

Erasmus+ Study Exchange - *Biology* -

Study year 2025/26

Possibilities – Procedure – Organisation

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(slides from Anke Schürer)

GET OUT ?!

Get to know other countries and customs!

Study subjects not offered in Göttingen.

Fill transition term (between Bachelor/Master or Master/PhD).

Recognition at master's application in Göttingen (Biology).

I want to study abroad!

For personal growth and social competence.

Upgrade the CV!



Wide range at others universities...



A world map with various research fields labeled in italics: *Gene Structure and Function* (North America), *Tumor Cell Biology* (South America), *Immunology* (South America), *Human Physiology* (Europe), *Toxicology and Public Health* (Europe), *Terrestrial Arctic Biology* (Arctic), *Wildlife Management* (Africa), *Marine Ecology* (Asia), and *Fish Ecology* (Australia). In the center, a vintage telescope sits on a box of 'White Chocolate'.

Where can I find information?

<https://uni-goettingen.de/de/677597.html>

--> Outgoings

GEORG-AUGUST-UNIVERSITÄT GÖTTINGEN
Fakultät für Biologie und Psychologie

FAKULTÄT STUDIUM PROMOTION INSTITUTE & ZENTREN **INTERNATIONAL** SERVICE

INTERNATIONAL > **OUTGOING - EXPLORE THE WORLD FROM GÖTTINGEN** SUCHEN ENGLISH

Outgoing - Explore the World from Göttingen

Welcome to our website, dedicated to the enriching world of international experiences! Immerse yourself in the thrill of exploring new cultures, embracing diversity, and stepping out of your comfort zone as you embark on an unforgettable journey.

Whether you choose Erasmus+, the Global Exchange Programme, or seek internships abroad, the benefits of these experiences are boundless. Picture yourself wandering through vibrant city streets, savoring exotic flavors, and forging lifelong connections with people from different corners of the world. Not only will you expand your academic horizons, but you'll also cultivate a profound sense of global awareness and intercultural competence.

First information

- > [Informative event "Go Abroad" November 2023 \(pdf\)](#)
- > [Informative event "Erasmus+ programme Biology" December 2022 \(pdf\)](#)

Next information meeting: Dec 13th 2023 (for details see EXA)

- > [Informative events by Göttingen International](#)

Studies abroad

- > [Erasmus+ Programme Biology](#)
- > [Erasmus+ Programme Psychology](#)
- > [Global Exchange Programme](#)
- > [liveSciences Exchange Possibilities](#)
- > [Funding for your studies abroad](#)

Internships abroad

- > [Self-organised placements](#)
- > [Organised placements](#)
- > [Funding and general information](#)

Useful information

- > [A-Z of Planning a Stay Abroad](#)
- > [Academic Recognition](#)
- > [Insurance](#)
- > [Leave of Absence](#)
- > [Sublet your Room](#)
- > [Funding for your studies at home](#)

Contact

Faculty of Biology and Psychology Departmental Coordinator Biology Göttingen International

Erasmus+ mobility: how often

Erasmus+ SMS (Study) & Erasmus+ SMP (Internship)

-> applies per study cycle (Bachelor and Master)

- maximum funding of 12 months per study cycle
12 months in Bachelor + 12 months in Master
- 12 months per cycle can be divided
 - 5 months Erasmus+ SMS & 3 months Erasmus+ SMP
 - 10 months Erasmus+ SMS & 2 months Erasmus+ SMP
 - 5 months Erasmus+ SMS university A & 5 months Erasmus+ SMS university B

Erasmus+: general information

- Universities in Europe -> subject-specific (biology only)
- 1 or 2 semesters (depending on contract) → start at WiSe
- Lecture, seminars, laboratory practical's (depending on host university)
- Language requirements
- Organisational (and financial support)
 - no tuition fees at host university
 - Erasmus+ scholarship (possibly not for all applicants)
- Accommodation - partly through partner university
- Leave of absence (“Urlaubssemester”)
- Recognition of academic achievements possible

Erasmus+ mobility: when

earliest in 3rd semester of your studies in Göttingen

recommended:

Bachelor

5th or 6th semester
($< 8^{\text{th}}$ semester)

Master

3rd or 4th semester
($< 6^{\text{th}}$ semester)

→ depends on your individual study plan

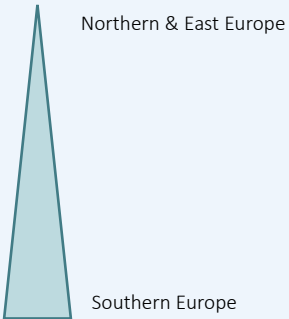
Erasmus+ partner institutions of Biology

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|------------|-----------|
| Aarhus | Lund |
| Åbo | Madrid |
| Ås | Murcia |
| Barcelona | Oulu |
| Bern | Porto |
| Bilbao | Poznan |
| Budweis | Prag |
| Camerino | Rennes |
| Dublin | Rom |
| Gent | Rotterdam |
| Grenoble | Rouen |
| Groningen | Salamanca |
| Helsinki | Tallinn |
| Kalmar | Turku |
| Krakow | Umeå |
| La Réunion | Valencia |
| León | Warschau |
| Leuven | Wien |
| Leiden | Wroclaw |
| | Zürich |



Erasmus+ partner Biology – courses in English

Basic knowledge of the local language required



Good knowledge of the local language required

Check course catalogue yourself!



Application procedure - Biology

Students

Check Erasmus+ universities,
term, language, courses
consult programme
coordinator if necessary

December

January

February

March

April

May

Biology International

Conditions for application

- Study year **25/26**
 - > autumn term 25/26 and/or spring term 26
- Application deadline: 31.1.
- Enrolled at the University of Göttingen
 - application term and mobility term
- Application term and mobility term -> **same** study programme
 - e.g. students in their 1./2. semester apply for the 3./4. semester
 - no application from Bachelor to Master studies
- 2F-BA/MoEdu & BSc Biochemistry: at least **50 % biological courses** must be taken
 - otherwise apply via other faculty
- **language requirements** must be fulfilled

Planning - Language requirements

Inform yourself about partner university's language of instruction

-> min. 50 % of the courses must be taken in the designated language

- Language of instruction **English**

-> min. level **B1** at application

- Language of instruction **Spanish** or **French**

-> min. level **B1** at application

- all other languages of instruction

-> min. level **A2** at application

**proof necessary at
deadline: 31.1.**
(31.7. spring term)

Planning – Language learning

Knowledge of the language of instruction

- ZESS (www.zess.uni-goettingen.de)
- rare languages: seminars of the Faculty of Humanities
- community college (www.vhs-goettingen.de)
- Language tandem (<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/2554.html>)
- online courses (everywhere)
- read books & watch films in this language

Planning - Term dates

Term date host university \neq Term dates Uni Gö


- check semester dates *first*
- Problem: examination period may overlap with study start

Good to know: examination abroad possible

- at the same day and time
- approval of lecturer necessary
- need of supervisor during exam
- for further information/help contact us

Planning - study plan

- Courses at partner university
 - Content & Credits /work load
 - Structure (block course or whole semester)
 - form of examination & examination period
 - website of the [partner universities](#)
 - field reports
- Study programme at home
 - mandatory courses?
 - winter or summer term ?
 - overlap with examination period in Göttingen ?
 - sufficient time to finish thesis ?
- Is an extension of your study time tolerable?
- Can you finance your Erasmus study abroad?



make semester plans *in advance*

Discuss your study plan with your study coordinator!

Planning - Recognition

Is it necessary / important for me?

Which courses / course combinations?

Bachelor

Recognition as:

- Compulsory modules: 😞
- Key competence: 😊
- Optional compulsory module: ?/😊

Master

Recognition as

- Core module: 😞
- Key competence (without grading): 😊
- Profile module (without grading): ?/😊



contact your programme coordinator
before your stay abroad

[Office of Studies](#)

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Biology
Göttingen
until 31.1.

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Biology International

Application

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/647426.html>

- read the **Call** (“Ausschreibungstext”)
- inform about required information (fill in) and documents (upload)
 - time of mobility: start & end date of term (incl. introduction days / examination period)
 - motivation in English
- have all information & documents ready
- **MoveOn Portal**
 - choose from *Erasmus+ Key Action131 25/26* or *SEMP 25/26* (Switzerland)
 - choose Biology Universities only (not Psychology)
 - choose **five** universities
- **Deadline: 31.1.**
 - only complete applications will be considered
 - first comes first serves does not apply

G.E.P. or ERASMUS

- G.E.P. versus Erasmus? → inform us
- Got a G.E.P.- study place offer
 - draw back Erasmus application
 - make a place free for another applicant

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Selection
process

Biology International

Selection criteria

- Personal Motivation (20 %)
 - Language proficiency of local & instruction language
 - extra-curricular activities (e.g. social engagement, honorary post, part-time job to finance your study) or special interests/skills
- Professional Motivation (30 %)
 - Why these universities?
- Financing plan (10 %)
 - cost of travel and living in the destination country
 - your efforts to finance the Erasmus stay abroad (financing plan, sources (Auslands-BAföG), part-time job(s) -> **no proof of fortune!**)
- Academic performance (overall grade + study progress) (30 %)
 - Transcript of records (FlexNow excerpt **with percentile rank!**)
- Fewer Opportunities (10 %)
 - Income 500 – 800 €, care responsibility, non-academic family, disability -> GI

Application procedure - Biology

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Biology
Göttingen
until 31.1.

until 28.2.
commitment

December

January

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May

Selection
committee

Info about
place /
scholarship

Biology International

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Our place offer

Place offer
via e-mail

*Internet access urgently
required mid Feb - mid March!*

(probably) 19.02.25

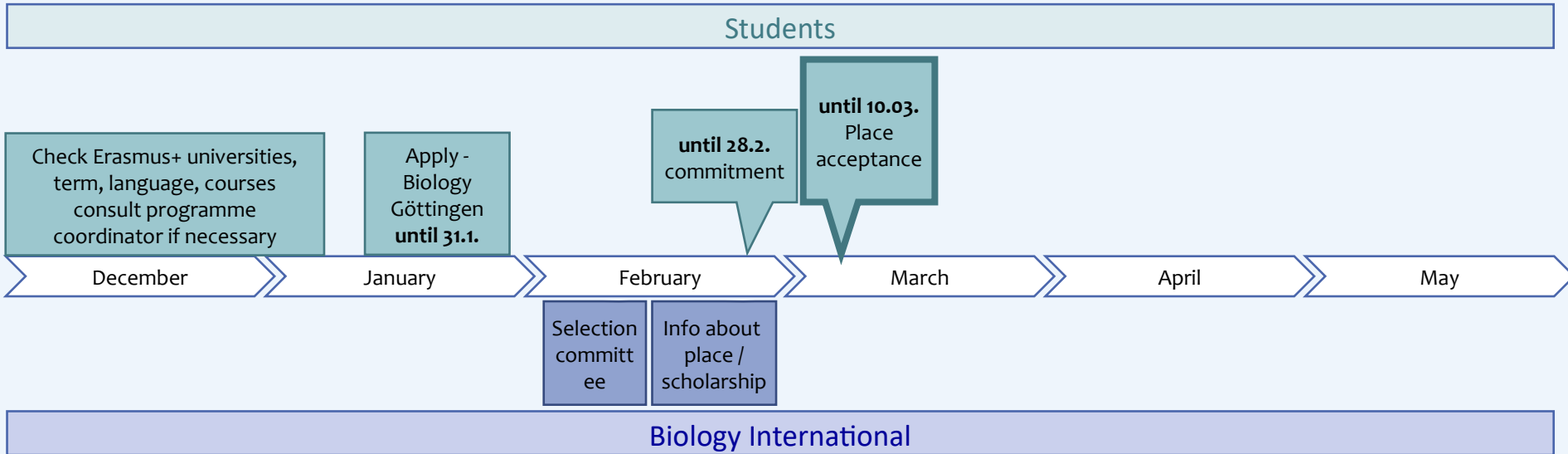
Your place commitment

Inform us
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28.02.25

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Application procedure - Biology



Erasmus+ place – Your acceptance

until

10.03.25
(via MoveOn)

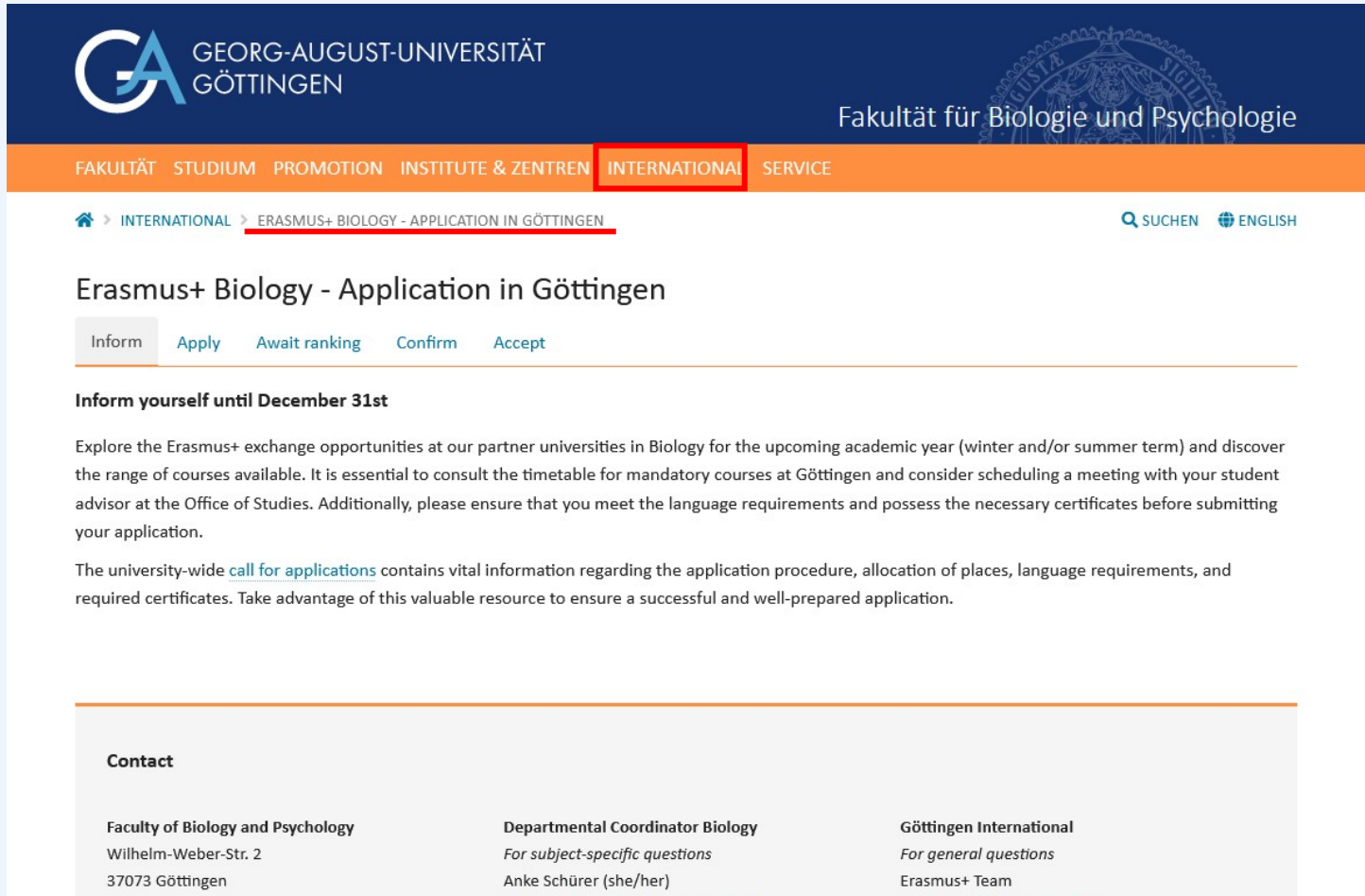
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→ Information will provided by us via e-mail

- no reaction: out
- inform us, if you face problems

Where can I find information?

<https://uni-goettingen.de/de/677597.html> → Outgoings → Erasmus



The screenshot shows the website header for the Faculty of Biology and Psychology at Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. The navigation menu includes 'INTERNATIONAL', which is highlighted in red. The breadcrumb trail is 'INTERNATIONAL > ERASMUS+ BIOLOGY - APPLICATION IN GÖTTINGEN'. The main heading is 'Erasmus+ Biology - Application in Göttingen'. Below the heading are tabs for 'Inform', 'Apply', 'Await ranking', 'Confirm', and 'Accept'. The 'Inform' tab is selected. The main text states: 'Inform yourself until December 31st'. It explains that users should explore Erasmus+ exchange opportunities at partner universities in Biology for the upcoming academic year (winter and/or summer term) and discover the range of courses available. It is essential to consult the timetable for mandatory courses at Göttingen and consider scheduling a meeting with your student advisor at the Office of Studies. Additionally, please ensure that you meet the language requirements and possess the necessary certificates before submitting your application. The university-wide [call for applications](#) contains vital information regarding the application procedure, allocation of places, language requirements, and required certificates. Take advantage of this valuable resource to ensure a successful and well-prepared application.

Contact

<p>Faculty of Biology and Psychology Wilhelm-Weber-Str. 2 37073 Göttingen</p>	<p>Departmental Coordinator Biology <i>For subject-specific questions</i> Anke Schürer (she/her)</p>	<p>Göttingen International <i>For general questions</i> Erasmus+ Team</p>
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Erasmus+ place - Funding

Place offer
for a particular university

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Scholarship

→ have your own financing plan!

Funding: Erasmus scholarship

Who gets a scholarship

- depending on funding allocation by DAAD
- best applicants receive a scholarship
- if more money is available: *all* nominated or *lottery* will receive a scholarship
- Information about scholarship **not before** mid June

Funding: Erasmus+ scholarship

Funding

- one semester abroad: min. 3 – max. 5 months
- two semesters abroad: min. 3 – max. 8 months



Scholarship

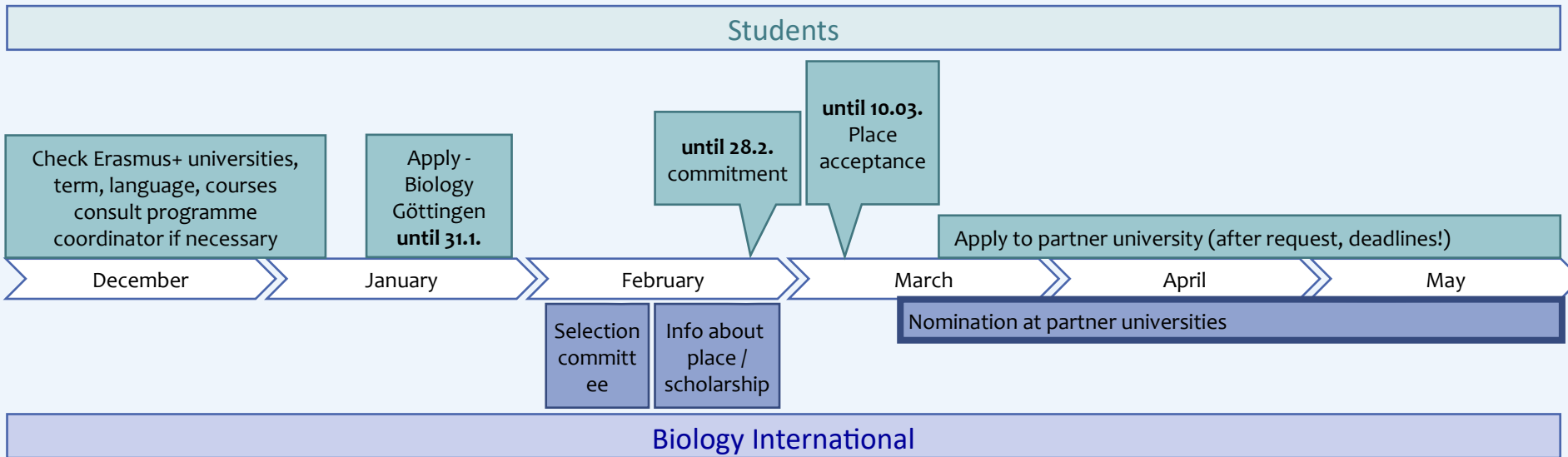
- three different country groups
- top up's (social and green mobility)

Information:
[GI website](#)

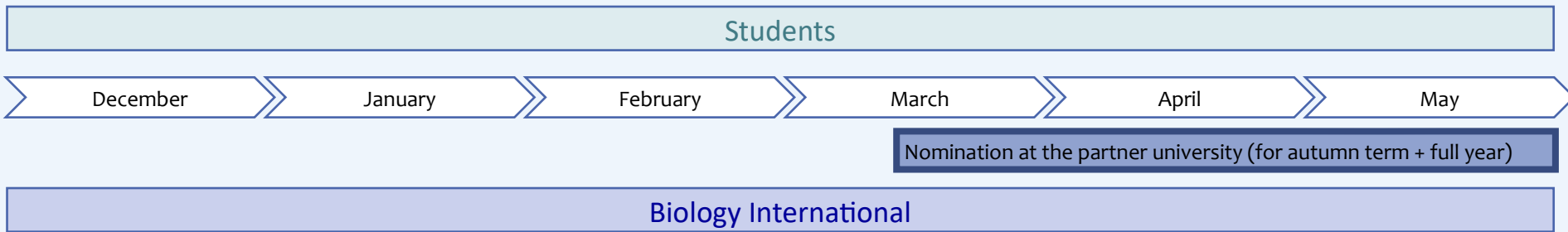
Payment

- > in two rates (depends on administrative requirements)
- 80 % during the stay abroad
- 20 % at the end
- paperwork/formalities completed in time → **informational event** by GI (June & Nov)
- at least 10 credits successfully completed at the partner university

Nomination & Application for autumn term



Outgoing student: autumn term



1. Nomination at partner university

- by International Office Biology
 - depends on deadline of partner university
 - for autumn term / full year (March – June)
 - for spring term (September)
- You will get informed by us via e-mail

Outgoing student: autumn term

Students

Apply to partner university

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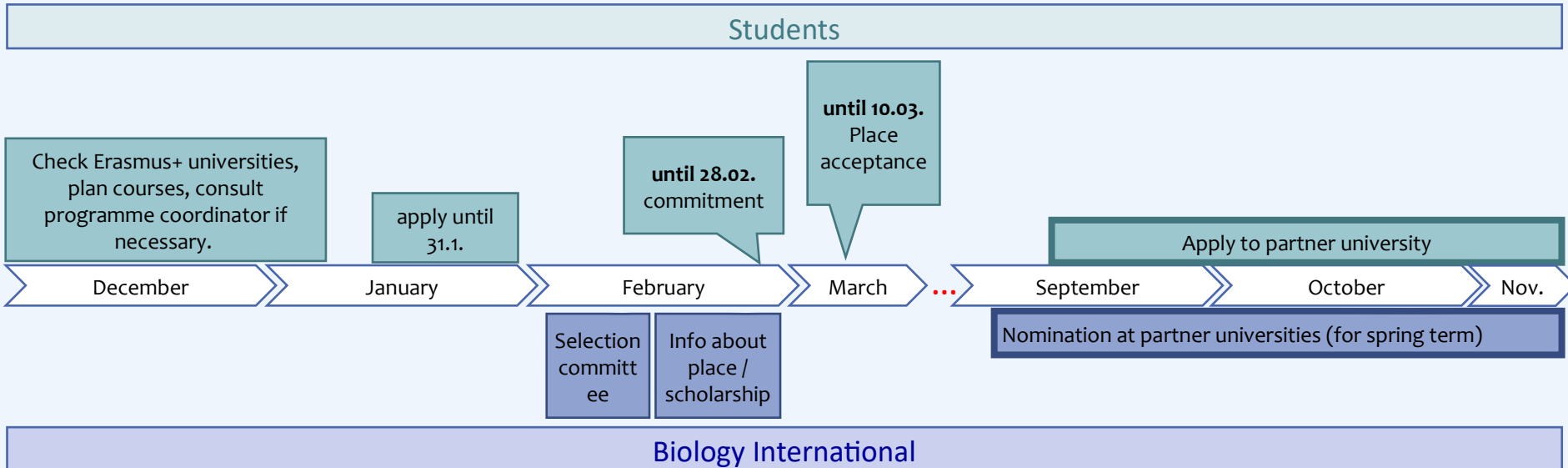
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2. Application to partner university

- by you (the Erasmus outgoing student)
- Inform yourself about application procedure and required documents
- depends on deadline of partner university
 - for autumn term (March – June)
 - for spring term (September - Oct)

In case of cancellation by the host university: Inform us immediately!

Nomination & Application for spring term

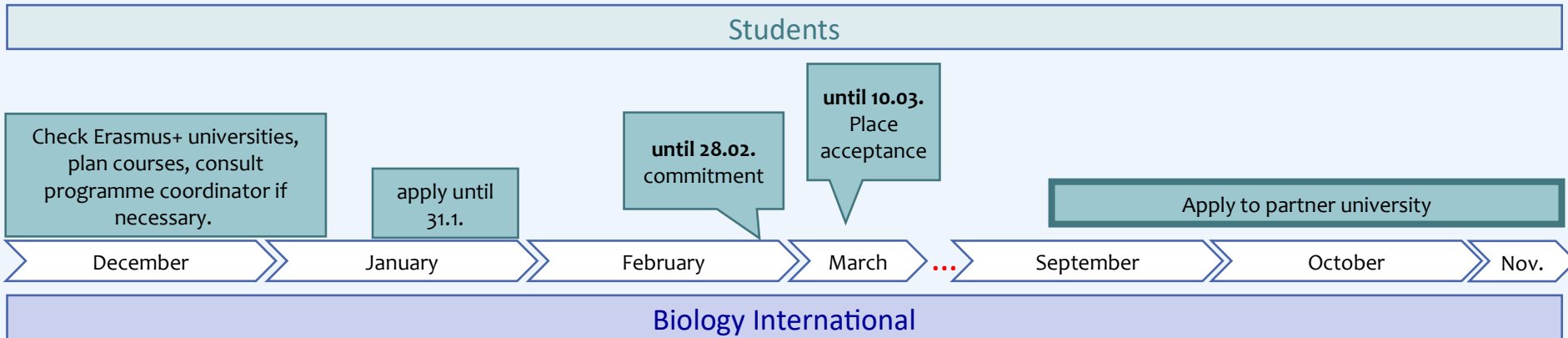


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 - for spring term (September)

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Nomination & Application for spring term



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- depends on deadline of partner university
 - for autumn term (March – June)
 - for spring term (September - Oct)

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Application: Choice of courses

- Learning Agreement (LA)
- only courses of the partner faculty
 - Bachelor: as far as possible courses of the Bachelor programme
 - Master: as far as possible courses of the Master programme
 - respect prerequisites of the course(s)
- Credits (guideline: approx. 30 C per term)
- Credit requirement: 10 C successfully
- only as “Online Learning Agreement“ (OLA) → Dashboard

Online Learning Agreement



“Dashboard”

- e-mail from us with detailed information
- enter contact details of **host*** and **partner** university
- needs 3 signatures
 - 1 - student
 - 2 - home university (Anke Schürer)
 - 3 - partner university
- save and upload as PDF (-> MoveON)
- until the *mandatory* information event of Göttingen International

* Anke Schürer

“Paperwork“

- before the stay
- after arrival/during stay abroad
- after the stay

Checklist from Göttingen International



Changes

- **Mobility window**

- Start date can be changed in **MoveOn** by yourself

- **Changes of course plan**

- latest until **4 weeks** after start of the courses
- use O-LA part “**During the Mobility**“ (add & del of courses)
- Courses from OLA, “During the mobility” and ToR must be identical finally

Good to know: role of Göttingen International

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/647426.html>

Göttingen International (GI)

- provides the „Call“ and gives general instructions for procedure
- check of Language certificates
- provides guidelines/checklists/forms (cancellation)
- manages Erasmus+ scholarships (Sandra Schreiber)
- Information event for Outgoings (mandatory!)
 - stay abroad in autumn term -> June
 - stay abroad in spring term -> November
 - *Grant Agreement* (contract must be signed)
 - *Learning Agreement* ready with all signatures

Cancellation of your study abroad

Cancellation by you after the **definite acceptance**

- you must give reasons
- use online form (GI webpage)
- lower priority for future applications for studies abroad
 - applies to Erasmus+, but also Global Exchange Program !

First plan – then apply!!

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Erasmus+ Biology

Through the EU programme Erasmus+, students have the opportunity to pursue their studies at partner universities across Europe. Bilateral agreements between the Faculty of Biology and Psychology and partner faculties ensure subject-specific courses aligned with students' interests. An extensive list of our partner universities in the field of Biology can be found under "Partner universities Biology". Whether for a semester or a year, Erasmus+ offers flexible durations.

Erasmus+ encompasses a range of additional benefits to support students throughout their exchange journey. Assistance is provided to guide students through the necessary formalities of the application and enrollment process. Furthermore, students enrolled in the programme can enjoy the advantage of not having to pay tuition fees at the partner university and financial support is available to assist students in covering travel expenses. Moreover, earned credits are recognized by the home university, integrating the experience into the academic curriculum.



- > [Partner universities Biology and field reports](#)
- > [Application at Göttingen University](#)
- > [Application at Partner University](#)
- > [At the Partner University and after you stay](#)

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As soon as the formalities are completed...

Preparation - Study plan at home

Term before mobility:

- plan your exams
 - start your specialisation / thesis on time!
 - leave of absence: yes / no?
 - *contra*: no examination authorization for examinations & no new modules can be taken in this semester
 - *pro*: semester does not count as subject semester & reduced semester fee
- Application at the University (Office of Student Affairs)
- www.uni-goettingen.de/de/52008.html

Preparation - What else ...

- Travel planning
- Auslands-BAföG: independent of national BaföG!
- Room rental (temporary)
 - e.g. via [Welcome Center der Uni Göttingen](#)
 - e.g. renting to an Erasmus+ incoming
 - you chose the subtenant!
 - ask the landlord beforehand!



Roadmap

1. Inform yourself about the partner universities

- Websites of the Faculty
- Göttingen International (interactive world map)

2. Check the language requirements

- B1 (English, French, Spanish) for language of instruction is mandatory
- take language courses / obtain certificates

3. Prepare/clarify study plan

4. Application via MoveOn portal

31.01. for the following academic year



Questions – Information by GI

Information session

12.12.24 (15:30 – 16:00)

GI, Von-Siebold-Straße 2, Raum „Foyer“

registration via StudIP

Open consultation times – advisory service

19.12.24 (13:30 – 15:00)

07.01.25 (9:30 – 12:00)

21.01.25 (9:30 – 12:00)

GI, Von-Siebold-Straße 2, Raum 0.113

waiting time possible

Contact - Biology

Anke Schürer

Departmental Coordinator

Advisory service

Personal (make appointment via StudIP) – **currently not available!**

Online (waiting time possible) ?

E-mail (concrete questions)



Have fun organising
your semester abroad!