INFORMATION FOR GERMAN STUDIES
MAJORS AND JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD
IN GÖTTINGEN

AMHERST COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN
2008 – 2009
Dear German Major:

This booklet is designed to help you understand the particular departmental offerings and requirements for students who have declared a major in German.

Please feel free to discuss details of the German major with your academic advisor or the Chair of the Department of German. We also suggest that you consult the Amherst College Catalog for departmental descriptions, course offerings, honors work, study abroad, and post-graduate opportunities for fellowships in the United States and Germany.

We hope you will make use of the many opportunities to practice your German in Porter House, in the Department, at our Kaffeeklatsch get-together, and at the weekly German Table.  Check out our homepage at https://cms.amherst.edu/academiclife/departments/german, which provides useful information about our Department and offers links to interesting German Studies resources both here and abroad. And don’t forget to attend our departmental film series – you’ll be surprised by the variety and scope of German feature films, many of recent vintage.

We look forward to working with you.

The Department of German Faculty

Christian Rogowski, Chair
Ute Brandes
Heidi Gilpin
Sigrit Schütz
German Studies Major

Majoring in German can lead to a variety of careers in education, government, business, international affairs, and the arts. The German Studies Major is broadly humanistic and cross-cultural. It develops language and cultural literacy skills and provides a critical understanding of the cultural and literary traditions of the German-speaking countries: The Federal Republic of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. The Department offers effective preparation for graduate study in German literature and language while also opening up a broad range of interdisciplinary perspectives.

Requirements

The major requires German 10 (or its equivalent), German 15 and 16 (German Cultural History), and a minimum of five further German courses. Beginning with 2010 – 2011 three of these must be courses in German culture and literature, conducted in German. Majors are advised to broaden their knowledge of other European languages and cultures and to supplement their German program with courses in European history, politics, economics, and the arts.

Students who major in German Studies are expected to enroll in at least one German course per semester. The Department faculty will help majors develop individual reading lists as they prepare for a Comprehensive Examination administered during each student’s final semester.

Study Abroad

German majors are strongly encouraged to spend a summer, semester, or year of study abroad as a vital part of their undergraduate experience. The Department maintains a regular student exchange program with Göttingen University in Germany. Each year we send students to that university in exchange for two German students who serve as Language Assistants at Amherst College. Faculty can also advise you on a variety of other options for study in a German-speaking country. Please also check out the Study & Work Abroad link for further program information.
Departmental Honors Program

In addition to the courses required for a rite degree in the major, candidates for Honors must complete German 77 and 78 and present a thesis on a topic chosen in consultation with an advisor in the Department. The aim of Honors work in German is (1) to consolidate general knowledge of the history and development of German language, culture, and history; (2) to explore a chosen subject through a more intensive program of readings and research than is possible in course work; (3) to present material along historical or analytical lines, in the form of a scholarly thesis.

Honors students who major with a concentration in German Studies are encouraged to consult early with their faculty advisor about a possible thesis topic. Depending on the topic chosen, their thesis committee will be comprised of Amherst College German Studies faculty who may or may not invite faculty from other departments, or from the Five Colleges to participate as readers. The thesis committee will be chaired by the student’s Department of German thesis advisor.

The quality of the Honors thesis, the result of the Comprehensive Examination, together with the overall college grade average, will determine the level of Honors recommended by the Department.

Activities

The Department of German supports a variety of activities that help to increase familiarity with German culture, such as film series, guest speakers and concerts, the German residential section in Porter House, Kaffeeklatsch, and a weekly German-language lunch table. Please check out our departmental website for current events.

Awards

The Department awards two prizes annually for superior achievement in German courses and for individual initiative benefiting German studies at Amherst.
II. STUDY ABROAD: COURSE SELECTION AND COURSE LOAD

1. General Information on Non-Amherst Study Abroad Programs

Students returning from abroad programs with other American universities will receive transfer credit directly from that institution. It is of utmost importance that students adhere to all requirements of that particular institution. Costs and conditions for other Study Abroad programs vary. We recommend consulting informational material available from the Director of International Experience (Career Center) and/or their respective web sites.

2. Amherst College Student Exchange Program in Göttingen

Our Amherst-Göttingen exchange program offers direct immersion into Göttingen University courses, with local academic, administrative, and social advisors ready to introduce and help students at every juncture.

While in Göttingen, students will take a minimum of four courses per semester (i.e. they can mix and match Vorlesung, Übung, Proseminar, Seminar). It is their responsibility to document the successful completion of each course with a "Schein," signed by the professor. Normally, at least half of these "Scheine" should be graded. Graded work is acceptable for transfer only if it has earned a grade of at least C (a grade of C- will not suffice).

Departmental Major Credit: In order to fulfill part of the major requirements for the Amherst College Department of German, courses taken in Göttingen must be related to the fields of German Literature or German Studies (i.e. German major credit may be awarded for a broad range of topics taught in German, including German literature, politics, history, film studies, or the arts.) Up to two courses a semester, or three courses per year, may be approved for major credit. Before their departure for Europe, all students should consult with their advisors on these matters. They are also urged to stay in touch while abroad and to consult with their advisors via email about the course selection for German credit. Updated information will be available. Students with double majors should take care to check with their second major department about course selection and possible major credit.

College Credit: Even if not related to the German major, any successfully completed academic course in the liberal arts (grade of C or above) will be recommended for Amherst College credit. Upon their return from Göttingen, students must submit all documents pertaining to their academic record abroad to the Chair of the Amherst College Department of German. The Department of German faculty will then recommend to the Registrar the number of credits to be granted, normally the equivalent of eight full courses for an academic year, four per semester. All courses taken in Göttingen will be granted "block credit" without grades attached, i.e. they will not figure into a student's grade point average listed on the transcript.
Costs: Our arrangement with Göttingen University is generous: for the duration of their stay at that university, students are charged only half of the tuition rate for Amherst College. In 2008/09 this comes to $18,500 for two semesters. Students pay for their own transportation to and from Göttingen, but they receive a modest monthly living allowance in Göttingen which covers part of their living expenses (such as fees, health insurance costs, accommodation, and food). When figuring their expenses, students should add to their budget about $2,100 per semester.

Amherst students on financial aid are eligible to have some of their financial aid package applied toward the Göttingen program. Please consult the Dean of Financial Aid and Dean of Students offices for details. Non-Amherst students must check with their home institution’s financial aid office.

III. THE AMHERST COLLEGE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM: GEORG AUGUST UNIVERSITÄT IN GÖTTINGEN

Amherst’s administrative advisor in Göttingen is Ms. Christiane Seack at the Foyer International. You should contact her as soon as you arrive in Göttingen. David Starr, Lektor at the Zentrale Einrichtung Sprachlabor (language center) will help you with academic matters. Former Amherst College TAs are available to help you get settled in. Addresses and phone numbers are listed on page 10.

After the Amherst College Department of German has accepted you as a participant of the program, you are assured acceptance at Göttingen University, provided you submit all the required paperwork on time.

THINGS TO DO PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

1) Schedule a consultation
   All Amherst and non-Amherst students must schedule a consultation with the Chair of the Amherst College Department of German to talk about administrative details. They will be assigned an Amherst College academic advisor for their time at the University of Göttingen. While away, they are urged to stay in close email contact with their Amherst advisor, consulting about the choice of courses and any other academic matters. In addition, non-Amherst students need to consult their home institution’s study abroad office for procedures and deadlines for study abroad.

2) Online application to study at Göttingen University
   After the Amherst College Department of German has accepted you as a participant of the program, you must fill out an online application. For help with this process, contact our department coordinator, Mrs. Saloma Furlong, at 413-542-2312 or sfurlong@amherst.edu: https://immatrikulation.zvw.uni-goettingen.de/partnerships.html
Follow the step-by-step instructions (the instructions are in English). After you have completed your data entry, hit the “submit” button and you will receive a personal registration number on a completed printout. Print out a copy for yourself, fill in the missing information (see appendix #1), sign the document, attach 2 photos and bring your application to our Department office. We will submit it to Christiane Seack at the International Student Services, University of Göttingen.

3) **Accommodation:**
The lease for your dormitory room runs from Sep 1 - Aug 31 if you stay the full academic year, or September 1 to February 28 for the winter semester, and March 1 to August 31 for the summer semester. **This applies even if you arrive later and/or leave earlier.** If you wish to reduce expenses it is recommended that you arrange to sublet your room after the end of the spring semester (in German: summer semester) – traditionally an easy option, since demand for affordable housing is extremely high in this popular university town. David Starr can also assist you in this matter.

4) **Liability and Health Insurance**
Students are urged to make arrangements for their own insurance through a US provider before leaving to Germany. They may purchase the Amherst health insurance, Koster, for their time abroad, if they are not on another plan.

5) **Contact David Starr (Academic Advisor in Göttingen; best reached by phone)**
Do this **before** the end of semester, prior to leaving (i.e. before July 15 for the fall or whole semester, or January 30 for the spring semester), to get information on:
   a. the place and time to meet him
   b. location of your room, when you can move in
   c. advise David Starr of your arrival date and time

6) **Talk to our TAs and previous program participants**
They will give you more information about studying and living in Göttingen. You can also check the Study Abroad Evaluation Forms filled out by previous program participants. Evaluations of study abroad programs are available online at https://www.amherst.edu/academiclife/study_abroad/evaluations.

7) **Contact the Registrar and Janna Behrens**
Ms. Janna Behrens is the Director of International Experience (Career Center) in College Hall. You must formally declare your plans to study abroad. It is very important to meet the College deadlines (usually **mid March** if you plan to study abroad in Fall Semester and **mid April** if you plan to study abroad in Spring Semester). For the exact dates go to: https://www.amherst.edu/academiclife/study_abroad/deadlines.
You can submit the Declaration of Intent to Study Abroad Form online at:
https://www.amherst.edu/academiclife/study_abroad/deadlines. Remember, you must declare at least one major before submitting this form -- if you fail to do so, the Career Center cannot process your form. Meet with your Academic Advisor to discuss your specific plans, especially as they relate to receiving credit in your academic major(s).

8) **Passport and Visa**
Make sure your passport is valid for the entire length of your stay overseas.

American citizens do not have to apply ahead of time for a student visa for Germany. When in Göttingen, you apply for an Aufenthaltsgenehmigung (residence permit), see page 8: THINGS TO DO UPON ARRIVAL IN GÖTTINGEN.

Non-American citizens should consult with the German Consulate General in Boston, 535 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116, phone (617) 534-4414. To process your visa you will most likely need a Zulassungsbescheid (confirmation of enrollment) from Göttingen University which Christiane Seack will send to you after she has received your online application (see point 1).

Citizens of a European Union country do not need visas.

9) **Bring 3 passport photos**
You may need these for the student dormitory, and for the student ID card.

10) **Further useful information for your arrival is also available on the university website:**

http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/sh/21342.html
http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/sh/20875.html
http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/48649.html
THINGS TO DO UPON YOUR ARRIVAL IN GÖTTINGEN

It is important to meet David Starr upon arrival, or to make alternative arrangements about where to wait for him, until he gets there. He may be out of the country if no prior arrangements have been made. If he knows the date and time of your arrival he’ll most likely pick you up from the train station. He will then tell you how to proceed. In case you miss David Starr, contact his office (see page 10). Also, former TAs can be of help.

Registration Procedures in Göttingen

1) Go to the International Office (Foyer International) to pick up your official statement that you are an exchange student (Bescheinigung). You will need this for all your subsequent registration steps. With the Bescheinigung you will also receive a list of things to do (steps 3-6).

Foyer International
Wilhelmpalz 4
Tel: 39 44 55 or 39 44 57

Opening Hours:
Monday-Friday 10-12 am
Wednesday 2-4 pm

2) Open a bank account (Bankkonto). Your stipend and rent payments will be deposited/withdrawn automatically. In the first days you can use your “Bank of America” card to withdraw money without a fee from the “Deutsche Bank.” Nevertheless, you should get a German bank account as soon as possible.

3) Get your first month’s stipend from the Administration Office (Verwaltung) of the School of Education (Fachbereich Erziehungswissenschaften). You will be asked for information about your account. (David Starr takes your bank information once an account is set up and makes certain that you start receiving stipend payments right away.)

Fachbereich Erziehungswissenschaften
Verwaltung
Waldweg 26

4) Go to the Town Hall (Rathaus) for your Registration (Anmeldung) and Residence Permit (Aufenthaltserlaubnis). Bring your passport, passport photos and your Bescheinigung (handed to you prior by Mrs. Seack). The registration fee may be about € 20.00.

5) Get a waiver from the language exam (Befreiung von der Sprachprüfung), because you are a non-degree candidate in Göttingen - ask David Starr.

Registration procedure (Einschreibungsverfahren) – ask David Starr. Also, check the university’s online course catalogue. It is really important to register early and send your professors e-mails, showing your interest in taking a class with them. Also visit the individual departments, because classes tend to fill up quickly.
Settling In – Useful Information:

1) *Get a mobile phone card*
Buy a pre-paid phone & card package. “T-Mobile” and “O2” have stores in town *(Weender Straße)* and on campus *(Zentralmensa)*. This should not cost more than € 30.00.

2) *Internet access*
a) Go to the *Blaue Turm* and ask at the *Internet Hotline* for an “s-Nummer.” It costs about € 12.00 per semester. Do not forget to bring your *Bescheinigung* with you. Maybe you want to take a former German TA with you. The “s-Nummer” is valid only in the library and in the “Zip-Pool” in the *Blaue Turm* *(4th & 7th floor).*
b) Ask around the dorm and find out who the internet tutor is, he or she will establish the Internet connection for you. This may cost about € 45.00.

3) *Getting a bike*
Ask the TAs. Keep your eyes open for flyers and postings. There are cheap bike sales near the train station. Having a bike in Göttingen is really helpful.

4) *Groceries*
The closest grocery store to your dorm is on *Annastraße*, the shop is called “Rewe.” It is one block away from *Kreuzbergring* and *Weender Landstraße*.

5) *Sports*
Sports in Germany are organized by clubs, not by universities. You can join a club; they will probably be more than willing to have you train and compete with them. You can also take courses with the *Hochschulsportteams*, they charge a fee of about € 25.00 per semester. Check the university sport website: [www.sport.uni-goettingen.de](http://www.sport.uni-goettingen.de).

6) *Sprachpartner*
There is a bulletin board located in the *Sprachlehrzentrum* in *Goßlerstraße* 10, advertising German conversation partners. It is a good idea to find one, for it can also help you meet more friends and get a better insight into German university life.

7) *“O-Phase”*
This is the university’s orientation week for first-year students. It is a good way to get to know the city, learn about local restaurants and pubs and meet new friends. It is not obligatory, but it is a good way to get in touch with people. Ask Christiane Seack or the TAs about this.

Information about Göttingen:

You can learn more about Göttingen and its university on the following websites:

[http://www.uni-goettingen.de](http://www.uni-goettingen.de)
[http://www.goettingen.de/](http://www.goettingen.de/)
USEFUL ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

Christiane Seack – Advisor for Administrative Matters
“Foyer International” / International Student Services
Wilhelmsplatz 4
37073 Göttingen
Tel.: 0551-39-12410 (within Germany)
Tel.: 011-49-551-39-12410 (from USA)
Email: christiane.seack@zvw.uni-goettingen.de
Hours: Monday – Friday 10-12

Foyer International (International Office)
Wilhelmsplatz 2
37073 Göttingen
Tel.: 0551-39 44 55 (within Germany)
Tel.: 011-49-551-39 44 55 (from USA)
Dr. Ursula Hans
Email: ursula.hans@zvw.uni-goettingen.de

David Starr – Lektor, Academic Advisor
Zentrale Einrichtung Sprachlabor
Universität Göttingen
Goßlerstr. 10
D-37073 Göttingen
E-mail: Office: dstarr@gwdg.de ; Home: dstarr@web.de
Office: Raum 016
Tel.: (0551) 39 54 84 (within Germany)
Tel.: 011-49-551-395484 (from USA)
Fax: (0551) 39 58 35 (within Germany)
Fax: 011-49-551-395835 (from USA)

Home (home phone is the best way to reach David Starr):
Hünstollenstr. 52
37136 Waake/Bösinghausen
Tel.: 05507-999 595 (within Germany)
Tel.: 011-49-5507-999 595 (from USA)

Former Amherst College TAs – Advisors and Helpers
Jakob Grüner, TA 2008-2009: jakobg@gmx.de
Markus Gerke, TA 2008-2009: elgurko4ever@hotmail.com

Jakob and Markus will introduce you to a number of our Amherst College TAs from previous years. They are familiar with all matters concerning Göttingen University and they will be glad to introduce you to their friends. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with them.
Antrag auf Zulassung zum Studium
zum Wintersemester 19/20

an der Universität Göttingen
(Name der Hochschule)

1 Angaben zum beabsichtigten Studium
1.1 Studiengang 1. Wahl

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1.1.2 Für welches Fachsemester bewerben Sie sich?
Nur eintragen, wenn Anrechnungsbescheid vorliegt.

1.1.3 Angestrebter Studienabschluß:
- Diplom
- Staatsexamen
- Sonstiger Studienabschluß
- Magister
- Promotion
- Kein Studienabschluß in der Bundesrepublik

Falls Sie in dem von Ihnen gewünschten Studiengang nicht zugelassen werden können, für welchen anderen Studiengang bewerben Sie sich? (Möglichst nur freie Fächer)

1.2 Studiengang 2. Wahl

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2 Angaben zur Person (bitte genau wie im Paß angegeben!)

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3 Korrespondenzzadresse

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Zulassungsbesonderheit (§ 45 Vergabe VO)
Qualifikation
Weitere Verarbeitungsvermerke
5 Angaben zur Vorbildung

Alle Angaben zur Vorbildung müssen Sie belegen durch Nachweise, die diesem Antrag beizufügen sind.
Keine Originale beifügen, sondern amtlich beglaubigte Kopien und amtlich beglaubigte Übersetzungen.

5.1 Angaben zur Schulbildung
Weiche Berechtigung zum Universitäts-(Hochschul-) Studium haben Sie erworben?
[G.C.E. (O+A-Level), baccalaureat, Lise Diplomasi, Apolyterion, Maturität etc.?]

Genauze Originalbezeichnung des Zeugnisses:

Ort und Datum des Erwerbs:

5.2 Hochschulaufnahmeprüfung im Heimatland
z. B. 1985
bei ja
Datum:

Bitte alle für die Aufnahme des Studiums im Heimatland erforderlichen Dokumente beifügen!

SICHE ANLAGE (High School, College Transcripts)

6 Angaben zum Studienkolleg und zur Feststellungsprüfung

6.1 Beantragen Sie zum kommenden Semester die Aufnahme in ein Studienkolleg für ausländische Studierende zur Vorbereitung auf die Feststellungsprüfung?

6.2 Haben Sie bereits an einer Aufnahmeprüfung zum Studienkolleg teilgenommen?
Wie oft □ z. B. [1] Wo:

6.3 Besuchen oder besuchten Sie in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland ein Studienkolleg?
Falls ja: Ort und Zeitraum angeben. Nachweis beifügen!

6.4 Wünschen Sie die Zulassung zur externen Feststellungsprüfung zum nächstmöglichen Termin (ohne Besuch des Studienkollegs)?

6.5 Haben Sie bereits in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland an der Feststellungsprüfung teilgenommen?
Falls ja: Ergebnis, Ort und Datum der Prüfung angeben! Nachweis beifügen!
Bitte unbedingt Einzelnoten beifügen!

7 Angaben über bisheriges Studium

An welchen Hochschulen haben Sie bisher studiert?

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Bitte alle erworbenen Studienzeugnisse, Immatrikulationsbescheinigungen und Übersetzungen in amtlich beglaubigter Kopie beifügen. SICHE ANLAGE

Wenn Sie die Anrechnung bisher erbrachter Studien-, Prüfungsleistungen bzw. Studienzeiten beantragen wollen, wenden Sie sich bitte an das zuständige Prüfungsamt.
8.1 Haben Sie Deutsch gelernt?

Wo Amherst College, USA

Wie lange 2 Jahre

Wie viele Stunden

Genau Bezeichnung der Institution, genaue Bezeichnung erworbener Sprachzeugnisse, Ort und Datum des Erwerbs angeben! Nachweise beifügen!

Befinden Sie sich zur Zeit in einem Deutschkursus?

Ja □ nein □

Falls ja: Genau Bezeichnung der Institution angeben! Nachweise beifügen!

8.2 Beantragen Sie zum kommenden Semester die Aufnahme in einen Deutschkursus der Hochschule?

Ja □ nein □

(siehe Zulassungsinformationen Ziffer 8.2!)

9 Sonstige Fragen (nach § 45 Vergabeverordnung):

9.1 Studienfinanzierung

Amherst College

Universität Göttingen

Erhalten Sie ein Stipendium? Von welcher Institution?

Studienaufstausch □ ja □ nein

(Nachweis beifügen)

Andere Finanzierungsquellen (Angaben freiwillig)

9.2 Ist Ihnen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland Asylrecht gewährt worden?

Ja □ nein □

Falls ja: Nachweis beifügen!

9.3 Kann der beantragte Studiengang im Heimatland studiert werden?

Ja □ nein □

9.4 Gehören Sie einer deutschsprachigen Minderheit im Ausland an?

Ja □ nein □

Welcher?

Nachweis beifügen

9.5 Nehmen Sie an einem Austauschprogramm teil?

An welchem?

Amherst College - U. Göttingen

Studentenaustausch

Ja □ nein □

10 Lebenslauf (Curriculum vitae)

Tabellarische Übersicht über Ihren bisherigen Ausbildungsgang bis zum Datum der Antragstellung

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11 Nennen Sie bitte alle deutschen Hochschulen, an denen Sie sich ebenfalls bewerben/beworben haben.

Haben Sie sich bereits in früheren Semestern an der Hochschule beworben, für die dieser Antrag auf Zulassung zum Studium gilt? □ ja □ nein

Wenn ja, in welchem Semester? _______________________

Für welchen Studiengang? _______________________

12 Besondere Gründe für die Wahl des Hochschulortes

Sollten besondere Gründe dafür sprechen, daß Sie Ihr Studium an einer bestimmten Hochschule aufnehmen, so geben Sie diese Hochschule an und nennen Sie die Gründe!

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Ich erkläre, daß ich die Zulassungsinformationen zur Kenntnis genommen habe.

Ankerst College, USA 5.14.97 X Anne Smith

BEWERBUNG UM AUFPNAHME IN EIN STUDENTENWOHNHEIM DES STUDENTENWERKS

Smith

Name

Jane

Vornamen

15. Dezember 1995

geboren

U.S.A.

Nationalität

Zahl der wirtschaftlich abhängigen Geschwister

2

Handwerker

Beruf des Vaters

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Art and culture

(Museums and galleries)

Göttingen's museums cover a wide spectrum, ranging from local prehistory to the life of the pygmies and from ancient art to the fauna of Lower Saxony.

The following are the most important collections: the Town Museum covers prehistory, early history and modern history and also the artistic and cultural heritage of Göttingen and Lower Saxony; of particular interest are the fully reconstructed old apothecary's shop and the medieval kitchen. The ethnological collection of the University gives an insight into other civilisations; valuable artistic masterpieces of the 16th and 17th centuries form the core of the art collection; and the collection of musical instruments contains more than a thousand musical instruments and devices for the reproduction of music. Contemporary art is to be found in the many galleries. And last but not least we must mention the Town Archives with their unparalleled collection of records going back almost without a break to 1229.

Varied programme of cultural events

Music and the theatre play a prominent part in the cultural life of Göttingen. The two famous theatres - the "Deutsches Theater", now a hundred years old, and the "Junges Theater" - offer a varied programme of plays ranging from classical to modern, from traditional to experimental and from serious to funny. The musical scene spans an equally wide range, extending from symphony concerts to the Jazz Festival. Outstanding events in the musical world are the annual Handel Festival and the International Organ Festival. The Town Concert Hall, seating 1,200, provides a splendid and technically perfect setting for musical performances - and also for performances by visiting theatrical companies, shows and balls.

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Recreation

(Jérôme-Pavillon on the Schillerwiese -- Recreational area in the south west of Göttingen: the Kiessee lake)

No lack of things to do

Göttingen is a town that caters for (almost) all leisure requirements. For sports fans there are heated open-air swimming pools, indoor pools, modern sports stadiums and gymnasiums, tennis courts, golf-course and riding facilities. Almost any kind of sport can be practised in Göttingen. But there is also plenty to do for those not interested in sport. A saunter through the pedestrian area or a stroll under the lime trees lining the "Wall" (the old ramparts) or in the pleasant parks will soothe away stress and tension. Walkers will find a host of delightful paths "right on their doorstep" in the Hainberg, and anyone wanting a bird's eye view of the town can see it spread out below them from the Bismarck Tower.

And, finally, there is no lack of entertainment. As well as the wide range of cultural activities there are the more light-hearted festivals - the Old Town Festival, an outsize celebration; the Marksmen's Festival, with 600 years of tradition behind it; the Spring and Autumn Festivals, fun-filled and colourful; the Christmas Market, with its own very special atmosphere - each of them in its own way an expression of the zest for life that is typical of Göttingen - and can be catching!

Enchanting surroundings

The university town is set amid the rolling mountain landscape of southern Lower Saxony with its characteristic hills and valleys. The area is a Paradise to explore on foot or by car and an eldorado for nature-lovers.

But natural beauty is not the only thing to delight the eye. There are also such tourist gems as picturesque Duderstadt, with its delightful half-timbered buildings, its small town atmosphere and the feeling of history pervading the streets; or Hann. Münden, a picture postcard town at the confluence of the rivers Werra, Fulda and Weser.

Or perhaps a museum would appeal more? The European Bread Museum in Mollenfelde will take you on a fascinating trip through the long history of bread from the time of the pharaohs to the present day. Everywhere along the way you will come upon sleepy little villages that seem to have been passed over by the hurly-burly of modern life. Bremke nestling dreamily in its wooded valley is the setting for the annual fairy-tale plays and also for an inn long-frequented by the student fraternity. Or Ebergötzen, where, in an old mill, one can learn about Wilhelm Busch, the father of the comic strip.

The Seeburger Lake is a scenic jewel on which many legends centre, and the Rhumequelle is one of the strongest springs in Europe. Any description of Göttingen's "front garden" would be incomplete if no mention were made of the Münden, Kaufering Wald, Meissner and Solling-Vogler National Parks, or of the fact that the Harz Mountains are only a short drive away.
University town Göttingen

The small city with a warm heart and a charming face

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Tradition

There are many reasons for coming to Göttingen - to study, to work, to shop, to go to the theatre and - and - and .... Perhaps just to get to know the place.

We should like to give you a brief introduction to our town, since it has more to offer than most visitors realize. And if there is anything that you don't find here but would like to know about you are welcome to ask at the Tourist Association / Fremdenverkehrsverein) in the Old Town Hall or at the Tourist Office near the railway station.

Location

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Göttingen lies in the southern part of Lower Saxony halfway between Bonn and Berlin on the North South Autobahn A7, the roads B3 and B27 and the German Federal Railway's north-south main line. It lies on such romantic holiday routes as the "German Holiday Road" which runs from the Alps to the Baltic, and the "Harz - Heath Road"; and it is just a short detour from the Fulda where the "German Fairy Tale Road" runs.

First impressions

One soon becomes aware that Göttingen has its own unique atmosphere. A sense of activity, many young people bustle without stress, worthy citizens and happy-go-lucky hedonists. Sit for a while in one of the street cafés in the pedestrian area and watch the world go by in all its colourful variety. And talking of the pedestrian area - this is something we feel we can be justly proud of. It encompasses the historic heart of our town, with the market, the Weender Strasse and much else besides. It is here in this charming setting that people come to stroll, to shop, to meet each other, to listen to the street musicians, to sit on a seat and observe the bustle and activity around them.

Sari or burnous-clad figures are nothing out of the ordinary. Guests from other countries are part of the everyday scene. This is largely due to the presence of the university and gives the town a certain international and cosmopolitan air. For centuries the people of Göttingen have been used to forging links with foreigners. Now - in the town twinning era - they are twinned with Cheltenham in England, Torun in Poland, Pau in south-western France and Wittenberg.
Charm of the Old Town

(Grone Tor -- Historical houses with flowers)

From a market settlement to a city

No-one knows when Göttingen first saw the light of day. The first recorded mention of "Guting", the village on the watercourse, was in 953 when Kaiser Otto I granted the village to the Moritz Monastery in Magdeburg. At that time Grone Castle lay on the other side of the River Leine - an historically significant place where Emperors and Kings held courts and parliaments. While the importance of the castle ended with its destruction by Henry the Lion in 1180, a market settlement grew up near Guting, thanks to its advantageous position at a ford on the River Leine and on two important trade routes. This settlement took the name of the village and was granted a town charter around 1210. The town saw its heyday as a commercial centre between 1351 and 1572 when it belonged to the Hanseatic League. The wealthy burghers of the time felt sufficiently independent to free themselves from the authority of the dukes who had hitherto resided within the town walls. This they did in 1387 when they destroyed the ducal castle. The medieval prosperity of the town came to an end in 1547 with the fall of the Lutheran Schmalkaldic League to which Göttingen belonged. The Thirty Years' War also played a part in turning this once thriving trading centre into a sleepy country town. In 1734 George II, Elector of Hanover, breathed new life into the town by founding a university there.

Since those days the town has blossomed. In 1964 it was given city status and now has a population of around 130,000.

The charm of the Old Town

In Göttingen modern times have not pushed aside the old; new and old exist side by side. A walk around the town with its evocative relics of past centuries will transport you back to a bygone age. There is the Old Town Hall. Originally built for trade purposes around 1270, it was given the form in which we essentially see it today in the period from 1369 to 1445 - with the open arcade, the Gothic heating system and the Great Hall in which the people of Göttingen once received princes and dignitaries, held courts of law and gave feasts. In 1883/1886 the painter, Herrmann Schaper, decorated the Hall with the coats of arms of the Hanseatic towns and with murals depicting scenes from the life of the town. Since the town council moved into a new 16-storey building in 1978 the Old Town Hall has been pensioned off, but it still serves a useful purpose as the headquarters of the Tourist Office and a setting for exhibitions and receptions. In front of the Old Town Hall stands the "most-kissed girl in the world", the smiling statue of the "Gänseleisl" on the fountain in the market place. By tradition every post-graduate student who attains his doctorate must kiss the little goose-girl with her cool beauty.

The decorative towers we can see peeping over the Town Hall roof belong to one of the town's medieval churches, the Church of St. Johannis. In times gone by a watchman used to sit in one of the asymmetrical towers ready to warn the town of the approach of enemies or of the outbreak of fire. Today it houses students. Of greater artistic importance is the St. Jakobi Church, a Gothic masterpiece. Its most precious treasure is the altar piece created in 1402 by an unknown master.

There are also some fine late medieval town houses. Particularly fine examples of richly decorated timber-framed houses are the Schrödersches Haus (1549), the Junkernschänke (15th-16th century) and Abel Bornemann's House dating from 1536. One can learn more about the sights of the town on a guided tour (information and booking at the Tourist Association, Old Town Hall, Tel. 54000).

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As far back as 1311 education was taken seriously in Göttingen. Records show that the town already had a school at that time. By 1530 it had acquired a grammar school and in 1536 the Town Council even applied to the Emperor for permission to establish a university. However, troubled times followed and the ambitious plans were laid aside. Although the town failed in its purpose then, its ambitions were fulfilled in 1734 through the generosity of the local ruler, Elector George Augustus of Hanover, who founded Göttingen University. It started with four faculties and was a true product of the Age of Enlightenment. Soon, with 800 students, it was the best-attended university in Europe. Today the university has 14 faculties and is one of Germany’s leading universities with more than 32,000 students, 2,500 professors and academics and a technical and administrative staff of 7,000.

When the old premises became inadequate as a result of the enormous expansion, a brand-new, modern "university quarter" arose to the north of the town. The architecture of the old Göttingen University can still be seen in the Auditorium maximum (1862/1865) and the Aula (1835/1837) on the Wilhelmsplatz. Closely linked with the university are the State and University Library of Lower Saxony with its 3.5 million volumes and precious manuscripts, the Science Academy, which was originally founded in 1751 as the "Royal Society for Sciences", and the four institutes of the Max-Planck-Society for the Promotion of Science.

The international reputation of the university was founded by many eminent professors who are commemorated by statues and memorial plaques. 41 Nobel Prize-winners have studied or taught in Göttingen and many students attained a place in history - for example Otto von Bismarck, who studied in Göttingen in 1833 and lived in the old fortress tower on the "Wall", now known as the "Bismarck Cottage."
A Commercial centre

(Laser technology -- Shopping is fun -- Evening walk -- Good Tradition: optical industry)

Göttingen is also the centre of commerce and industry in southern Lower Saxony. Alongside the traditional pillars of the economy, commerce and the trades, industry now also plays an important role. This does not mean a proliferation of factory chimneys belching smoke, but a healthy mixture of industries that have little harmful effect on the environment.

It is interesting to note that the university has been the force behind the creation of many enterprises, which have developed out of university workshops. A prime instance of this is the precision engineering and optical industries. Microscopes and lenses, precision and analytical scales, scientific measuring devices and laboratory equipment are sent out from Göttingen to all parts of the world. But the town can also boast an electrical industry and an organ-building works.

Göttingen for good living

"The town of Göttingen, famed for its sausages and its university" - this is no modern advertising slogan, but a quotation from Heinrich Heine's "Journey through the Harz 1824", in which he had many scathing comments to make about Göttingen. The sausage which met with the approval of the somewhat critical genius is still something of a local speciality today - alongside the famous Göttingen beer which is still matured in accordance with centuries-old tradition.

But present-day gourmets will find much more to interest them, from good plain cooking to gastronomic delicacies. And for anyone who likes an international flavour to his food there is a choice of Yugoslav, Greek, Italian, Turkish, Chinese and Arabic restaurants. Those more interested in local colour, however, will seek out a typical "Bierstube" or one of the regular students' haunts.

As for accommodation, everyone should be able to find something to suit his taste (and pocket).