



Fact Sheet 2013/14

PFH Private University of Applied Sciences
PFH Private Hochschule Göttingen

Visit a thousand years of history in the fun-loving heart of Germany and study at one of the country's leading private business schools, the PFH Private University of Applied Sciences.

The PFH Private University of Applied Sciences, established in 1995, is a state-recognised university that focuses on training and educating future managers and specialists in key technologies. All study programmes are characterised by their practical and economic relevance, their internationality and by a pronounced orientation towards careers.

At present, the PFH offers a total of 16 on-campus or distance learning study programmes in the areas of management, technology and healthcare technology. More than 1,900 students are currently enrolled at the university and study either on campus in Göttingen, Stade or Berlin or at one of the 11 distant learning centres located nationwide. Because of its efficiently organised, practice and market-oriented study programme, graduates of the PFH are in great demand with companies. 99% of young PFH professionals working today started their jobs within six months of graduation. The management study programmes at the PFH achieve very good results in the most important university rankings, eg in the ranking of CHE/DIE ZEIT 2011. The university has applied these factors of success to its healthcare study programmes of Orthobionics, Medical Orthobionics and Sports/Rehab Engineering. The PFH offers these programmes at the Göttingen campus and at the newly established PFH ZHT Zentrum für Healthcare Technology at the University Medical Centre Göttingen. Since the founding of the university, co-operations with scientific establishments and companies have been a guarantee for the interdisciplinary exchange of know-how and for the teaching and research at the PFH that are carried out by absolute experts in their fields.

The City of Göttingen

Distances are short in Göttingen and opportunities great. A dynamic university town, Göttingen has a young population of 125,000 people and 30,000 students. The city is lovely and thanks to its central location and excellent connections serves as an ideal gateway to Europe's major cities. With Berlin, Hamburg and Frankfurt at its doors, Munich, Paris, Brussels, Prague and London are only a stone-throw away.



Academic Calendar 2013/2014*

General Management

Bachelor of Science

WS 2013/2014: 14 Oct – 14 Feb

SS 2014: 7 Apr – 31 Jul

Master of Science

WS 2013/2014: 14 Oct – 31 Jan

SS 2014: 7 Apr – 31 Jul

* Dates are subject to changes

Helpful links

General information

www.studieren-in-goettingen.de
www.goettingen.de

Accommodation

www.wg-gesucht.de
www.studentenwerk-goettingen.de
www.studenten-wg.de/wohnungsmarkt

German Language Courses

www.uni-goettingen.de/iik

Public transport

www.deutschebahn.com

Insurance

www.ec.europa.eu

Benefits at the PFH

All exchange students will be assigned a student buddy who helps them familiarize with the new surroundings and to socialize with the student community. Apart from the buddy's support, exchange students may participate in the orientation phases offered to new comers at the beginning of each term.

Shortly after arrival students will receive the PFH student card which entitles them to all sorts of benefits ranging from generous discounts (including at the city's largest and most popular canteens) to free access to one of the largest libraries in Germany. Other benefits include wifi on campus and PC-access at the university's computer lab.

Application

Application deadlines are 30 June and 31 December for the winter and summer semester, respectively. The application form is to be sent by electronic mail together with the following documents:

- [] Copy of passport/ID card
- [] Electronic passport-sized photo in jpeg or bitmap format (for student card)
- [] Language certificates (if non-native speaker)
- [] Transcript from home institution (in English)
- [] CV or resume in English or German
- [] Certificate of enrolment at home institution
- [] Proof of health insurance valid in Germany for time of stay (if not available at the time of application, documents are to be handed in at least one week prior to arrival)

Language Requirements

To spend a semester at the PFH students are required to have good command of either German (minimum B1, Goethe-Zertifikats B1: Zertifikat Deutsch ZD) or English (minimum B2, TOEFLiBT 70 points, IELTS 5 or CEsOLE Cambridge FCE B).

In order to attend regular lectures in German, students are required to have German language skills equivalent to a minimum of B1 (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). However, the PFH also offers a number of courses held in English as well as various language courses, including German language courses. For lists of courses, please contact the International Office.

German Language Courses

The PFH offers a large number of German language courses covering all levels from beginner (A1) to advanced (C1). Intensive courses (6 ECTS credits) generally consist of 150 lessons and take place over the course of six weeks. Students are required to pay the course fees in advance. On presentation of the awarded certificate, 50% of the total fees will be reimbursed. This reimbursement applies for up to two courses per student per semester, limited to three courses per student. In order to avoid clashes with regular lectures, it is recommended that students take the pre-semester intensive courses starting at the beginning of March and September.

For more information please visit our affiliated language institute, the Institute for Intercultural Communication (IIK).

Accommodation

Room rents start from 200 EUR/month. As a study abroad student at the PFH you are eligible to the services of the Studentenwerk Göttingen, an organisation providing social and cultural support services to students in Germany. Apart from information on living and studying in Göttingen, on their website you will also find details about their accommodation services. Alternatively, you may prefer to find a room or an apartment independently.

We at the PFH are looking forward to welcoming you.

For assistance and further information please contact
your exchange program coordinator or the PFH International Office.



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