

Living and Studying in Göttingen

“The City of Science” with dozens of Nobel Prize winners in its history: Since its founding in 1737, Georg-August University has been shaping the life and culture of the city of Göttingen, where more than 31.000 students currently live and study. A very broad range of academic disciplines are represented in the university’s 13 faculties. The humanities and social sciences play an important role at our university, and they do so in cooperation with internationally recognized research institutes

Internationality

The Göttingen University has been a welcome center to international students and international scholars. Thanks to the committed work of international academics and a high proportion of foreign students, Göttingen continues to be a research centre of international importance and reputation.

Everything Within Reach

The Department of East Asian Studies, the main campus, the city center and the train station are all within easy walking distance. The beautiful countryside is only a short bike ride away. It takes about two hours by train to reach major metropolitan areas like Berlin, Hamburg and Frankfurt.

Flair

Sidewalk cafes, the downtown bar scene as well as diverse cultural and sport activities all enhance the already lively atmosphere in Göttingen.

The Department of East Asian Studies

The Department of East Asian Studies in Göttingen is one of the oldest institutes for research on Greater China in Germany. Since 2008, the focus of Sinological studies at the department has been on modern China. As a timely form of regional studies, Sinology in Göttingen is characterized by:

- a focus on China in the period from the 17th to the 21st century,
- trans-regional and comparative approaches to scholarship, and
- interdisciplinary cooperation with related research disciplines.

Teaching and Research

- Research-based teaching, which draws on exemplary scholarly works.
- Intensive language training with qualified teachers in small groups.

Individualized Support

At the Department of East Asian Studies, we provide you with professional and attentive supervision in planning your studies and future career.

Studying Abroad

You have the option to spend a voluntary semester abroad at one of our internationally renowned partner universities such as Peking University, Fudan University, Chengchi University in Taipei as well as other universities in Chengdu, Hangzhou, Nanjing, etc.

For more information see:

<https://www.sinologie-goettingen.de/en/teaching/further-information/study-abroad/>

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Applying

Applications need to be submitted online. More information on the application process can be accessed here:
www.unigoettingen.de/en/103531.html

A list of the documents required for the application can be found here:
www.uni-goettingen.de/en/103541.html

More information on the Department of East Asian Studies and our degree program can be found on our website:
www.sinologie-goettingen.de/en/



Master's degree program
Modern Sinology
English-taught

The Master's Degree Program "Modern Sinology"

After successfully completing your B.A. in Sinology/Chinese Studies or related fields, you will further develop your Chinese language proficiency and general knowledge about China. Our program takes place over four semesters and is taught entirely in English and Chinese. You will acquire advanced skills in academic analysis and learn to carry out independent research.

- Like most German universities, Georg-August-University does not charge tuition fees to either domestic or international students.
- You will benefit from our collaboration with excellent partner universities throughout **Greater China**. Our partner universities include Fudan University, Nanjing University and Chengchi University in Taipei. You have the option to spend a voluntary semester abroad.
- We are continuously expanding our regular course offerings and are proud of an exciting array of lectures and courses given by renowned **visiting scholars** from around the globe. These special events and courses complement the teaching of our academic staff who possess diverse expertise in history, philosophy, religion, literature, law, politics, economics, society and urban studies in Greater China.
- Our **interdisciplinary** program enables you to study many facets of **modern China** and its connections with other regions.
- You have access to a highly developed research environment in the fields of East Asian studies and global studies. The Göttingen Campus plays host to many conferences, workshops and lectures on different topics.

Program Structure

In the study program, you will receive an excellent, intensive training in advanced spoken and written modern Chinese. You will also get exposed to a wide range of approaches to the study of modern China and its historical dimensions. Moreover, you will strengthen your skills in further developing your own knowledge base and presenting your own ideas.

- In seminars on the **current state of research** in the first semester, you will deal intensively with the **latest findings** of China-related research on various topics.
- In the second semester, you will focus on **case study seminars**, partly working with primary Chinese source texts.
- You will receive training in the concrete application of cultural and social science methods and theories in the context of an independent **research project** in the second year.
- On this basis, you will write your **Master's thesis** in the fourth semester which is the final step towards your degree.

Students interested in the **professional field of translation** can study the optional study focus "**Übersetzen Chinesisch – Deutsch / Deutsch – Chinesisch**" (taught in German). Please find more on our website:

www.sinologie-goettingen.de



Our Areas of Expertise

The great strength of the Sinology program in Göttingen lies in the broad range of subjects offered on modern China.



In addition to a large number of lecturers/assistant professors, the department has four chair professors with a diversity of expertise.

Prof. Dr. Sarah Eaton, Modern Chinese Society and Economy.

Prof. Dr. Andreas Guder, Modern Chinese Linguistics and Didactics of Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language.

Prof. Dr. Dominic Sachsenmaier, Global history, China focus.

Prof. Dr. Axel Schneider, Modern Chinese History and Politics.

Together, all department members represent a wide range of diverse expertise in different aspects and regions of Greater China. Courses are offered in the areas of **law, economics, politics, history, philosophy, religion, society, urban studies and literature**.

Additional courses are offered by our expanding academic team and rotating visiting professorships. These include many internationally renowned scholars – for example, in the academic year 2017/2018, Prof. Ge Zhaoguang 葛兆光 (Fudan University), Prof. Liu Kang 刘康 (Duke University),

and Prof. Hsiung Ping-chen 熊秉真 (Chinese University of Hong Kong) have been teaching at our department.

Moreover, our institute, along with our sister organizations—the Centre for Modern East Asian Studies and the Global and Transregional Studies Platform—hosts regular lectures and workshops bringing some of the top scholars of various branches of China-related research to our campus. For more details, please visit:

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

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Career Opportunities and Prospects

Our graduates are well-prepared to pursue both academic careers as well as careers in business, government and non-government sectors. Many organizations place a high value on a combination of highly advanced Chinese and English language skills paired with strong regional competence and international experience. They also value the broad international experiences offered by a Chinese Studies program in Germany. Among other positions, our graduates can work as researchers, teachers, analysts, consultants and mediators in transcultural and global institutions, organizations and companies.