



**PFH Private University of Applied Sciences**  
PFH Private Hochschule Göttingen

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For student exchange

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## Academic Calendar

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
<b>Official Start and End of Semester</b>	October 1st - March 31st	April 1st - September 30th
<b>Orientation Week</b>	One week before start of lectures	One week before start of lectures
<b>Lecture and Examination Period</b>	2nd or 3rd week of October - end of January	2nd or 3rd week of April - mid/end July
<b>Lecture and Intensive German Language Courses</b> (Optional; At PFH Partner Institute; Additional Fees Apply)	Before and during the semester	Before and during the semester

# Nomination and Application

## Nomination deadline

Fall semester: July 31st  
Spring semester: January 31st

## Nomination procedure

Nomination by email to [incomings@pfh.de](mailto:incomings@pfh.de) with the following information about the student:

- Name
- Gender
- E-mail address
- Field of study
- Semester

## Application deadline

Fall semester: August 15th  
Spring semester: February 15th

## Application procedure & required documents

After nomination, students have to apply at PFH as described on the website <https://www.pfh-university.com/international-exchange-students> with the following documents:

- Copy of passport/ID card
- Electronic passport-sized photo in jpeg or bitmap
- Language certificates (if non-native speaker)
- Transcript from home institution (in English)
- CV or resume in English or German
- Certificate of enrolment at home institution
- Proof of health insurance valid in Germany for time of stay (if not available at the time of application, documents are to be handed in at least one week prior to arrival)

## Language Requirements

Students are required to have good command of either German (minimum B1, e.g., Goethe-Zertifikat B1) or English (minimum B2, e.g., TOEFL iBT 75, TOEIC 750 [min 785, reading min 385, and listening min 400] or IELTS 5.5).

## Confirmation of Acceptance

The Confirmation of Acceptance will be sent to the student by email after admission requirements have been checked.

## Transcript Of Records

The Transcript of Records is sent by email to the student and the coordinator of the home university eight weeks after completion of the last exam.

# Information for Students

## Course Catalogue

You can find a course description of the courses offered to exchange students\* online: <https://www.pfh-university.com/international-exchange-students>

\*50% of the course selection must be lecture based courses.

Please note that courses marked with WS only take place in the winter semester and courses marked with SS only in the spring semester. The course catalogue is subject to change.

## German Language Course

**In-house German language course**  
(optional and free of charge)

PFH offers two sessions per week (3 ECTS) for a complete semester course according to your German language level. This is not an intensive course!

## Intensive German courses

(optional; at PFH partner institute the IIK; additional fees apply)

At the Institute of Intercultural Communication (IIK), German language courses can be attended before the start and during the semester. Attending the IKK intensive course during the semester can lead to massive overlaps with the courses at PFH. Intensive courses (6 ECTS) generally consist of 150 lessons and take place over a period of six weeks. Students are required to pay the course fees in advance to IIK. Further information is available on the IIK website:

<https://www.iik-goettingen.de/en/>

## ECTS

Each course at PFH usually is between 2 and 6 ECTS. 1 ECTS corresponds to 30 hours of study, which consists of self-study and lectures (contact hours). The exact number of credits and contact hours can be found in the [course catalogue](#).

## German Grading System

1,0 excellent	3,0 satisfactory
1,3 excellent	3,3 satisfactory
1,7 good	3,7 sufficient
2,0 good	4,0 sufficient
2,3 good	5,0 fail
2,7 satisfactory	

## Student Buddy Programme

The International Office assigns a student buddy to each incoming student before the start of the semester. For instance, student buddies contact the new student before their arrival in order to give them a warm welcome in Göttingen and offer support especially in the first few weeks of settling in.

## Accommodation

### Student Dormitories

<https://www.studentenwerk-goettingen.de/en/studentenwerk-goettingen-student-accommodation>

### Short Term-Medium Term Accommodation

<https://www.basecampstudent.com/student/gottingen/>

### Private Accommodation (shared flats or single flats)

<https://www.immowelt.de/>

<https://www.wg-gesucht.de/en/>

## Health Insurance

EU citizens do not need health insurance for Germany, as they are in possession of a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). Non-EU citizens can obtain more information from "Expatrio" regarding German health insurance:

[www.expatrio.com/living-germany/cities/gottingen/pfh-private-university-applied-sciences](http://www.expatrio.com/living-germany/cities/gottingen/pfh-private-university-applied-sciences)

## Visa

If you are currently living outside of the Schengen Zone or your passport is from a non-Schengen Zone country, you will need to apply for a visa.

You can find a list of German embassies here:

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/laenderinformationen>

## Blocked Account

If you are currently living outside of the Schengen Zone or your passport is from a non-Schengen Zone country, you need to open a blocked account which you already need for your visa application. We can recommend the services of "Fintiba" or "Expatrio" to open the blocked account, as our students have had very good experiences with them.

For further information please visit the website of Fintiba and Expatrio:

<https://www.fintiba.com>

<https://www.expatrio.com/living-germany/cities/gottingen/pfh-private-university-applied-sciences>

## Useful Links

<https://www.goettingen.de/>

[www.goettingen-tourismus.de](http://www.goettingen-tourismus.de)

<https://www.study-in-germany.de/en/>

Culture Ticket: <https://www.pfh-university.com/study-in-germany/for-students/culture-semester-ticket>

Public Transportation in Göttingen: <https://www.goevb.de/>

Semester Ticket for Lower Saxony: <https://www.pfh-university.com/study-in-germany/for-students/bahn-semester-ticket>