 72 C for admission to the Master's thesis. Of these, 60 C are completed during the preceding study period at the Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV) or the University of Padua (UNIPD). These credits should already be recorded in FlexNow at the beginning of the 4th semester. If the credits from UPV or UNIPD have not yet been entered in FlexNow, please contact Dr. Lydia Pohl (crop.protection@uni-goettingen.de).

6.2 Registration, Writing Period and Submission

Once you are ready to register your Master's thesis, it is your responsibility to initiate the registration process. To register your Master's thesis, please request the application form from the Examination Office by email (paagrar@uni-goettingen.de).

Complete the form and submit it to the Examination Office **at the beginning of your thesis work and no later than 6 weeks before the planned submission date**. For practical or experimental theses in particular, the timing of registration should be discussed with your supervisors. Depending on the project, some preparatory work may be necessary before registration – for example, to establish and test experimental methods or grow the required organisms. Registration should be timed so that the thesis can realistically be completed within the prescribed writing period.

The application must include:

- the proposed thesis topic;
- the names of the first and second examiners; and
- the signatures of both examiners confirming their supervision.

Once the Examination Office has approved your application, your thesis will automatically be registered in FlexNow. The Examination Office will calculate the final submission deadline and inform you accordingly.

The regular writing period is **6 months**. The thesis must be written in English and submitted electronically via FlexNow by the official submission deadline. In justified exceptional cases, an extension of up to 2 months may be granted. A thesis submitted after the deadline is considered **not passed**. The Master's thesis may be repeated once.

6.3 Colloquium

The colloquium usually takes place within **6 weeks after submission of the Master's thesis**. Students arrange the date directly with their two supervisors.

The colloquium lasts approximately 60 minutes and consists of:

- a presentation of the Master's thesis of approximately 30 minutes, followed by
- a scientific discussion of approximately 30 minutes.

The purpose of the colloquium is to demonstrate that students can present and discuss their research scientifically, address interdisciplinary and problem-specific questions, and place their work in the broader context. Successful completion of the **colloquium is worth 6 C**.

6.4 Certificate and Transcript

After the supervisors have submitted the final grades for the Master's thesis and the colloquium, the grades will be visible in FlexNow. The Examination Office will then inform you by email how to apply for your final certificate and transcript. The Examination Office will issue the certificate and transcript after receiving the required application from you. If you expect to leave Germany before your documents are available, please contact the Examination Office in advance to clarify the available options.

PlantHealth: The exchange of grades between the University of Göttingen and the University of Padua (UNIPD) or the Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV) is coordinated by Dr. Lydia Pohl (crop.protection@uni-goettingen.de).

Please note that the PlantHealth degree is only valid once the final certificates from both universities at which you completed coursework have been issued.

6.5 Legalization of the Master's Certificate

This section applies to **international students only**.

Depending on your home country, your Master's certificate and transcript may need to be legalized in order to be officially recognized. It is the student's responsibility to check the requirements of their home country and to arrange the necessary legalization. The Examination Office can provide further information on the legalization procedure and the relevant contact points. Students should also contact the relevant embassy or consulate to find out which requirements apply in their individual case.

Important: The legalization process may currently take **more than 8 weeks**. Please plan accordingly, especially if you need the documents for further studies, employment, or visa purposes.

7 Support and Useful University Services

The University of Göttingen offers a wide range of services to support students throughout their studies. The following section provides an overview of the most relevant contact points and university services.

7.1 Support for International Students

7.1.1 Göttingen International - The International Student Office

Göttingen International is the central point of contact for international students regarding non-academic matters before and during their studies. The International Student Office provides information and advice on topics such as student administration, health insurance, accommodation, financing and financial emergencies, as well as general orientation and life in Göttingen. It also offers information on welcome activities, intercultural and cultural events, and other services specifically for international students. For updates on upcoming events, welcome activities and other opportunities for international students, you can also follow Göttingen International on **Instagram (@ugoe.international)**.

If you are unsure which university service to contact with a particular concern, the International Student Office can also help direct you to the appropriate contact point.

The International Student Office		
Von-Siebold-Straße 2, 37075 Göttingen		
E-Mail:	international.study@uni-goettingen.de	
Phone:	+49 551 39-27777	
Telephone hours:	Monday: 13:00 – 16:00 Tuesday to Friday: 09:00–12:00	

7.1.2 InDiGU-PLUS

The **InDiGU-PLUS** program supports international students from the beginning of their studies through to the transition into the German labor market. Its offers include workshops, intercultural activities, academic and professional communication training, and networking opportunities.

InDiGU-PLUS
Anastasia Klimina (<i>Project coordination</i>)
Von-Siebold-Straße 2, 37075 Göttingen
Indigu-plus@uni-goettingen.de; +49 (0)551/39 - 21336



7.1.3 Study Buddy Program

International students may also benefit from the university's **Study Buddy Program**[↗], which connects international students with fellow students and can help with orientation at the university and everyday student life.

7.2 Career and Writing Support

7.2.1 Career Service

The Career Service of the University of Göttingen supports students in preparing for internships, applications, and the transition into professional life. It offers individual advice, workshops, and information on career opportunities.

Career Service[↗] - Career Support for international students

Wilhelmsplatz 4, 37073 Göttingen

career@uni-goettingen.de; +49 (0)551 / 39 – 24642



7.2.2 International Writing Lab

The International Writing Lab supports students in developing their academic writing skills. You can receive individual advice and participate in workshops on scientific writing, including reports, protocols, term papers, and the **Master's thesis**. Many of the offers are free of charge and can be useful throughout your studies. More information about current workshops and consultations is available **here**[↗].



7.3 Counseling and Personal Support

Studying can sometimes be challenging, and difficulties related to your studies or personal life can affect your well-being. If you experience study-related stress, exam anxiety, motivational difficulties, personal problems or simply feel that you could benefit from talking to someone, several counseling services are available to students in Göttingen.

The **Psychosocial Counseling Service (PSB)**[↗] of the Studierendenwerk Göttingen supports students with personal and study-related difficulties, such as exam anxiety, learning and work problems, stress, loneliness, personal crises or feeling overwhelmed. Counseling is free of charge and confidential and is available in person, by video or by telephone.



The **Psychotherapeutic Outpatient Clinic for Students (PAS)**[↗] supports students experiencing psychological crises, mental health difficulties or study-related problems. It offers diagnostic consultations, short-term individual support and individual and group therapy.



Nightline Göttingen[↗] is an anonymous listening hotline run by students for students. You can call if you would simply like to talk to someone about something that is bothering you. The service is available Monday to Thursday from 9:00 p.m. to midnight, with English-speaking listeners available on Mondays.



The **Counseling for Study and Social Issues (AStA)**[↗] offers student-to-student counseling on social and practical matters related to studying. Topics include student financing, housing, health insurance, studying with a child, accessible studying, semester ticket reimbursement and questions particularly relevant to international students.



Please do not hesitate to seek support if you feel that something is affecting your studies or well-being. You do not need to wait until a problem becomes serious before contacting a counseling service.

7.4 Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination

The University of Göttingen is committed to providing equal opportunities and to creating an inclusive study environment. If you experience discrimination, sexual harassment or violence during your studies, you can contact the University's Equal Opportunities or Anti-Discrimination services for confidential advice and support. The Equal Opportunities Offices are there to support you confidentially and respectfully.

Equal Opportunities Team – Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

Büsgenweg 5, 37077 Göttingen

Dr. Sabrina Bethge

gb.bethge@agr.uni-goettingen.de; +49 (0)551 / 39 – 25106

University Equal Opportunities Officer

Goßlerstraße 9, 37073 Göttingen

Dr. Doris Hayn

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For additional support, students may also contact the University's central Anti-Discrimination Counseling Service.

Central Anti-Discrimination Counseling Service

Goßlerstraße 9, 37073 Göttingen

adb@uni-goettingen.de; +49 (0)551 / 39 – 26665

7.5 Maternity Protection

Students who are pregnant, have recently given birth or are breastfeeding are entitled to maternity protection. This may include adjustments to courses, practical work and examinations where necessary to protect the health of the student and child. You can find more information [here](#).

Please inform the University as early as possible so that any necessary arrangements can be made in good time.

Contact person maternity leave at the University of Göttingen

Judith Block, Office of Student Affairs, Wilhelmsplatz 4, 37073 Göttingen

mutterschutz@uni-goettingen.de; +49 551 39-23057

Contact person for maternity leave at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences in Göttingen

Dr. Susann Graupner, Büsgenweg 5, 37077 Göttingen

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7.6 Library, Study Spaces and IT Services

7.6.1 University Library (SUB)

The Göttingen State and University Library (Niedersächsische Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Göttingen, SUB) is one of the five largest scientific libraries in Germany. It provides access to books, journals, databases and electronic resources. Your student ID card

also serves as your library card. In addition to the Central Library, several branch libraries are located across the University. A list of all the other libraries can be found [here](#).

The SUB offers **introductory courses** for using the library and online catalog. You will be taught how to access the items you want to read and how to search for relevant literature in the **University Catalog (GUK)**. Additionally, the SUB offers advisory services for navigating the library. Occasionally there will also be courses on more specific topics such as how to do research in agricultural sciences. You can find the current offers for courses [here](#).

7.6.2 Learning and Study Building (LSG)

The **Learning and Study Building** (“Lern- und Studiengebäude”, LSG) is located on the Central Campus close to the Central Canteen. It offers individual and group study spaces, some of which are equipped with additional facilities such as whiteboards, smartboards or computers. Study rooms can be booked via eCampus → More → LSG/SUB study rooms. Bookings are managed through a **reservation point system**: the longer a room is booked and the more equipment it offers, the more points are charged. A higher point balance limits how far in advance additional rooms can be reserved; points are automatically removed after 40 days and can be shared for group bookings. Especially during examination periods, rooms may be fully booked, so it is advisable to reserve them in advance.

7.6.3 Printing and Copying

Printers and copy machines are available at several library and University locations. Printing and copying can be paid for using the printing balance linked to your student ID card. To use the machines, you first need to load money onto your student ID card and transfer the required amount to your printing balance (your student ID card will hold two separate budgets; one for canteen/cafes and one for printing/copying). Self-service machines for this purpose are available, for example, in the Central Library.

The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences sometimes provides a **free printing budget** for the students. This will be automatically loaded onto your printing budget sometime around the beginning of the semester. The amount varies between semesters.

7.6.4 Wi-Fi and IT Support

Students have access to the University Wi-Fi network via **eduroam**. Your university account can also be used to access eduroam at many other universities and research institutions worldwide. If you experience problems with your University account, Stud.IP, Wi-Fi or other IT services, please contact **studIT Support**. Personal support is also available at several locations on campus, including the Central Library.

7.6.5 Campus Licenses

As a student of the University of Göttingen, you have access to a range of **campus licenses** for software and digital services. Depending on the license, software may be available free of charge or at a reduced price. Available licenses include, for example, applications such as **Microsoft Office** and **Zoom**. For an overview of currently available software and license conditions, please refer to the University's campus license website.



8 Student Life in Göttingen

8.1 Student Council and Student Community

The **Student Council of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences** (**Fachschaft Agrarwissenschaften**) represents students' interests within the Faculty and in various university committees. It is also a useful point of contact for questions related to student life and organizes various activities and events for students throughout the semester, including the well-known LaWi-Party twice per year.

In addition, several **student initiatives and working groups (AGs)** offer opportunities to meet other students, exchange ideas on agricultural topics and get involved in university life.

For current information about the Student Council, student initiatives and upcoming events at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, please follow the **Student Council on Instagram (@fsagrar_goe)**.

8.2 Mobility and Semester Ticket

Göttingen is a compact city, and most university facilities can easily be reached by bicycle, bus or on foot. Cycling is particularly common among students and is often the easiest way to travel between the city center, the Central Campus and the North Campus.

The semester fee includes a Germany-wide semester ticket ("*Deutschlandsemesterticket*"). It allows students to use local and regional public transport throughout Germany under the same general conditions as the regular *Deutschlandticket*. The ticket is provided digitally and must be reactivated after re-registration for each new semester. **Here** you can find more information on how the semester ticket works.

The semester fee also currently includes a Culture Semester Ticket ("*Kultursemesterticket*"), which gives students free or substantially reduced admission to participating cultural institutions and events in Göttingen. **Here** you can find more information about the Culture Semester Ticket.

8.3 Canteens

The Studierendenwerk Göttingen operates several canteens and cafeterias across the university campus. They offer a variety of meals and snacks at reduced student prices, including

vegetarian and vegan options. Meals and other purchases are usually paid for using your student ID card (similar to paying with a Debit/credit card). Money can be loaded onto the card at the charging terminals available in the canteens and cafeterias. Current menus, opening hours and information about the different locations can be found on the Studierendenwerk Göttingen website. The daily canteen menu is also available via eCampus.

8.4 University Sport

The University Sports Center ("*Hochschulsport Göttingen*") offers a wide range of sports and fitness activities for students. The program includes team sports, fitness and health courses, martial arts, dance, outdoor activities and many other options for different levels of experience. Some courses require prior registration and may involve an additional fee.

Current courses, registration periods and fees can be found on the **University Sport website**[↗]. Please note that the University Sport website is not yet fully available in English. However, the individual course descriptions indicate which languages the instructors speak, so international students are encouraged to explore the available courses!

9 Finances

There are various ways to finance your studies. If you have questions about study financing or experience financial difficulties, you can contact the **Studierendenwerk Göttingen for advice**[↗]. International students can also find helpful information on **working and financing their studies in Germany** on the **Göttingen International**[↗] website.

Financial Study Assistance	
Platz der Göttinger Sieben 4 (Central Canteen Building, level 3), 37073 Göttingen	
Phone:	+49 551 39-35134
Telephone hours:	Monday to Thursday: 09:00 – 15:00 Fridays: 09:00 – 12:00
If you would like to talk "face to face", please use the consultation hours	



9.1 Part-Time Jobs

Part-time employment is a common way to finance your studies and can also provide valuable practical experience, particularly if the job is related to your field of study.

Job vacancies can be found through the **University's job portal**[↗] and the website of the **Student Council of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences**[↗] and on the **Faculty of Agricultural Sciences' Instagram account (@agrar_unigoe)**.

In 2026, the earnings limit for a Minijob is **€603 per month on average**. If your financial situation allows, we recommend limiting paid work to a Minijob to supplement your available funds, including funds from a blocked account, where applicable. Your studies should remain your main priority, and you should generally work **no more than 20 hours per week during the lecture period**.

Before accepting a job, check the conditions that apply to your employment and residence status. The 20-hour guideline does not replace any restrictions associated with your residence permit. You can find more information on Minijobs, working hours, social insurance contributions, and taxes on the **Göttingen International** [website](#).



9.2 Scholarships

A wide range of scholarships is available from foundations, public institutions and other funding organizations. Scholarship selection is not always based solely on academic grades; depending on the program, other criteria such as social engagement or extracurricular activities may also be considered.

The University of Göttingen regularly provides information about the **Deutschlandstipendium** [\(Germany Scholarship\)](#) and the **Niedersachsenstipendium** [\(Lower Saxony Scholarship\)](#). [Here](#) you can also find a list of various scholarship organizations and foundations.



10 Going Abroad

A semester abroad or an internship abroad can be a valuable addition to your studies. The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences participates in several international exchange programs, including Erasmus+, and cooperates with partner universities in Europe and worldwide.

If you are considering a stay abroad, start planning early. As a general guideline, you should begin preparing approximately 12–18 months before your planned stay, as application deadlines, funding arrangements and the recognition of courses may require considerable preparation.

Information on study and internship opportunities abroad, including Erasmus+ and the Global Exchange Program, is available from **Göttingen International** [website](#).

You should also join the Stud.IP group “Studieren im Ausland Fakultät Agrarwissenschaften” (“Studying Abroad – Faculty of Agricultural Sciences”), which provides current information on exchange opportunities, information events, application deadlines and other relevant dates.

For advice on planning your stay abroad and the recognition of academic achievements, please contact:

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Erasmus+ Program Officer, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences
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esther.fichtler@agr.uni-goettingen.de
+49 (0)551 / 39 – 28112

Please make sure to contact Dr. Esther Fichtler early in the planning process. She can provide advice on the organization of your stay abroad and on the recognition of courses and academic achievements.

11 List of Modules: Crop Protection

11.1 Compulsory Modules

The following compulsory modules amounting to a total of **36 C** must be completed successfully.

Code	Title	ECTS	🕒
M.Cp.0002	Internship	9 C	Su
M.Cp.0005	Integrated Management of Pests and Diseases	6 C	Wi
M.Cp.0006	Pesticides I: Mode of Action and Application Techniques, Resistance to Pesticides	6 C	Wi
M.Cp.0007	Pesticides II: Toxicology, Ecotoxicology, Environmental Metabolism, Regulation and Registration	6 C	Wi
M.Cp.0019	Basic Laboratory Techniques	3 C	Wi Blk
M.Cp.0026	Scientific Presenting, Writing, Paper Reviewing and Publishing in Crop Protection	6 C	Su

Information: Wi = Winter semester; Su = Summer semester; Blk = block course

11.2 Elective Compulsory Modules

Elective compulsory modules amounting to a total of at least **48 C** must be completed successfully. Up to **18 C** can be taken by modules from other master courses of studies in the Agricultural Sciences of the University of Göttingen. In addition, upon request to the examination board, a module amounting to a maximum of **6 C** from a master course of study of another faculty may be taken and credited for the area of professionalization.

Code	Title	ECTS	🕒
M.Agr.0009	Biological Control and Biodiversity	6 C	Wi
M.Agr.0023	Interactions Between Plants and Pathogens	6 C	Wi Blk
M.Agr.0039	Molecular Techniques in Phytopathology	6 C	Su Blk
M.Agr.0045	Mycology	6 C	Wi Blk
M.Agr.0056	Plant Breeding Methodology and Genetic Resources	6 C	Su
M.Agr.0057	Plant Virology	6 C	Wi Blk
M.Agr.0058	Plant herbivore Interactions	6 C	Wi
M.Agr.0094	Basics of Molecular Biology in Crop Protection	6 C	Su
M.Agr.0120	Molecular Diagnostic and Biotechnology in Crop Protection	6 C	Wi
M.Agr.0173	Nematology	3 C	Wi Blk
M.Agr.0174	Plant Health Management in Tropical Crops	6 C	Su
M.Agr.0175	Plant-Herbivore Interactions (Experimental course)	3 C	Su
M.Agr.0222	Sugar Beet Production – from Basics to Practice	6 C	Su
M.Cp.0004	Plant Diseases and Pests in Temperate Climate Zones	6 C	Su
M.Cp.0008	Fungal Toxins	6 C	Wi Blk
M.Cp.0010	Plant Pathology and Plant Protection Seminar	3 C	Su/ Wi
M.Cp.0011	Agricultural Entomology Seminar	3 C	Su/ Wi

M.Cp.0012	Weed Biology and Weed Management	6 C	Su	
M.Cp.0014	Plant Nutrition and Plant Health	3 C	Wi	
M.Cp.0020	Ecotoxicological Risk Assessment for Plant Protection Products	3 C	Wi	Blk
M.Cp.0023	Plant Pathogenic Bacteria	3 C	Wi	
M.Cp.0024	Digital Techniques for Crop Monitoring	6 C	Wi	Blk
M.Cp.0025	Analytical Techniques for Foods and Agricultural Research	6 C	req	
M.Cp.0027	Molecular Weed Science	3 C	Wi	
M.SIA.P22	Management of tropical plant production systems	6 C	Wi	

Information: Wi = Winter semester; Su = Summer semester; req = on request, not specified; Blk = block course

11.3 Key Competence Modules

At least one of two elective compulsory modules amounting to 6 C must be completed successfully.

Code	Title	ECTS	🕒
M.Cp.0016	Practical Statistics and Experimental Design in Agriculture	6 C	Su
M.WIWI-QMW.0004	Econometrics I	6 C	Wi/ Su

Information: Wi = Winter semester; Su = Summer semester

11.4 Master's Thesis and Colloquium

A total of 30 C are awarded for the successful completion of the master's thesis and the corresponding colloquium.

For detailed information on each module, including course content, learning outcomes, examination requirements, and prerequisites, please refer to the current **Module Catalog**⁷.



12 Exemplary Study Plan: Crop Protection

Sem. Σ C*	Module	Module	Module	Module	Module
1. Σ30 C	Compulsory module Pesticides I: Mode of Action and Application Techniques, Resistance to Pesticides (6 C)	Compulsory module Integrated Management of Pests and Diseases (6 C)	Compulsory module Basic Laboratory Techniques (Block course in October**) (3 C)	Plant Herbivore Interactions (6 C) OR Digital Techniques for Crop Monitoring (Block course in October) (6 C)	Biological Control and Biodiversity (Block course in spring***) (6 C) OR Management of Tropical Plant Production Systems (6 C)
			Plant Nutrition and Plant Health (3 C) OR Nematology (Block course in spring***) (3 C)		
2. Σ24 C	Compulsory module Scientific Presenting, Writing, Paper Reviewing and Publishing in Crop Protection (6 C)	Plant Diseases and Pests in Temperate Climate Zones (6 C) OR Plant Health Management in Tropical Crops (6 C)	Weed Biology and Weed Management (6 C) OR Basics of Molecular Biology in Crop Protection (6 C)	Key competence Practical Statistics and Experimental Design in Agriculture (6 C)	
Σ9 C	Compulsory module Internship (9 C) (at least 6 weeks, usually completed during the lecture-free period in summer)				
3. Σ27 C	Compulsory module Pesticides II: Toxicology, Ecotoxicology, Environmental Metabolism, Regulation and Registration (6 C)	Molecular Diagnostic and Biotechnology in Crop Protection (6 C)	Fungal Toxins (Block course in spring***) (6 C) OR Interactions between Plants and Pathogens (Block course in spring***) (6 C)	Plant Virology (Block course in spring***) (6 C) OR Mycology (Block course in spring***) (6 C)	Molecular Weed Science (3 C) OR Ecotoxicological Risk Assessment for Plant Protection Products (Block course in spring***) (3 C)
4. Σ30 C	Master's Thesis (24 C)				Colloquium (6 C)
Σ 120 C	90 C + (24 C + 6 C)				

* C = ECTS credits; ** Second block course in February (if necessary); *** Block courses are offered between February and April (see chapter 2.4)

13 List of Modules: PlantHealth

13.1 Compulsory Modules

The following compulsory module worth overall **6 C** must be successfully completed.

Code	Title	ECTS	🕒
M.Cp.0007	Pesticides II: Toxicology, Ecotoxicology, Environmental Metabolism, Regulation and Registration	6 C	Wi

Information: Wi = Winter semester

13.2 Elective Compulsory Modules

Elective compulsory modules worth overall at least **18 C** must be successfully completed:

Code	Title	ECTS	🕒
M.Agr.0023	Interactions between plants and pathogens	6 C	Wi Blk
M.Agr.0045	Mycology	6 C	Wi Blk
M.Agr.0057	Plant Virology	6 C	Wi Blk
M.Agr.0058	Plant Herbivore Interactions	6 C	Wi
M.Agr.0120	Molecular Diagnostic and Biotechnology in Crop Protection	6 C	Wi
M.Cp.0020	Ecotoxicological Risk Assessment for Plant Protection Products	3 C	Wi Blk

Information: Wi = Winter semester; Blk = block course

13.3 Key Competences

A total of **6 C** must be completed in German language courses within the competence area Language Skills.

13.4 Master's Thesis and Colloquium

A total of **30 C** are awarded for the successful completion of the master's thesis and the corresponding colloquium.

For detailed information on each module, including course content, learning outcomes, examination requirements, and prerequisites, please refer to the current **Module Catalog**⁷.



14 Exemplary Study Plan: PlantHealth

Sem. Σ C*	Module	Module	Module	Module	Module
1. Σ30 C	Study at the Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV) or the University of Padua (UNIPD)				
2. Σ30 C	Study at the Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV) or the University of Padua (UNIPD)				
3. Σ30 C	Compulsory module Pesticides II: Toxicology, Ecotoxicology, Environmental Metabolism, Regulation and Registration (6 C)	Molecular Diagnostic and Biotechnology in Crop Protection (6 C)	Plant herbivore interactions (6 C) OR Interactions between Plants and Pathogens (Block course in spring***) (6 C)	Plant Virology (Block course in spring***) (6 C) OR Mycology (Block course in spring***) (6 C)	Key competence Language Course, e.g. SK.DaF- A1.1 German – Basic Course 1 (based on individual proficiency level) (6C)
4. Σ30 C	Master's Thesis (24 C)				Colloquium (6 C)
Σ 120 C	60 C + 30 C + (24 C + 6 C)				

* C = ECTS credits; *** Block courses are offered between February and April (see chapter 2.4)

The University offers German language courses for international students from **A1 to C2**. Registration takes place directly via Stud.IP. You can find more information [here](#).

Please note: The registration period is very short and should not be missed! For the winter semester 2026/27, registration is open from **26 October 2026 (8:00 a.m.) to 30 October 2026 (8:00 a.m.)**. Places may fill up quickly, so we recommend registering as early as possible.

If you already have some knowledge of German, you will usually need to complete a **placement test** before registering. If you have no previous knowledge of German, you can register directly for an **A1.1 course**.



15 Improvement Suggestions and Student Feedback

If you have any ideas, suggestions or criticism to bring in for the improvement of this study guide or even the study program, please pass it on to Dr. Lydia Pohl (crop.protection@uni-goettingen.de). Student participation is desired and very much appreciated. There are various opportunities to contribute your own ideas and suggestions for change.

Please note: All information in this study guide is subject to change. Changes can occur at any time. If necessary, please inform yourself directly about the latest versions of the respective regulations and your PStO⁷.

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