



# Information meeting summer term

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## Agenda

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1. Plan summer term
2. Registration for courses
3. Last year of studies (advanced modules & thesis)
4. Master's -> Job
5. Resources



# Plan summer term



## 2nd term

module	number	structure and options	C/module	C total
core modules	3	lecture + seminar + methods course choice of 10 different modules	12	36
profile module	1	additional core module DNB core module MLS interdisciplinary courses*	12	12
key competence modules		course offer 'ZESS' course offer 'DNB, MLS or BEE' interdisciplinary courses*	2-6	12
advanced modules	2	7-9 weeks lab course	12	30
	1	scientific project management	6	
		common examination of advanced modules		
Master thesis (26 weeks)				30
				120

\* Permission of examination board required

MLS = Master Molecular Life Sciences: Microbiology, Biotechnology and Biochemistry

BEE = Master Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution

ZESS = Zentrale Einrichtung für Sprach- und Schlüsselkompetenzen

example	
term 1	core I 12
	core II 12
	key competence 6
term 2	profile 12
	core III 12
	key competence 6
term 3	advanced I 12
	advanced II 12
	scientific project management 6
term 4	Master thesis 30



# Core modules

Mind prerequisites  
(1st term courses)

For information on  
content of courses:

- [Webpage](#)
- [course catalogue of DNB programme](#)

## M.Sc. Developmental, Neural and Behavioral Biology timetable core modules - 2025/26

	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3
period	27 Oct - 28 Nov 2025	1 Dec 2025 - 16 Jan 2026 (christmas break 22 Dec - 02 Jan)	19 Jan - 20 Feb 2026
winter term	M.Bio.303: Cell biology M.Bio.323: Introduction to Bayesian Statistics	M.Bio.304: Neurobiology 1	M.Bio.306: Introduction to Behavioral biology M.Bio.321: Current developmental biology
period	13 Apr - 15 May 2026	18 May - 19 Jun 2026	22 Jun - 24 Jul 2026
summer term	M.Bio.305: Neurobiology 2	M.Bio.322: Frontiers in neural development M.Bio.308: Social behavior and communication	M.Bio.307: Behavioral biology
	**M.Bio.310: Systems biology (during lecture period only)		

\*\* The practical part can be organized individually with advisor, continuous lecture and seminar

Bioinformatics	Developmental and Cell Biology	Neurobiology	Behavioral Biology
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The exact times and dates for lectures, seminars, practicals and examinations are published online: eCampus "University course catalogue"  
<https://ecampus.uni-goettingen.de>

Last update: 28.02.2025

dates can still change, no guarantee on the information provided



# Schedule summer term

MSc. Developmental, Neural, and Behavioral Biology																							
Summer term 2026																							
weeks	Lecture-free period	Lecture period - 14 weeks (13 Apr - 17 Jul 2026)														Lecture-free period							
		April			May				June				July										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14										
block		M.Bio.305 Neurobiology 2 13 Apr - 15 May 2026					M.Bio.322 M.Bio.394/M.Bio.395 Frontiers in Neural Development 18 May - 19 Jun 2026					M.Bio.307 M.Bio.347 Behavioral Biology 22 Jun - 24 Jul 2026					SK.Bio.7009 28.-30. Sep + 8.-9. Oct 2026						
							M.Bio.308 Social behavior and communication 18 May - 19 Jun 2026					M.Bio.371 Molecular basis of neurological and psychiatric diseases 26 - 27 Jun											
weekly		M.Bio.310 Systems biology by arrangement																					
		M.Bio.340 Systems biology (lecture) Thurs																					
		M.Bio.356 Motor systems (lecture + seminar) Mon + Tue															Other key competence modules of faculty or university						
		M.Bio.357 Motor systems (lecture) Mon																					
		M.Bio.372 Matlab in neuroscience Wed + Fri, first half of term																					
		M.Bio.373 Visual psychophysics - from theory to experiment Wed + Fri, second half of term																					
		Other key competence modules of our faculty																					

Mind course catalogue (<https://ecampus.uni-goettingen.de>) for details on time, date, location and exam dates.

last updated: 04 Feb 2026



# Course catalogue/Vorlesungsverzeichnis



- Time and date
- Room number
- Dates of exam
- Sometimes, information not announced yet -> contact the lecturers
- Dates of exam also visible in FlexNow-registration

<https://ecampus.uni-goettingen.de>



## Profile module

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- additional (4<sup>th</sup>) core module of DNB
- core module MLS or BEEC\* (mind module prerequisites)
- SK.Bio.331 Research internship (individually arranged)
  - <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/129106.html>
  - Examiner: also from other master's programmes
  - If abroad: see slide "advanced module abroad"
- up to 3 modules of your choice
  - must have one topic/context; e.g. programming
  - file application to examination board -> their approval is needed

\*MLS = MSc Molecular Life Sciences/BEEC = MSc Biodiversity: Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation



## Profile module – MLS/BEEC modules

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Summer term modules:

- Double check the prerequisites
- Free places available via FlexNow 01. April (3 pm/15:00) – variable end

For more information on content of the courses:

- [Webpage MLS](#)
- [Webpage BEEC](#)



# Key competence modules of DNB

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/107061.html> (not updated) and [module description](#)

## key competence modules: single components of core modules

(combination with associated core module is not possible)

M.Bio.343	M.Bio.363	M.Bio.392	M.Bio.393	M.Bio.394	M.Bio.395	M.Bio.344	M.Bio.346	M.Bio.366	M.Bio.347	M.Bio.340
<i>Cell biology</i>		<i>Current Developmental biology</i>		<i>Frontiers in Neural Development</i>		<i>Neurobiology 1</i>	<i>Introduction to behavioral biology</i>		<i>Behavioral biology</i>	<i>Systems biology</i>
lecture + seminar	lecture	lecture + seminar	lecture	lecture + seminar	lecture	lecture	lecture + seminar	lecture	lecture + seminar	lecture + tutorial
6 C	3 C	6 C	3 C	6 C	3 C	3 C	6 C	3 C	6 C	3 C
winter term	winter term	winter term	summer term	winter term	winter term	winter term	winter term	winter term	winter term	summer term

## further key competence modules

M.Bio.350	M.Bio.356	M.Bio.357	M.Bio.359	M.Bio.360	M.Bio.371	M.Bio.372	M.Bio.373	M.Bio.376	M.Bio.374	M.Bio.001	M.CoBi.506	and more (MLS, nat- sciences, cross- faculty, ZESS)
<i>From vision to action</i>	<i>Motor systems</i>		<i>Development and plasticity of the nervous system</i>		<i>Neurological and psychiatric diseases</i>	<i>Matlab in Biopsychology and Neuroscience</i>	<i>Visual Psychophysics - From Theory to Experiment</i>	<i>Laboratory animal course</i>	<i>Computational modelling and human cooperative behavior</i>	<i>M.Bio.001: Statistics for Biology using R</i>	<i>Linux and Python for biologists</i>	
lecture	lecture + seminar	lecture	lecture	seminar	seminar (block course)	lecture + tutorial	lecture + computer-training	e-Learning unit	seminar + computer-training (weekend course)	lecture + tutorial	computer-training	
3 C	6 C	3 C	3 C	3 C	2 C	3 C	3 C	2 C	3 C	6 C	5 C	
winter term	summer term	winter term	winter term	summer term	summer term	summer term	winter term & summer term	winter term	winter term	winter term	winter term	



## Key competence modules of other programmes/university

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- Faculty
  - All programmes: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/129106.html>
  - MLS/BEEC programme: their programme's webpage
- University
  - <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/196183.html>
- Cross-faculty (in German)
  - <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/cross-faculty+key+competency+modules/196175.html>
- Cross-faculty „for international students“ (offered in English)
  - <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/605983.html>
- ZESS
  - <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/423445.html>
- German language courses
  - <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/semester-program-for-german-courses/114195.html>



## Key competencies of faculty Biology

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- As example, in English
  - SK.Bio.7009: Learning with a core facility - protein analytics using mass spectrometry
  - SK.Bio.7008: Molecular biology of HIV replication and pathogenesis
  - SK.Bio.7007: Methods in molecular virology
  - SK.Bio.7006: Microbiology of marine and terrestrial habitats
  - SK.Bio.7004: Environmental microbiology
  - SK.Bio.7002: Basic virology
  - SK.Bio.7001: Neurobiology
- Course catalogue: [BSc Biology](#) -> Professionalisation -> Key competencies/freie Profilbildung



# Overview = List of modules (Modulverzeichnis)

- official regulation for each study programme
- includes module description
  - Prerequisites
  - Examination criteria
  - Workload
  - Number of attempts
  - ...
- neat overview upon number of credits and modules for each section
- Expected to be published in English next year
- <https://uni-goettingen.de/en/88889.html>

## **I. Master-Studiengang "Developmental, Neural and Behavioural Biology"**

Es müssen Leistungen im Umfang von insgesamt wenigstens 120 C erbracht werden.

### **1. Fachstudium**

Es müssen Wahlpflichtmodule im Umfang von insgesamt 60 C nach Maßgabe der nachfolgenden Bestimmungen erfolgreich absolviert werden.

#### **a. Fachmodule**

Es müssen drei der folgenden Fachmodule im Umfang von insgesamt 36 C erfolgreich absolviert werden.

M.Bio.303: Zellbiologie (12 C, 14 SWS).....	14564
M.Bio.304: Neurobiologie 1 (12 C, 14 SWS).....	14565
M.Bio.305: Neurobiologie 2 (12 C, 14 SWS).....	14566
M.Bio.306: Einführung in die Verhaltensbiologie (12 C, 12 SWS).....	14567
M.Bio.307: Verhaltensbiologie (12 C, 14 SWS).....	14568
M.Bio.308: Sozialverhalten und Kommunikation (12 C, 14 SWS).....	14569
M.Bio.310: Systembiologie (12 C, 14 SWS).....	14570
M.Bio.321: Aktuelle Entwicklungsbiologie (12 C, 14 SWS).....	14579
M.Bio.322: Frontiers in Neural Development (12 C, 14 SWS).....	14581
M.Bio.323: Einführung in die Bayes'sche Inferenz und Informationstheorie (12 C, 12 SWS)....	14583

#### **b. Vertiefungsmodule**

Es müssen zwei der folgenden Vertiefungsmodule im Umfang von insgesamt 24 C erfolgreich absolviert werden, Zugangsvoraussetzung ist der erfolgreiche Abschluß des jeweils zugehörigen Fachmoduls.

M.Bio.314: Zelluläre Neurobiologie - Vertiefungsmodul (12 C, 20 SWS).....	14572
M.Bio.315: Molekulare Neurobiologie - Vertiefungsmodul (12 C, 20 SWS)	14573



# Registration for courses



# Registration rules – in General

**FlexNow** is the system to register in and document your achievements  
Registration is needed for both, the course and the examination.

**Written examination** (university wide **7d/24h-rule**):

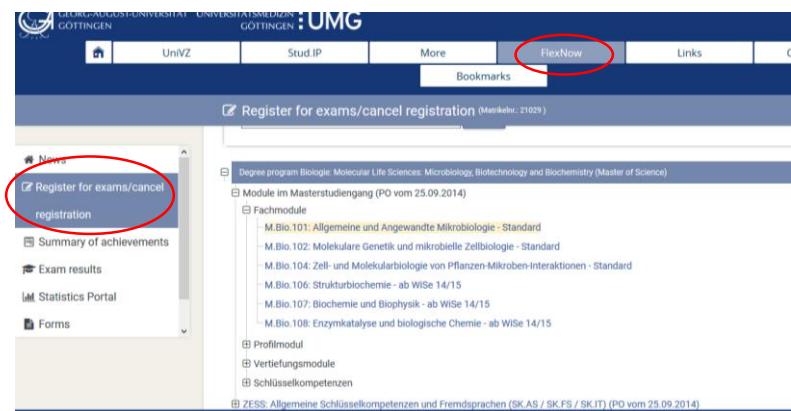
- Register: at least 7 days before exam (if missed: no participation)
- De-register: up to 24h before exam
- If registered but did not attend -> „failed due to absense“

**Courses:**

- Differs according to faculty/ZESS/...

## StudIP

- learning materials
- and DNB seminar/course preselection



**Webpage on faculty's registration rules:**

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/74848.html>



# Reminder: Registration - separated for COURSE and EXAM

- Webpage on registration rules
- <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/74848.html>

## How to register for exams

### Written examinations:

- Register up to 7 days before the exam:  
This means if the exam takes place on July 14th at 10 a.m., registration is possible until midnight on July 7th.

- De-registration up to 24 hours before the exam  
Is the exam on July 14th at 10 a.m. de-registration is possible until July 13th at 9:59 a.m.

### Oral examinations:

- Registration up to 7 days before, de-registration up to 5 days before exam :  
This means if the exam takes place on July 14th at 10 a.m., registration is possible until midnight on July 7th and de-registration is possible until midnight on July 9th.

### Sick before/during exam:

- If participation in an exam is not possible due to illness and it was office within 3 days (uploading via the portal is sufficient to meet

## How to register for practical courses/seminars

Mind the announcements in our StudIP study groups as well as in the [BioBlog](#).

### M.Sc. Biodiversity: Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation (M.Biodiv.xxx)

Registration and deregistration for modules (practical courses, seminars; first come, first served; most have limited capacity)

- winter term: 07 Oct (15:00, 3pm) - course specific end (see FlexStat query 218 or OwnCloud)
- summer term: 01 Apr - course specific end (see FlexStat query 218 or OwnCloud)

### M.Sc. Developmental, Neural and Behavioral Biology (M.Bio.3xx) and M.Sc. Computational Biology and Bioinformatics (M.CoBi.xxx)

Register for some modules (practical courses, seminars; most are capacity limited) via a preselecting StudIP query. You find the weblink StudIP-study group announcements.

- winter term: 15 - 20 Sept
- summer term: 15 - 20 Mar

For all modules not listed in the query and vacant places directly register in FlexNow (first come, first served)

- winter term: 01 Oct (15:00, 3pm) - course specific end (see FlexStat query 218)



# Registration

FlexNow: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/45582.html>

FLEXNOW STUDENTS LECTURERS STATISTICS PORTAL CONTACT

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### FlexNow information for students

**Online examinations** X

Some exams take place online this semester. Information about online examinations with **online identification** and / or about a possibly requested **file upload** in Flexnow can be found here: [Online examinations](#)

Just think: in the past you might have had to chase up certificates for each and every part of your Bachelor or Master course, and apply in person at the examination office to do so! With FlexNow that's no longer necessary. It allows you to be flexible and register online from wherever you are, without visiting the examination office. Confirmation of your registration is sent to you by e-mail. Also, you receive an e-mail as soon as the exam results are recorded and released by the examination office. Summaries of academic attainments and exam information, results and current news are available online too.

Rules and messages relating to your individual faculty can be found on the webpages of your examination office (see "contact").

**Instructions on right of appeal**  
You can file an objection to the assessment of an exam (result of a part-module exam, module exam or thesis/dissertation), within one month of announcement of the exam decision in question.

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An- und Abmeldung von Prüfungen in FlexNow 2

Online examination (info for student)

[FlexNow exam registration \(pdf\)](#)

[FlexNow exam registration \(video - English audio, German text\)](#)   

[Upload Theses \(Video\)](#)

**INSTRUCTIONS**

[Elektronische Zeugnisdokumente](#)

[FlexNow information for students \(pdf\)](#)

[Summary of Achievements](#)

[Selbstständigkeitserklärung aus FlexNow](#)

[Copy of How is my final grade calculated?](#)

[Wie wird der Studiengangs-Prozentrang im Leistungsnachweis berechnet? \(pdf\)](#)

[How is my final grade calculated?](#)

**FAQ's**

[Introduction for Internationals \(Video\)](#)   

[Technical FAQs](#)

**COPY OF INSTRUCTIONS**

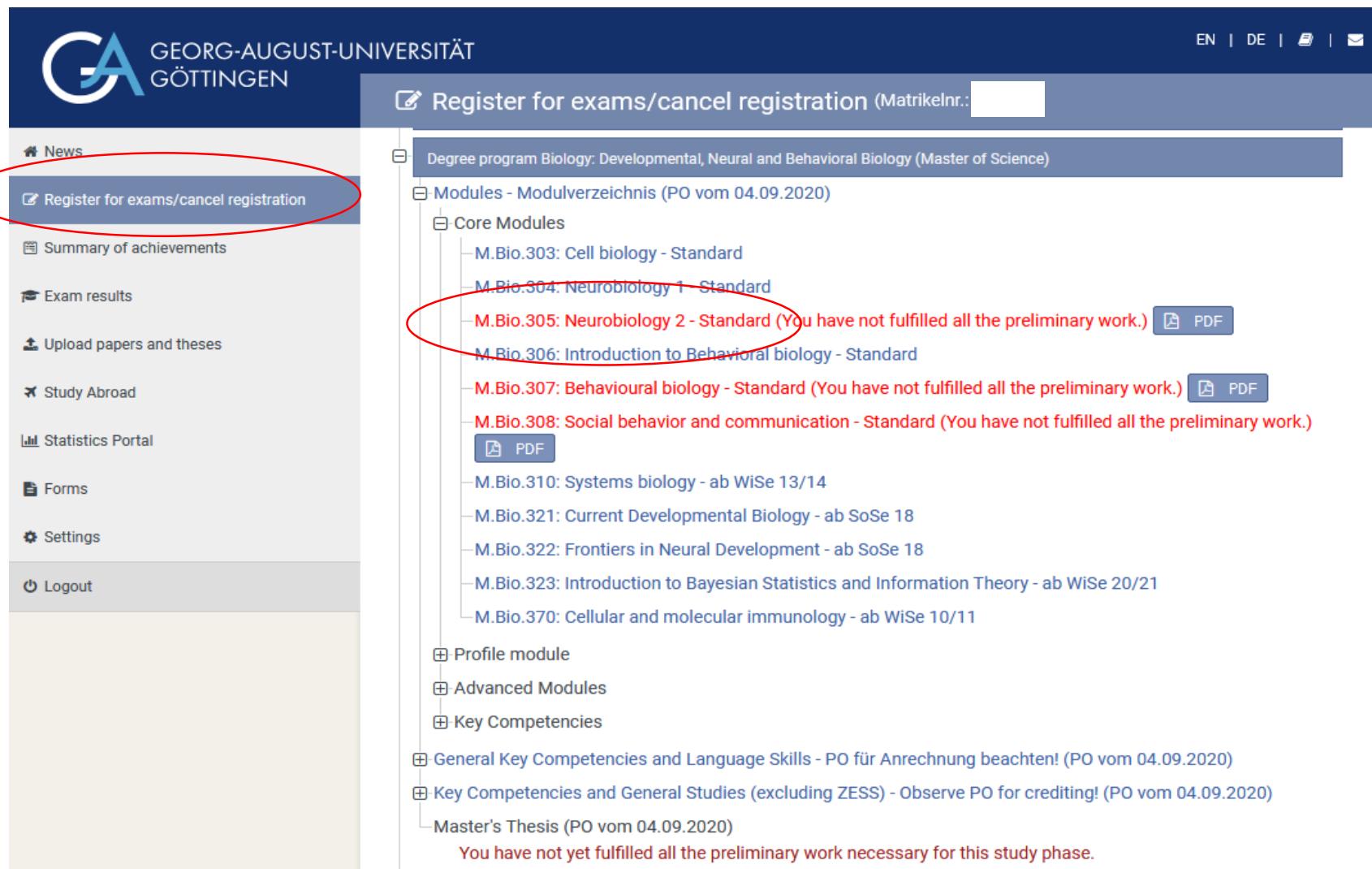
[Copy of FlexNow information for students \(pdf\)](#)

**INFORMATION**

[Exam administration \(FlexNow\)](#)



# Registration in FlexNow



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Register for exams/cancel registration (Matrikelnr.:

News

Register for exams/cancel registration

Summary of achievements

Exam results

Upload papers and theses

Study Abroad

Statistics Portal

Forms

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Logout

Register for exams/cancel registration

Degree program Biology: Developmental, Neural and Behavioral Biology (Master of Science)

Modules - Modulverzeichnis (PO vom 04.09.2020)

Core Modules

M.Bio.303: Cell biology - Standard

M.Bio.304: Neurobiology 1 - Standard

**M.Bio.305: Neurobiology 2 - Standard (You have not fulfilled all the preliminary work.)** PDF

M.Bio.306: Introduction to Behavioral biology - Standard

M.Bio.307: Behavioural biology - Standard (You have not fulfilled all the preliminary work.) PDF

M.Bio.308: Social behavior and communication - Standard (You have not fulfilled all the preliminary work.) PDF

M.Bio.310: Systems biology - ab WiSe 13/14

M.Bio.321: Current Developmental Biology - ab SoSe 18

M.Bio.322: Frontiers in Neural Development - ab SoSe 18

M.Bio.323: Introduction to Bayesian Statistics and Information Theory - ab WiSe 20/21

M.Bio.370: Cellular and molecular immunology - ab WiSe 10/11

Profile module

Advanced Modules

Key Competencies

General Key Competencies and Language Skills - PO für Anrechnung beachten! (PO vom 04.09.2020)

Key Competencies and General Studies (excluding ZESS) - Observe PO for crediting! (PO vom 04.09.2020)

Master's Thesis (PO vom 04.09.2020)

You have not yet fulfilled all the preliminary work necessary for this study phase.



## Registration rules – core modules

Core modules DNB			
Course/practical part/seminar	M.Bio.3xx.An	StudIP preselection	<i>15 – 20 Mar</i>
Examination	M.Bio.3xx.Mp	FlexNow	depends on type of examination
Vacant places in courses	M.Bio.3xx.An	FlexNow	<i>01 Apr (3 pm) - course specific end (see FlexStat query 218)</i>
Examination	M.Bio.3xx.Mp	FlexNow	depends on type of examination

Webpage on registration rules: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/74848.html>

FlexStat query (#218): <https://pruefungsverwaltung.uni-goettingen.de/statistikportal>

If not received a place, contact lecturer (e.g. waiting list, e.g. increase of seats possible)



## Registration rules – profile modules

Core modules DNB			
As regular core module			
Core modules MLS			
Course/practical part/seminar	M.Bio.1xx.An	FlexNow	<i>01 Apr (3 pm) - course specific end (see FlexStat query 218)</i>
Examination	M.Bio.1xx.Mp	FlexNow	depends on type of examination
<b>SK.Bio.331 Research internship</b>			
Individual application: see guide „information on research internship“ <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/129106.html">https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/129106.html</a></li></ul>			
<b>Other module(s)</b>			
Individual application to examination board (contact coordination first)			



## Registration rules – key competencies

Key competencies DNB			
Courses including seminar or practicals	M.Bio.3xx.An	StudIP preselection	15 – 20 Mar
	M.Bio.3xx.An	Vacant seats	01 Apr (15:00, 3pm) - course specific end
	M.Bio.3xx.Mp	FlexNow	depends on type of examination
Course with lecture only (DNB)	M.Bio.3xx.Mp	FlexNow	depends on type of examination
Course with lecture only (MLS)	M.Bio.1xx.Mp	FlexNow	depends on type of examination
German language courses			
<a href="https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/german+courses+during+studies+/114195.html">https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/german+courses+during+studies+/114195.html</a> (assessment online test and registration via StudIP)			
Key competencies cross-faculty and university wide			
All courses	eg. SK.FS.ES-A1	FlexNow sometimes StudIP	<a href="https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/196175.html">https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/196175.html</a>
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# FlexStat – Query on deadlines

- <https://pruefungsverwaltung.uni-goettingen.de/statistikportal/#start>
- query 218

**Start**

- Immatrikulation
- Prüfungen
- Anerkennungen
- ZESS
- Abschlüsse
- Verschiedenes

Suchbegriff eingeben... 

**Willkommen beim Statistik**

► Was ist FlexStat? FlexStat ist das Statistikportal der Universität Göttingen. Die dargestellten Daten kom...

► Was finden Sie hier? Es sowie An-/ und Abmeldefris...

► Wie steht es um die An ab einer Mindestgröße von Studienfachberatung hat in...

► Wie erreichen Sie uns?

Start  
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ZESS  
Abschlüsse  
Verschiedenes

218 

**Parameter auswählen: [218] An-/Abmeldefristen (nach Studiengang)**

[218] An- und Abmeldefristen für alle Prüfungen eines Fachs und Semesters. Die "Professionalisierungsbereich".

**Studiengang:**  
Biologie: Developmental, Neural, and Behavioral Biology (Master of Science)

**Semester:**  
WS 2025/2026

**Ausführen**

**[218] An-/Abmeldefristen (nach Studiengang)**

**Parameter**

**Anzahl der Treffer: 4**

Prüfungsdatum	Semester	Modul	Teilmodul	UniVZ-Numme	Nachname	Vorname	LV
24.04.2026 (09:00 - 11:00)	WS25/26	M.CoBi.506: Linux and Python for biologists	M.CoBi.506.Mp: Linux and Python for biologists	633387	de Vries	Sophie	L
(-)	WS25/26	SK.Bio.7007: Methods in molecular virology	SK.Bio.7007.Mp: Methods in molecular virology		Hahn	Alexander	
(-)	WS25/26	SK.Bio.7008: Molecular biology of HIV replication an...	SK.Bio.7008.Mp: Molecular biology of HIV replica...		Pöhlmann	Stefan	
(-)	WS25/26	SK.Bio.7002: Basic virology	SK.Bio.7002.Mp: Basic virology		Pöhlmann	Stefan	



## Not showing up in courses

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- Registered in FlexNow, but not taking the course
  - Consequences for others
    - Fellow students can not take the course -> Not fair! (see quality discussion)
    - Courses are no longer offered (e.g. immunology)
    - Resources wasted (worst case: animals bred and killed; always time and money)
  - Consequences for student
    - Lower priority in taking course next year
    - Hinders taking other core modules (only 4 choices)
    - Remark „failed (due to absence)“
- Solution
  - Plan and register carefully. Registration is binding!
  - Submit reason for not showing up (e.g. medical certificate)
  - Inform lecturer as soon as possible if attendance suddenly not possible



# Plan ahead: Last year of studies



# Last year

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<b>key competence modules</b>		<b>course offer 'ZESS'</b> <b>course offer 'DNB, MLS or BEEC'</b> <b>interdisciplinary courses*</b>	<b>2-6</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>advanced modules</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7-9 weeks lab course</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>scientific project management</b>	<b>6</b>	
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profile	
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advanced I	
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	scientific project management 6
Master thesis	
term 4	30



## Advanced modules (individual lab rotations)

- Two laboratory projects
  - 7 weeks lab work + 2 weeks protocol/presentation/prep. oral exam
  - Workload 12 CP: 360hrs = 9 weeks a 40hrs/week
- supervisor has to be examiner of programme ([list of examiners](#))
- up to two lab rotations within one department, but different research groups
- protocol has to be submitted and date for oral examination arranged shortly after the practical part -> mind the **module description**
- advanced modules I and II have to be completed before start of *scientific project management/master thesis*

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Save the date:  
**Master's Welcome Day**  
26 June 2026

- Information on working groups/labs
  - Teaching staff from core modules
  - **Master's Welcome Day** in June: Poster session & Guided tours

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## Advanced modules: How to organize it

- File application to supervisor/group you want to join
  - Motivation letter (why that group/research?)
  - Name your study programme
  - Possible timeframe (avoid overlap with courses)
  - Attach transcript of records
- Some supervisor prefer a personal meeting/phone call/contact via secretary -> ask friendly and value examiner's time/effort
- Who to contact
  1. supervisor (see list of examiner)
  2. If no response in months: responsible of advanced module
  3. If again no answer/solution: speaker of programme

Hi Professor,  
I need to do a lab rotation  
for my studies. Can I do one  
in your working group?  
Thanks, Me.

“  
Guide „  
(webpage Documents and forms)



# Core module is prerequisite for advanced module

Example:

*Core module(s)*

M.Bio.306 Introduction to behavioral  
biology and  
M.Bio.307 Behavioral biology



*Advanced module*

M.Bio.317 Population and behavioral  
biology



*Core module(s)*

M.Bio.304 Neurobiology 1 or  
M.Bio.305 Neurobiology 2



*Advanced module*

M.Bio.315 Molecular neurobiology

*Common examination*

M.Bio.317, M.Bio.315

M.Bio.331



*Master's thesis*

term 3	advanced I	12
	advanced II	12
	scientific project management	6

term 4	Master thesis	30



## Advanced modules: If planned abroad

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- If planned abroad
  - First contact supervisor, then develop project together
- Responsibilities for stay abroad
  - Project supervision: teaching staff/examiner
  - Recognition in curriculum: study coordinator
  - Finances and organisation: Simon Blackwell and International office  
<https://uni-goettingen.de/en/677597.html>



## Advanced modules: Registration

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- As it is arranged individually, registration is individual
- FlexNow, after agreement with supervisor
  - Winter term: 1.10. – 31.03.
  - Summer term: 01.04. – 30.09.
  - Register in the term you do most of the work, and after you and supervisor agreed on the topic/advanced module title





## Advanced module III (M.Bio.331)

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### „Scientific project management“

- Module description
- Participation in colloquia (minimum 14)
- Scientific proposal for Master thesis project, max. 20 pages (75% of the grade)
- Oral examination, ca 20 minutes (25% of the grade)
- Examiner = your 1<sup>st</sup> examiner master thesis
  - or “examiner from DNB list” in case of external thesis

**Attended colloquia at the Göttingen Research Campus**

Name of the student:  Student ID:

The lecturer in charge confirms by her or his signature the participation of the student in the colloquium.

Nr	Date	Title	Lecturer in charge	Signature
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				

### Colloquia

- **14 colloquia** before starting your master thesis
- all colloquia (invited speakers) at the GRC (Göttingen Research Campus) are applicable
- Download the form at the beginning of your studies
- Mind “Rules for colloquia” (pdf online, webpage “[forms and documents](#)”)
- List of seminars and events: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/seminars+and+events/67322.html>



# Common examination (Kollegialprüfung)

- Oral exam of 3 modules in one meeting
  - Advanced module I
  - Advanced module II
  - Advanced module III (M.Bio.331)
- Guidelines „common examination“ (pdf)
  - How to organize/what to expect
- Form „common examination“ (pdf)
  - Summarizes the grades given for each part
  - Sent to examination office by student or examiner of M.Bio.331

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/99695.html>

**Master "Developmental, Neural, and Behavioral Biology"**

**Form: "Common examination" of the advanced modules**

*Please complete digital or in block letters*  
*Grey boxes have to be completed by the examiners during common examination*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of common examination (organized by the student): \_\_\_\_\_

Examiners: \_\_\_\_\_

**Advanced module I:**

Module number: \_\_\_\_\_ Module name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Practical part completed Time period: \_\_\_\_\_  Protocol approved

Final grade in common examination: \_\_\_\_\_

**Advanced module II:**

Module number: \_\_\_\_\_ Module name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Practical part completed Time period: \_\_\_\_\_  Protocol approved

Final grade in common examination: \_\_\_\_\_

**M.Bio.331: „Scientific project management“**

Name of supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation of participation in colloquia (minimum 14)

Grade of proposal: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade of oral examination: \_\_\_\_\_

Final grade of the module (proposal 75% + oral presentation 25%): \_\_\_\_\_

**Date and signature of the examiners:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Master thesis

- Requirements:
  - 78C within the curriculum finished including all advanced modules + M.Bio.331
- Duration: max. 26 weeks
  - extension for maximum of 28 days possible
    - if you get sick (medical certificate to be handed in at the examination office)
    - in case of unforeseen reasons not attributed to the candidate (application with statement of first supervisor to the examination committee)
- Registration
  - Via examination office: [\*\*“Application form Master thesis”\*\*](#)
  - Sets the title of the thesis (! final certificate)
  - Sets date of latest submission (visible in FlexNow)
- Note:
  - No payment for master thesis allowed
  - Restrictions for student assistant jobs
  - Thesis could also be done in a different lab than advanced modules, if supervisors agree

**Master “Developmental, Neural, and Behavioral Biology”**

**Application Form: “Master Thesis”**

**Has to be completed by the applicant:**

Name:  Student ID:   
 E-mail/Phone:

**The following advanced modules have been completed:**

Module number:  Modulname:   
 Module number:  Modulname:   
 Supervisor of M.Bio.331:   
 Date of the common examination:

**Has to be completed by the supervisor**

**Start of the Master thesis:**

The student will prepare the **Master thesis** with the following title:



## Master's thesis: outside of Göttingen

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- You could organize thesis in other labs (within Germany or abroad)
  - First talk to supervisor from Göttingen, develop project together
  - Examiner
    - A) have two examiner from DNB list of examiner
    - B) one examiner can be from outside examiner list -> but need **individual examination authorisation** for thesis (apply via examination office)
- Examiner of M.Bio.331:
  - A) two DNB examiner: M.Bio.331 graded by “first”/main supervisor
  - B) one examiner from outside examiner list: M.Bio.331 graded by DNB examiner (regardless of status “first” or “second” supervisor)



# Master's programme -> Job



# Final certificates

- Apply via examination office
  - final transcript of records + final certificate
  - Use form „[Application for Master Certificate DNB](#)“
  - Can take up to 4 weeks
- Optional: Name area of specialization (s. examination regulations)

main focus		modules	remarks
<b>Cell and Developmental biology</b>	<b>Core modules</b>	M.Bio.321: Current Developmental biology	obligatory module
		M.Bio.322: Frontiers in Neurodevelopment	one module obligatory, other recommended
		M.Bio.303: Cell biology	
	<b>Advanced modules</b>	M.Bio.381: Current developmental biology	Two out of these modules are obligatory
		M.Bio.382: Frontiers of developmental biology	
		M.Bio.383: Cell biology	
		M.Bio.319: Human genetics	
		M.Bio.380: Cellular and molecular immunology	
<b>Master thesis</b>		in department of one of the two selected advanced modules	
<b>Neurobiology</b>	<b>Core modules</b>	M.Bio.304: Neurobiology 1	both modules are obligatory
		M.Bio.305: Neurobiology 2	
	<b>Advanced modules</b>	M.Bio.314: Cellular Neurobiology	Two out of these modules are obligatory
		M.Bio.315: Molecular Neurobiology	
		M.Bio.316: Systemic Neurobiology	
		M.Bio.318: Social behavior, communication and cognition	
		<b>Master thesis</b>	
in department of one of the two selected advanced modules			
<b>Behavioral biology</b>	<b>Core modules</b>	M.Bio.306: Introduction to behavioral biology	obligatory module
		M.Bio.307: Behavioral biology	one module obligatory, other recommended
		M.Bio.308: Social behavior and communication	
	<b>Advanced modules</b>	M.Bio.316: Systemic Neurobiology	Two out of these modules are obligatory
		M.Bio.317: Population and behavioral biology	
		M.Bio.318: Social behavior, communication and cognition	
		<b>Master thesis</b>	
in department of one of the two selected advanced modules			



## Support to start your career

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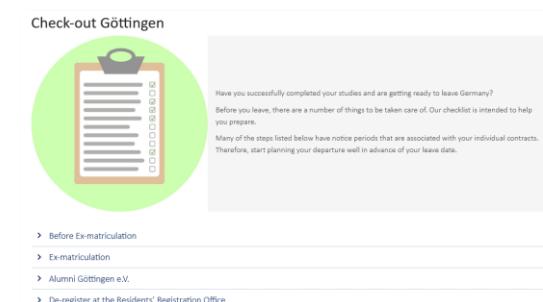
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- [Perspectives](#) lecture series of our faculty



# Exmatriculation

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- How to exmatriculate
  - Option 1: Automatically if not re-registered for next term (but you will receive e-mails that double check if this is intended -> check stud.uni-goettingen.de-address regularly)
  - Option 2: Self-service-function, ex-matriculation from a certain point in time (e.g. end of July) <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/14632.html>
- Checklist for Internationals (by Göttingen International)
  - <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/652283.html> -> Checklist intended to help you prepare leaving Göttingen (Ex-matriculation, Alumni, Residents' Registration Office...)
- Reimbursement of semester fees
  - If exmatriculated beginning of semester
  - conditions: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/544363.html>





# Resources



## Remember (see information meeting last September)

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eCampus: <https://ecampus.uni-goettingen.de>

Self services: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/14632.html>

StudIP group/slides of information meetings:

- <https://studip.uni-goettingen.de/dispatch.php/course/studygroup/details/968142224bf0c920cf0b76998905e777?again=yes>

Options for a stay abroad during studies:

- Faculty: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/international/450662.html>
- Göttingen International: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/312388.html>





# Remember: Regulations

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## Examination regulations (Prüfungs- und Studienordnung)

- Number of courses to gain degree
- Definitively failed („endgültig nicht bestanden“) if
  - after 4th term less than 60 CP reached
  - Degree not completed after 8th term
- 2 tries to pass the thesis
- Graduate with distinction: 1.0 for the master thesis and a GPA of at least 1.1 (without the master thesis)
- Optional: Repeat one passed exam of a core module to get a better grade (within 15 month after passing the exam, you are in semester 4 or lower)

## List of modules (Modulverzeichnis/Modulhandbuch)

- Overview of courses + respective section (core/advanced/key...)
- Detailed information on course content and examination requirements
- Number of tries to pass a module/exam (often: **3 tries** per module)

## General examination regulations

- Right to see your exam, after it was graded („Klausureinsicht“, within a month) -> get feedback

Find all documents [here](#)



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**Documents and forms (MSc DNB)**

By submitting one of the forms listed here, you confirm that you have read and accept our [privacy policy](#).

**General documents**

- [Antrag Vorstudium MSc DNB \(pdf\)](#)
- [Schedule winter term 2025/26 \(pdf\)](#)
- [Schedule summer term 2026 \(pdf\)](#)

**Examinations and Colloquia**

- [List of examiners of the program \(pdf\)](#)
- [Application for associated examination authorisation \(pdf\)](#)
- [Rules for Colloquia](#)
- [Confirmation for Colloquia DNB \(pdf\)](#)
- [Guidelines "Laboratory projects DNB" \(pdf\)](#)
- [Information on research internships SK.Bio.331 and SK.Bio.329 \(pdf\)](#)
- [Guidelines "common examination" \(pdf\)](#)
- [Form "Common examination" \(pdf\)](#)
- [Template oral examination DNB \(pdf\)](#)

**Master thesis**

- [Application form Master's thesis \(pdf\)](#)
- [Thesis Rules MSc DNB](#)
- [Sample first/last page Master's thesis](#)

**Final certificate**

- [Application Master Certificate DNB \(pdf\)](#)



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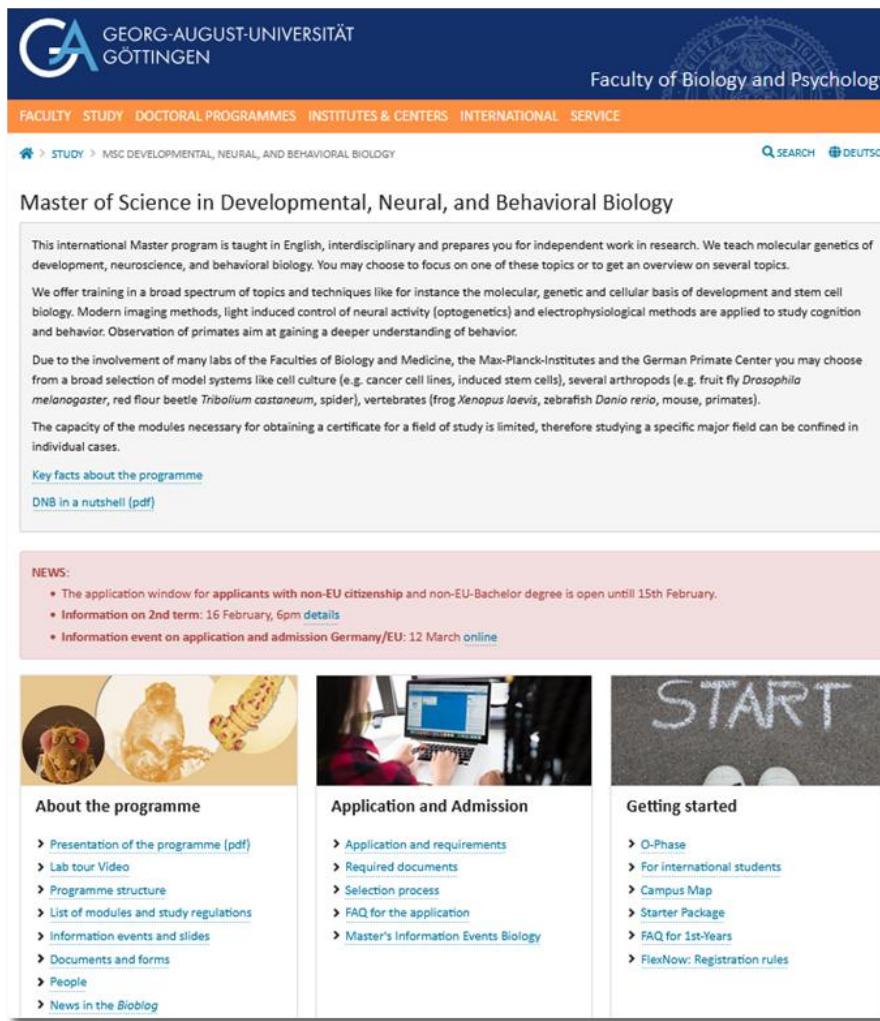
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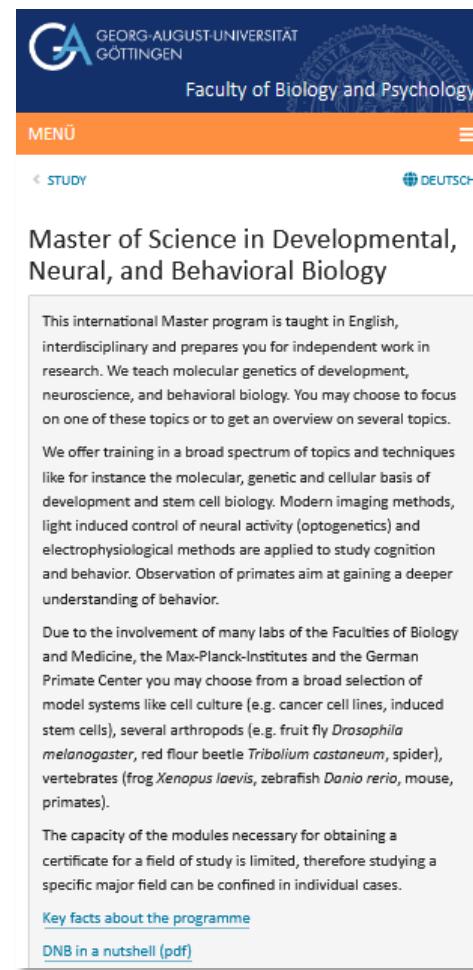
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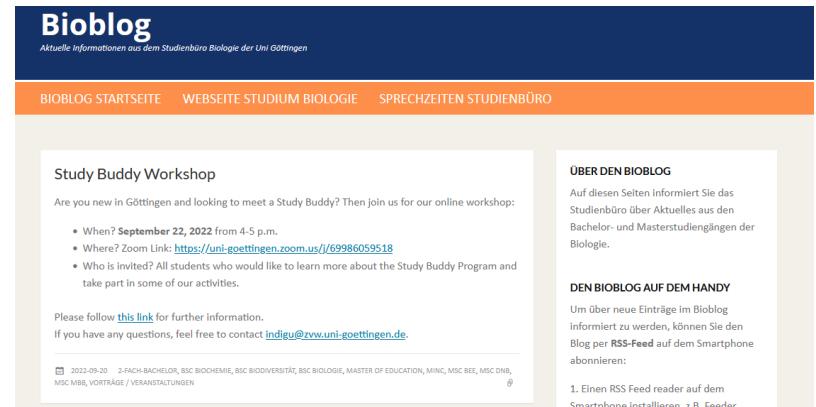
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- Webpages: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/faculty/54579.html>
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- When? **September 22, 2022** from 4-5 p.m.
- Where? Zoom Link: <https://uni-goettingen.zoom.us/j/69986059518>
- Who is invited? All students who would like to learn more about the Study Buddy Program and take part in some of our activities.

Please follow [this link](#) for further information.  
If you have any questions, feel free to contact [indigo@zvw.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:indigo@zvw.uni-goettingen.de).

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## Who to ask

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### Enrolment/re-registration

- **Registrar's office** (Studienzentrale/Studierendenbüro am Wilhelmsplatz)

### Course detail information

- Course catalogue
- lecturers

### Course of studies/study plan/lab rotations/course recognition

- **Study advisory office:** Bettina Marth (incl. at North Campus!)
- [studienbuero@biologie.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:studienbuero@biologie.uni-goettingen.de)
- Office hours: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/84567.html>



### FlexNow registration difficulties, final certificates, examination board

- **Examination office:** Michaela Deutinger
- [bio.pruefung@bio.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:bio.pruefung@bio.uni-goettingen.de)
- Office hours: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/74129.html>

### Additional contact and complaints offices

- Representatives for equal opportunities: <https://uni-goettingen.de/en/75381.html>
- Other contact: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/84567.html> (very bottom of page)



## When should I write an e-mail?

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- Email inquiries should only be made for questions that you cannot answer yourself with reasonable effort.
  - Information events (<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/701584.html>)
  - FAQ pages (<https://uni-goettingen.de/en/113979.html>)
  - Department or university homepage
  - Course catalog
  - Inquiries in student groups (WhatsApp/StudIP, etc.)
- No answer found or is my problem more complex?  
-> Office hours at the Student Office or Examination Office



## How to write an e-mail

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- Please always send your inquiries **to only one e-mail address**
- Subject line
  - Degree program
  - Keyword (e.g., hardship application, examination board, recognition,etc.)
  - Not: URGENT!!!, IMPORTANT!!!, or similar
- Greeting and closing
  - Observe forms of courtesy
  - Identify the contact person for the degree program (websites of the Student Office and Examination Office)
  - Dear Ms./Mr. (Professor/Dr.), ... Best regards, etc.
  - Not: Hey, Hi everyone, Hi,e, etc.
- Text
  - Include your **name** and **student ID number** (there is more than one John Doe)
  - Formulate questions precisely
  - Name module numbers (M.Bio.304) instead of “a question about the Neuro course”



# Helping to shape your programme

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## As students' representatives in...

- **admission committee** decides about the admission of new students. You'll be informed about the ongoing selection process and invited to be part of the interviews with a few applicants.
- **examination board** decides about all questions related to the study program and examination rules. The members meet only once a year. Most questions are dealt with via email. The students representative is always informed about these decisions and should represent the students opinion.
- **student union („Fachgruppe Biologie“)** organises orientation week, is engaged in different committees. Master students missing! Contact: <https://fgbio.uni-goettingen.de/eure-fachgruppe/>
- **Master's-Welcome-Day** in June: help organizing, chat with new applicants
- **Quality Management organisation team** prepares discussion rounds as part of the decentralized quality management

→ Contact me or other students/current representatives, if you wish to get involved → Be where decisions are made!



## Fachgruppe Biologie & Biodiversität

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- student union of fellow students (BSc and MSc, Biology and Biodiversity)
- Contact
  - [fsbio@gwdg.de](mailto:fsbio@gwdg.de)
  - <https://fgbio.uni-goettingen.de/eure-fachgruppe/>
  - Open meeting once a week (mondays)



<https://www.instagram.com/fachgruppebiologie/>



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Good luck for the upcoming exams!