

Short description

Version n° 1:

The University of Göttingen, founded in 1737, is an internationally acclaimed research university with a focus on basic and application-oriented research and research-led teaching. The diversity of scientific disciplines, which are bundled in 13 faculties (including medicine), offers an intrinsic strength for interdisciplinary cooperation. In 2003, the University of Göttingen was the first German university with a comprehensive range of disciplines to assume the legal status of a foundation under public law. The university's research activities are significantly shaped by the Göttingen Campus: The long-standing collaboration with eight non-university research institutes is a model for the German science system. Moreover, the name Göttingen is associated with more than 40 Nobel Prize winners, who lived and worked here.

In winter term 2024/ 2025, about 28,000 students, including about 17% from abroad, were enrolled in the more than 200 study programmes. The university currently has more than 500 exchange partnership programmes with 90 countries. Furthermore, the university is a founding member of e.g. The Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities and ENLIGHT. In 2023, it succeeded again in raising national and European funding for the European university network ENLIGHT together with its partners.

In 2019, the funding of the Cluster of Excellence "Multiscale Bioimaging: from molecular machines to networks of excitable cells" (MBExC) started. It aims to understand the connection between heart and brain diseases, to link basic and clinical research, and to develop new therapeutic and diagnostic approaches.

Version n° 2:

The University has developed scientifically outstanding and internationally competitive core topics that contribute greatly to the reputation and research funding success of the University. These core topics stand out in their significance and visibility from the broad framework of the whole University. In them, Göttingen scientists come together in research centres, projects and alliances for interdisciplinary high-level research. These topics are established by robust links to the research strengths of the associated faculties, by interdisciplinary collaboration, international visibility, collaborative activities and research funding strength, developed networks across the Göttingen Campus and outstanding or special infrastructures.

The core topics of the University of Göttingen cannot be found in such a form anywhere else in Germany, or only in isolated pockets:

- Molecular Foundations of Cellular Networks
- Sustainable Land Use and Biodiversity
- Foundations of Cognitive Processes
- Fundamentals of Energetic Processes in Matter
- Structures and Transformations of Texts and Objects
- Global and Local Dynamics, Sustainable Development, and Responsibility