



# Questionnaire

## of the graduate survey of Göttingen University exam class 2016

**Erklärungen zu den Markierungen im Fragebogen:**

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 Filter nur für bestimmte Personengruppen

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## Introduction to the survey

Dear Graduate

Thank you for choosing to assist the University of Göttingen by answering this questionnaire and so contribute to the improvement of degree programmes at the University of Göttingen.

According to our information you obtained a **xxx** in **xxx** at the Faculty of **xxx** in semester xxx and we are interested in learning about your experiences moving from studying to work and how satisfied you are now.

Completing the questionnaire takes about 15 minutes and at the end of the questionnaire you have the opportunity to express any praise, criticism and and suggestions about your studies, the University of Göttingen, or this questionnaire.

We wish to point out that participation in the survey is voluntary and there are no negative consequences if you do not take part in the survey. To ensure the maximum transparency concerning data protection, we describe the steps for processing your data below. Please accept this data processing in order to take part in the survey.

Yours faithfully,  
Your Graduate Survey Team

### **Data protection consent:**

All the data we have regarding yourself (faculty, semester, subject, name and contact details) are stored locally by the Student and Academic Services Department of the University of Göttingen under an access code that is randomly-generated for you. The online survey system which you have just logged into with this access code which is individually generated for you exclusively stores the answers that you give to the survey using this access code. Therefore it is impossible to refer the data back to you in the online survey system.

Two weeks after we send out our final request for participation, this system provides us with a list of all the access codes of the graduates who have taken part by that date. The data sets relating to these access codes are then also locally anonymised by deleting the data that enables identification (name and contact details). The online survey system does not allow your answers to be accessed using the access code before this. After completing the survey phase, the local data of all graduates (including those who did not take part) are anonymised. So it is impossible to relate an access code to an actual person and the results of the online survey are thus absolutely Your answers are only released for analysis of the online survey of graduates after this process. Your consent is voluntary and may be withdrawn at any time.

The online survey system has only now released your answers for analysis of graduates' answers to the online survey to take place.

By signing the declaration below, you also consent to your anonymised data being integrated into the E-Learning team's FlexStat systems for each study course, in order that students at the University of Göttingen can review information about their degree programme in relation to entering the jobs market.

Your consent is voluntary and my be withdrawn at any time.

[\(x\) I consent to my data being processed as described above. Thank you for taking the time to assist us with our survey.](#)

[\(x\) I do not consent to my data being processed as described above. \(End of survey\)](#)

Thank you for taking the time to take part in our survey.  
We would like in the following to learn more about your current (professional) situation and your work.  
Therefore please give answers that relate to your current situation.

## A - Current Situation

**A1 Which of the following correctly describe your current situation?**

*Multiple options possible*

I am pursuing a freelance career

I am self-employed in my own business/family business

I am in paid employment (e.g. salaried employee, civil servant, trainee, paid work experience, curacy)

I am a junior doctor, assistant dentist and am/am not doing my doctorate at the same time

I am in further/continuing education (e.g. vocational training, candidate for the civil service), retraining, doing voluntary work

I am on an internship (legal intern/trainee teacher)

I am in unpaid work (e.g. unpaid internship, honorary post, voluntary service)

I am about to start work

I have started further studies or am doing my doctorate

I am qualifying to become a professor/am a postdoc

I am not working/unemployed, I am job-hunting

I am unfit for work/ long-term sick

I am on parental leave or taking an extended trip/taking a break

Other: *(free text field)*

You state that you are currently in self-employment or freelance work.  
Please answer the questions with reference to your self-employment/freelance work.

## **B - Self-employment**

**B1 How would you describe your self-employment?**

I work as a freelancer/contract work  
I am self-employed within a business  
I am self-employed within a business (including own/family business)

**B2 Since when have you been working as a freelancer/self-employed?**

Month (mm):  
Year (yyyy):

**B3 What is your job as freelancer/self-employed?**

Job: *(Free text field)*

**B4 How many hours a week do you work on average?**

weekly working time (in hours):

**B5 How high is your average net profit/your income from fees per month?**

less than 500  
€500-1,000  
€1,000-2,000  
€2,000-3,000  
€3,000-4,000  
€4,000-5,000  
More than €5,000  
Don't know  
Prefer not to say

**B6 In which region are you working as a freelancer/self-employed?**

*For Germany please state town/city or post code.*  
In Germany (town/city):  
In Germany (Postcode):  
In another country:

**B15 Which industry or economic sector are you self-employed/ freelance in?**

*Multiple options possible*

Agriculture and forestry, fisheries, mining  
Manufacturing sector, industry, construction  
Retail, hospitality, transport  
Financial services, insurance, real estate  
Academic, technical, economic services  
Information and data processing services  
Media, art, culture, entertainment  
Health, veterinary, social services  
Education, tuition, teaching, research  
Public administration, defence, social insurance  
Associations and federations  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**B7 Did you receive support from the University of Göttingen when you took up being a freelancer/self-employed?**

Yes, specifically: *(Free text field)*

No

**B8 What are the reasons for you being freelance/self-employed?**

*Multiple options possible*

Freelance/self-employed work is normal in my field of work (e.g. solicitor, architect)

I couldn't find other professional alternatives

I don't want to work as an employee

I can realise my ideas/use my abilities better

Freelance/self-employed work offers me better financial prospects

Freelance/self-employed work combines well with other commitments (e.g. family)

I was continuing a family tradition with freelance/self-employed work

Other: *(Free text field)*

**B9 To what extent are the following abilities/skills required in your freelance/self-employed work?**

*5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A*

Command of own subject, own discipline

Ability to develop new ideas and solutions

Ability to assert oneself

Ability to adapt to changed circumstances

Ability to write reports, memos or similar texts

Ability to carry out computer-based work (e.g. with special software, media and Internet skills)

Ability to apply scientific methods

Ability to think and act effectively

Ability to motivate others

Ability to think in multidisciplinary terms

Analytical abilities

Ability to write and speak a foreign language

Ability to question own ideas and ideas of others

Ability to work efficiently towards a goal

Ability to recognise and remedy gaps in own knowledge

Ability to organise oneself and one's working process effectively

Ability to work productively with others

Ability to work well under pressure

Ability to handle intercultural relationships

Ability to present products, ideas or reports to an audience

Ability to operate in diverse/ intercultural contexts

**B10 How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your freelance/self-employed situation?**

*5-step scale: very satisfied to very dissatisfied + N/A*

Professional situation to date

Potential for professional development

Current income

Assignments at present

Workload

- B11** **How satisfied are you with your freelance/self-employed situation as a whole?**  
*5-step scale: very satisfied to very dissatisfied + N/A*
- If "disatisfied"/"very dissatisfied"* **B11\_1** **Why precisely are you dissatisfied with your freelance/self-employed situation?**  
*(Free text field)*
- If middle category* **B11\_2** **You have chosen the middle category:  
 What exactly do you like/dislike about your freelance/self-employed situation?**  
*(Free text field)*
- B12** **If you look at your professional duties today as a whole: To what extent do you make use of the qualification you gained from your studies?**  
*5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A*  
 Fachkompetenz  
 Sozialkompetenz  
 Methodenkompetenz
- Mathe1** **How important is the profile you chose for your Mathematics studies in your current freelance/self-employed work?**  
*5-step scale: very important to not at all important + N/A*
- B13** **What degree level in your opinion is best suited to your current freelance/self-employed work?**  
 A higher university degree  
 My university degree  
 A lesser university degree  
 No university degree necessary
- Chemie1** **How do you rate the benefits of the following faculty offers for your career guidance and the start of your current working life?**  
*5-step scale: a great deal to very little + Not available + N/A (I did not use any of the given below offers)*  
 "Career prospects in Chemistry" lecture series  
 Cooperations with partner companies for industrial traineeships  
 Advisory services and information material in the Dean's Office  
 Advisory services and information material in the Faculty at the PraxisBörse [company recruitment fair]  
 Courses in "Management skills" and "Intercultural skills"  
 Individual offers (e.g. factory excursions)  
 Other: *(Free text field)*
- SoWi1** **How would you characterise the relationship between your degree programme and your current freelance/self-employed work?**  
 Any other field of studies might have been equally good preparation for my professional role  
 Another subject would have been more useful for my professional role  
 In my professional role the subject doesn't matter
- Philo1** **Which faculty services in relation to finding a career and qualifications for a career did you use?**  
*Multiple options possible*  
 Services for own subject  
 Workshop services of the Office of the Dean of Studies (transferable skills), e.g.: public relations, business studies for Humanities scholars, project management, communications management, etc.  
 Services of the KOMPASS programme (expert talks, company visits or workshops on the theme of job applications and starting a career)  
 Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the specialism  
 Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the Office of the Dean of Studies  
 Other: *(Free text field)*

**Philo2** How do you rate the benefits of the following faculty offers for your career guidance and the start of your working life?

*5-step scale: a great deal to very little + Not available + N/A (I did not use any of the given below offers)*

Services for own subject

Workshop services of the Office of the Dean of Studies (transferable skills), e.g.: public relations, business studies for Humanities scholars, project management, communications management, etc.

Services of the KOMPASS programme (expert talks, company visits or workshops on the theme of job applications and starting a career)

Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the specialism

Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the Office of the Dean of Studies

**B14** Are you considering taking on another job in the near future?

Yes

No

[Forwarding to part J \(Between graduation and now\)](#)

*If Yes to question B14\_1 and B14\_2*

**B14\_1** What job do you want to have?

Job: *(Free text field)*

**B14\_2** How do you intend to search for this job?

*Multiple options possible*

Application in response to advertised posts (e.g. newspaper, Internet, notice)

Independent contact with employers (speculative/unsolicited application)

Company recruitment fair ("Milk Round")

An employer approached me

Through work experience

Through the Federal Employment Agency

Via web-based networks (e.g. Xing)/job portal

Networking

Through private employment agencies/headhunters

Through university tutors

Through course work or thesis

With the help of friends, acquaintances or fellow students

With the help of parents or relatives

I didn't job hunt, I was taken on as a result of other work (e.g. student assistant, (temp) work, honorary post, work experience)

Other: *(Free text field)*

[Forwarding to part J \(Between graduation and current situation\)](#)

You state that you are in (paid) employment (e.g. paid employment, junior doctor, legal intern/trainee teacher).  
In the following, we would like to learn more about this employment, e.g. what professional field have you entered and how satisfied are you?

## C -Paid employment

**C1**      **What is your occupational status?**

*Labourer*

Foreman, burnisher  
Assistant foreman, group leader  
Skilled labourer and craftsman  
Unskilled/semi-skilled worker

*Salaried employee*

Managerial employee  
Academically-qualified employee with middle managerial role  
Academically-qualified employee without managerial role  
Qualified employee (e.g. administration)  
Operating employee (e.g. sales, secretarial)  
Assistenzärztin/arzt

Trainee

Intern

*Civil servant*

Higher grade civil servant  
Senior civil servant  
Lower/middle grade civil servant  
Temporary civil service work (e.g. trainee teacher or social work traineeship)

*Other work*

Vicar  
Trainee teacher  
Military service/community service, federal volunteer service  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**C2**      **Since when have you been doing this job?**

Month (mm):

Year (yyyy):

**C3**      **How many months did your search for this work take in total?**

Months searching for work:



C4

**How did you find this work?**

*Multiple options possible*

Application in response to advertised posts (e.g. newspaper, Internet, notice)

Independent contact with employers (speculative/unsolicited application)

Company recruitment fair ("Milk Round")

An employer approached me

Through work experience

Through (temp) work

Through the Federal Employment Agency

Via web-based networks (e.g. Xing)/job portal

Networking

Through private employment agencies/headhunters

Through university tutors

Through course work or thesis

I was assigned to the teacher-training post through a centralised process.

With the help of friends, acquaintances or fellow students

With the help of parents or relatives

I didn't job hunt, I was taken on as a result of other work (e.g. student assistant, (temp) work, honorary post, work experience)

Other: *(Free text field)*

Mathe2

**Was the profile selected for your Mathematics studies relevant to your job hunting?**

*5-step scale: highly relevant to not at all relevant + N/A*

SoWi2

**How many employers did you contact (applications, etc.)?**

Number of employers contacted:

Philo3

**Did you start looking for a job after you submitted your thesis?**

Yes

No

*If yes*

Philo3\_1

**How many weeks earlier did you start looking for work?**

*(Number field)*

Philo4

**How many employers did you contact (applications, etc.)?**

Number of employers contacted:

C5

**Is your contract permanent or temporary?**

Permanent

Temporary

C6

**How many hours a week do you work on average?**

Contractual weekly working time (in hours):

Actual working time (in hours):

**C7**      **How high is your gross monthly income (before deduction of taxes and social insurance costs) including regular monthly bonuses (e.g. shift allowances, productivity bonuses and paid overtime)?**

- less than €500
- €500-1,000
- €1,000-2,000
- €2,000-3,000
- €3,000-4,000
- €4,000-5,000
- More than €5,000
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

**C8**      **In which region are you working as a freelancer/self-employed?**

*For Germany please state town/city or post code.*

In Germany (town/city):

In Germany (Postcode):

In another country:

**C18**      **Who is your employer?**

Employer: *(Free text field)*

**C19**      **Which industry or economic sector are you in?**

*Multiple options possible*

Agriculture and forestry, fisheries, mining

Manufacturing sector, industry, construction

Retail, hospitality, transport

Financial services, insurance, real estate

Academic, technical, economic services

Information and data processing services

Media, art, culture, entertainment

Health, veterinary, social services

Education, tuition, teaching, research

Public administration, defence, social insurance

Associations and federations

Other: *(Free text field)*

**Medizin8**      **In what medical service do you work?**

*Multiple options possible*

Doctor's/dentist's practice

University/University Hospital

Hospital (not University Hospital)

Public health service

Private sector/industry

Research (public institutions)

Research (private sector)

Training as medical specialist

Other: *(Free text field)*

**Medizin9** **What is your medical specialisation in this job?**

*Drop-down menu in questionnaire*

General practice  
Anaesthesiology  
Occupational medicine/public medicine  
Ophthalmology  
Imaging procedures, radiation therapy  
Surgery: General and abdominal surgery  
Surgery: Trauma surgery  
Surgery: Thoracic, cardiac and vascular surgery  
Surgery: Transplant surgery  
Dermatology  
Epidemiology, medical biometry and information technology  
History, theory and ethics of medicine  
Health economics, health systems, public health care  
Gynaecology/obstetrics  
Ear, nose and throat medicine  
Human genetics  
Hygiene, microbiology, virology  
Immunology  
Internal medicine: Gastroenterology  
Internal medicine: Haematology/oncology  
Internal medicine: Cardiology/pneumology  
Internal medicine: Nephrology/rheumatology  
Paediatrics  
Clinical chemistry, laboratory medicine  
Clinical pharmacology/pharmacotherapy  
Geriatrics and the elderly  
Neurology  
Emergency care  
Orthopaedia  
Pathology  
Pharmacology, toxicology  
Prevention, health promotion  
Psychiatry and psychotherapy  
Psychosomatic medicine  
Forensic medicine  
Urology  
Dental medicine  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**Medizin10 To what extent were the following abilities/skills required in your current (main) gainful employment?**

*5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A*

Expertise in own subject  
Ability to use academic methods (researching databases and literature)  
Ability to think and act effectively  
Ability to motivate others  
Ability to think in multidisciplinary terms  
Ability to write and speak a foreign language  
Ability to recognise and remedy gaps in own knowledge  
Ability to handle intercultural relationships  
Ability to communicate with others involved in patient care and assert myself with my colleagues  
Confidence when carrying out physical examinations (with and without basic aids)  
Ability to provide patients with structured consultations and advice  
Ability to carry out medical procedures (e.g. sutures, injections, dressings, making a medication plan)  
Ability to identify indications for laboratory tests and interpret findings confidently  
Ability to document findings and patient contact

FILTER: NOT Medicine

**C9 What is your job/profession?**

Description of job/profession: *(Free text field)*

FILTER: NOT Medicine

**C10 To what extent were the following abilities/skills required in your current (main) gainful employment?**

*5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A*

Command of own subject, own discipline  
Ability to develop new ideas and solutions  
Ability to assert oneself  
Ability to adapt to changed circumstances  
Ability to write reports, memos or similar texts  
Ability to carry out computer-based work (e.g. with special software, media and Internet skills)  
Ability to apply scientific methods  
Ability to think and act effectively  
Ability to motivate others  
Ability to think in multidisciplinary terms  
Analytical abilities  
Ability to write and speak a foreign language  
Ability to question own ideas and ideas of others  
Ability to work efficiently towards a goal  
Ability to recognise and remedy gaps in own knowledge  
Ability to organise oneself and one's working process effectively  
Ability to work productively with others  
Ability to work well under pressure  
Ability to handle intercultural relationships  
Ability to present products, ideas or reports to an audience  
Ability to operate in diverse/ intercultural contexts

**C11 How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your professional situation?**

*5-step scale: very satisfied to very dissatisfied + N/A*

Professional situation to date  
Potential for professional development  
Current income  
Assignments at present  
Workload

**C12** **How satisfied are you with your professional situation as a whole?**  
*5-step scale: very satisfied to very dissatisfied + N/A*

*If "disatisfied"/"very dissatisfied"*

*If middle category*

**C12\_1** **Why precisely are you dissatisfied with your professional situation?**  
*(Free text field)*

**C12\_2** **You have chosen the middle category:  
What exactly do you like/dislike about your professional situation?**  
*(Free text field)*

**Medizin13** **Are you doing/did you do your doctorate at the same time as your current job?**

Yes, I am still working on my doctoral project  
No, I have stopped doing a doctoral project  
I have already completed my doctorate  
I am still considering starting my doctorate  
No, I am not considering a doctorate

*If "still working on my doctorate project"*

*If "stopped doing a doctorate"*

**Medizin13\_1** **When did you register for your doctorate?**  
Date (month, year):

**Medizin13\_2** **How many months did you invest in the doctoral project that you have now stopped?**  
Duration (in month):

**Medizin13\_2\_1** **When did you stop your doctoral project?**  
Before completing your studies  
After completing your studies

**Medizin13\_3** **Why did you stop your doctorate?**  
*Multiple options possible*  
Lack of accessibility of supervising tutor  
Lack of support from supervising tutor  
Weaknesses in the concept  
Insufficient data (too few patients, research material)  
Personality of supervising tutor (disagreeable, officious)  
Problems with the work group  
I couldn't cope with the project  
Too little time owing to heavy professional work load  
Private reasons  
Other reasons: *(Free text field)*

*If "already completed"*

**Medizin13\_4** **When did you complete your doctorate?**  
Date (month, year):

**Medizin14** **Where did your Practical Year (PY) largely take place?**

University Hospital  
Academic teaching hospital  
Abroad  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**Medizin15** **Did you have the same specialism (elective subject) in your Practical Year as you do in your current job?  
(does not apply to Surgery or Internal Medicine)**

Yes  
No

**Medizin16** How do you rate the quality of the training during your Practical Year in relation to the acquisition of medical abilities?

*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*

Internal medicine  
Surgery  
Elective subject

FILTER: NOT Medicine

**C13** If you look at your professional duties today as a whole: To what extent do you make use of the qualification you gained from your studies?

*5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A*

Professional skills  
Social skills  
Methodical expertise

FILTER: NOT Medicine

**C14** What degree level in your opinion is best suited to your current work?

A higher university degree  
My university degree  
A lesser university degree  
No university degree necessary

**Mathe3** How important is the profile you chose for your Mathematics studies in your current job?

*5-step scale: very important to not at all important + N/A*

**SoWi3** How would you characterise the relationship between your degree programme and your current paid employed work.

Any other field of studies might have been equally good preparation for my professional role  
Another subject would have been more useful for my professional role  
In my professional role the subject doesn't matter

**Chemie2** How do you rate the benefits of the following faculty offers for your career guidance and the start of your current working life?

*5-step scale: a great deal to very little + Not available + N/A*

"Career prospects in Chemistry" lecture series  
Cooperations with partner companies for industrial traineeships  
Advisory services and information material in the Dean's Office  
Advisory services and information material in the Faculty at the PraxisBörse [company recruitment fair]  
Courses in "Management skills" and "Intercultural skills"  
Individual offers (e.g. factory excursions)  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**Philo5** Which faculty services in relation to finding a career and qualifications for a career did you use?

*Multiple options possible*

Services for own subject  
Workshop services of the Office of the Dean of Studies (transferable skills), e.g.: public relations, business studies for Humanities scholars, project management, communications management, etc.  
Services of the KOMPASS programme (expert talks, company visits or workshops on the theme of job applications and starting a career)  
Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the specialism  
Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the Office of the Dean of Studies  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**Philo6** How do you rate the benefits of the following faculty offers for your career guidance and the start of your working life?

*5-step scale: a great deal to very little + Not available + N/A (I did not use any of the given below offers)*

Services for own subject  
Workshop services of the Office of the Dean of Studies (transferable skills), e.g.: public relations, business studies for Humanities scholars, project management, communications management, etc.  
Services of the KOMPASS programme (expert talks, company visits or workshops on the theme of job applications and starting a career)  
Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the specialism  
Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the Office of the Dean of Studies

**C15**      **Are you considering taking on another job in the near future?**  
Yes  
No

*If Yes, Forwarding to C15\_1 und C15\_2*

**C15\_1**      **What job do you want to have?**  
Job: *(Free text field)*

**C15\_2**      **How do you intend to search for this job?**

*Multiple options possible*

Application in response to advertised posts (e.g. newspaper, Internet, notice)

Independent contact with employers (speculative/unsolicited application)

Company recruitment fair ("Milk Round")

An employer approached me

Through work experience

Through (temp) work

Through the Federal Employment Agency

Via web-based networks (e.g. Xing)/job portal

Through networking

Through private employment agencies/headhunters

Through university tutors

Through course work or thesis

With the help of friends, acquaintances or fellow students

With the help of parents or relatives

I didn't job hunt, I was taken on as a result c worden (z.B. studentische Hilfskraft, (Neben-)Jobs, Ehrenamt, Praktika)

Other: *(Free text field)*

FILTER: NOT Medicine

**C16**      **Do you have any other paid work besides this?**  
Yes  
No

[If yes, start again at question A1](#)

[Forwarding to part J \(Between graduation and current situation\)](#)

#### Headline second employment

You state that you have a second job. In the following, we would like to learn more about this second job.

**C17**      **Do you have any other paid work besides this?**  
Yes  
No

*If Yes*

**C17\_1**      **How many other jobs do you have?**  
Number: *(Free text field)*

[Forwarding to part J \(Between graduation and current situation\)](#)

You state that you will soon be taking up employment. Please answer the following in relation to the work/occupation you are shortly to take up.

## **D - I am about to start work**

**D1 How many months did your search for your future work take in total?**

Months searching for work:

**D2 When will you commence your forthcoming work?**

Month (mm):

Year (yyyy):

**D3 What professional position will you take on in your forthcoming work?**

*Labourer*

Foreman, burnisher

Assistant foreman, group leader

Skilled labourer and craftsman

Unskilled/semi-skilled worker

*Salaried employee*

Managerial employee

Academically-qualified employee with middle managerial role

Academically-qualified employee without managerial role

Qualified employee (e.g. administration)

Operating employee (e.g. sales, secretarial)

Assistenzärztin/arzt

Trainee

Intern

*Civil servant*

Higher grade civil servant

Senior civil servant

Lower/middle grade civil servant

Temporary civil service work (e.g. on probation)

*Other work*

Vicar

Trainee teacher

Military service/community service, federal volunteer service

Other: *(Free text field)*

**D4 Will you be permanently or temporarily employed in your forthcoming work?**

Permanent

Temporary

**D5 How many hours do you expect to work on average per week in your forthcoming work?**

Contractual weekly working time (in hours):

Cannot say



**D6 How high is your expected gross monthly income?**

less than €500  
€500-1,000  
€1,000-2,000  
€2,000-3,000  
€3,000-4,000  
€4,000-5,000  
More than €5,000  
Don't know  
Prefer not to say

**D7 In which region will you be employed?**

*For Germany please state town/city or post code.*

In Germany (town/city):

In Germany (Postcode):

In another country:

**D8 What will your job be?**

Description of job/profession: *(Free text field)*

**D10 Which employer do you expect to work for?**

Employer: *(Free text field)*

**D11 Which industry or economic sector will you soon be working in?**

*Multiple options possible*

Agriculture and forestry, fisheries, mining

Manufacturing sector, industry, construction

Retail, hospitality, transport

Financial services, insurance, real estate

Academic, technical, economic services

Information and data processing services

Media, art, culture, entertainment

Health, veterinary, social services

Education, tuition, teaching, research

Public administration, defence, social insurance

Associations and federations

Other: *(Free text field)*

- D9**      **How did you find this work?**  
*Multiple options possible*  
 Application in response to advertised posts (e.g. newspaper, Internet, notice)  
 Independent contact with employers (speculative/unsolicited application)  
 Company recruitment fair ("Milk Round")  
 An employer approached me  
 Through work experience  
 Through (temp) work  
 Through the Federal Employment Agency  
 Via web-based networks (e.g. Xing)/job portal  
 Through networking  
 Through private employment agencies/headhunters  
 Through university tutors  
 Through course work or thesis  
 Ich bin über ein zentrales Vergabeverfahren für das Lehramtsreferendariat zugeteilt worden.  
 With the help of friends, acquaintances or fellow students  
 With the help of parents or relatives  
 I didn't job hunt, I was taken on as a result of other work (e.g. student assistant, (temp) work, honorary post, work experience)  
 Other: *(Free text field)*
- Mathe4**      **Was the profile selected for your Mathematics studies relevant to your job hunting?**  
*5-step scale: highly relevant to not at all relevant + N/A*
- Chemie3**      **How do you rate the benefits of the following faculty offers for your career guidance and the start of your current working life?**  
*5-step scale: a great deal to very little + Not available + N/A*  
 "Career prospects in Chemistry" lecture series  
 Cooperations with partner companies for industrial traineeships  
 Advisory services and information material in the Dean's Office  
 Advisory services and information material in the Faculty at the PraxisBörse [company recruitment fair]  
 Courses in "Management skills" and "Intercultural skills"  
 Individual offers (e.g. factory excursions)  
 Other: *(Free text field)*
- SoWi4**      **How many employers did you contact (applications, etc.)?**  
 Number of employers contacted:
- Philo7**      **How many employers did you contact (applications, etc.)?**  
 Number of employers contacted:
- Philo8**      **Which faculty services in relation to finding a career and qualifications for a career did you use?**  
*Multiple options possible*  
 Services for own subject  
 Workshop services of the Office of the Dean of Studies (transferable skills), e.g.: public relations, business studies for Humanities scholars, project management, communications management, etc.  
 Services of the KOMPASS programme (expert talks, company visits or workshops on the theme of job applications and starting a career)  
 Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the specialism  
 Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the Office of the Dean of Studies  
 Other: *(Free text field)*

**Philo9**

**How do you rate the benefits of the following faculty offers for your career guidance and the start of your working life?**

*5-step scale: a great deal to very little + Not available + N/A (I did not use any of the given below offers)*

Services for own subject

Workshop services of the Office of the Dean of Studies (transferable skills), e.g.: public relations, business studies for Humanities scholars, project management, communications management, etc.

Services of the KOMPASS programme (expert talks, company visits or workshops on the theme of job applications and starting a career)

Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the specialism

Advice on the theme of starting a career and transferable skills in the Office of the Dean of Studies

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## E - Training/professional development, voluntary work

- E1 What are you doing now?**  
 I am taking further/continuing education  
 I am retraining  
 I am a candidate for the civil service  
 I am doing voluntary work
- E2 What further/continuing education, retraining or voluntary work are you doing?**  
 further/continuing education, retraining, voluntary work: *(Free text field)*
- E3 Since when have you been doing this further/continuing education, retraining or voluntary work?**  
 Month (mm):  
 Year (yyyy):
- E4 How many months did your search for this further/continuing education, retraining or voluntary work take in total?**  
 Months searching for training:
- E5 How high is your gross monthly income (before deduction of taxes and social insurance costs) including regular monthly bonuses (e.g. shift allowances, productivity bonuses and paid overtime)?**  
 less than €500  
 €500-1,000  
 €1,000-2,000  
 €2,000-3,000  
 €3,000-4,000  
 €4,000-5,000  
 More than €5,000  
 Don't know  
 Prefer not to say
- E6 In which region does your further/continuing education, retraining or voluntary work take place?**  
*For Germany please state town/city or post code.*  
 In Germany (town/city):  
 In Germany (Postcode):  
 In another country:
- E10 Who is your employer?**  
 Employer: *(Free text field)*
- E11 Which industry or economic sector is your further training/ professional development/ retraining/ voluntary work in?**  
*Multiple options possible*  
 Agriculture and forestry, fisheries, mining  
 Manufacturing sector, industry, construction  
 Retail, hospitality, transport  
 Financial services, insurance, real estate  
 Academic, technical, economic services  
 Information and data processing services  
 Media, art, culture, entertainment  
 Health, veterinary, social services  
 Education, tuition, teaching, research  
 Public administration, defence, social insurance  
 Associations and federations  
 Other: *(Free text field)*
- E7 Why did you decide on further/continuing education, retraining or voluntary work after your studies at the University of Göttingen?**  
*(Free text field)*
- E8 How satisfied are you with your present further/continuing education, retraining or voluntary work as a whole?**  
*5-step scale: very satisfied to very dissatisfied + N/A*
- |  |      |   |
|--|------|---|
| <i>If "dissatisfied"/"very dissatisfied"</i> | E8_1 | Why precisely are you dissatisfied with your present further/continuing education, retraining or voluntary work?<br><i>(Free text field)</i>  |
| <i>If middle category</i>                    | E8_2 | You have chosen the middle category:<br>What exactly do you like/dislike about your present further/continuing education, retraining or voluntary work?<br><i>(Free text field)</i> |
- E9 What profession/job do you want to pursue after your further/continuing education, retraining or voluntary work?**  
 Profession/job: *(Free text field)*

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You state that you are currently doing unpaid work. In the following, we would like to learn what you will do in future in this work/occupation and what plans you are pursuing for the future.

## F - Unpaid work

**F1 What is the nature of the unpaid work that you have?**

Unpaid work experience  
Honorary post  
Assisting family member  
Voluntary service  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**F2 Since when have you been doing this unpaid work?**

Month (mm):  
Year (yyyy):

**F3 In which region are you pursuing this work?**

*For Germany please state town/city or post code.*  
In Germany (town/city):  
In Germany (Postcode):  
In another country:

**F5 Who is your employer?**

Employer: *(Free text field)*

**F6 Which industry or economic sector is your job in?**

*Multiple options possible*  
Agriculture and forestry, fisheries, mining  
Manufacturing sector, industry, construction  
Retail, hospitality, transport  
Financial services, insurance, real estate  
Academic, technical, economic services  
Information and data processing services  
Media, art, culture, entertainment  
Health, veterinary, social services  
Education, tuition, teaching, research  
Public administration, defence, social insurance  
Associations and federations  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**F4 How satisfied are you with your professional situation as a whole?**

*5-step scale: very satisfied to very dissatisfied + N/A*

*If "dissatisfied"/"very dissatisfied"*

*If middle category*

**F4\_1 Why precisely are you dissatisfied with your professional situation?**

*(Free text field)*

**F4\_2 You have chosen the middle category:  
What exactly do you like/dislike about your professional situation?**

*(Free text field)*

[Forwarding to part J \(Between graduation and current situation\)](#)

You state that you have started a further degree course/doctorate. Please answer the following in relation to this further degree course/your doctorate.

## G - Further degree course/doctorate

**G1** What degree programme/subject are you studying?

- I am doing my doctorate
- I am studying for a Master's degree
- I am studying for a Bachelor's degree
- I am working towards another academic degree

*Forwarding to question G11\_1*  
*Forwarding to question G12\_1*  
*Forwarding to question G13\_1*  
*Forwarding to question G14\_1*

*If "I am doing my doctorate"*

**G11\_1** When did you start your doctorate?

Month (mm):  
Year (yyyy):

**G11\_2** Which university are you doing your doctorate at?

University of Göttingen  
Other University: *(Free text field)*

*If "other university"*

**G11\_2\_1** Why did you switch to this university?  
*(Free text field)*

**G11\_3** What subject/degree programme are you taking your doctorate in?

Subject/degree programme *(Free text field)*

**G11\_4** How did the possibility of a doctorate come about?

*Multiple options possible*

- I proactively made direct contact with a supervising tutor/supervising tutors
- I was approached by a supervising tutor about a doctorate
- I was asked by my supervising tutor
- I was recommended by another university tutor/another person
- I applied in response to an advertisement/call for candidates
- Other: *(Free text field)*

**G11\_5** How did you come into contact with the supervising tutor(s)?

*Multiple options possible*

- I knew him/her from courses and examinations
- I wrote my undergraduate thesis for him/her/them
- I was a student/graduate assistant to him/her/them
- Other doctoral candidates recommended me to him/her
- I didn't know him/her personally before, but approached him/her about the doctorate
- I couldn't choose my supervisor, they were predetermined
- Other: *(Free text field)*

**G11\_6 What career path are you aiming for after your doctorate?**  
Academic career (e.g. university, independent research institute, university hospital)  
Non-academic career (e.g. industry, government, self-employed work)  
I want to be open to either an academic or a non-academic career  
I haven't considered this question yet  
Other Plans: *(Free text field)*

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*If "I am studying for a master's degree"*

**G12\_1 When did you start your Master's degree?**

Month (mm):

Year (yyyy):

**G12\_2 Which university have you registered with for your postgraduate Master's degree?**

University of Göttingen

Other university: *(Free text field)*

*If "other university"*

**G12\_2\_1**

**Why did you switch to this university?**

*(Free text field)*

**G12\_3 Which degree programme have you registered for?**

*1st to 4th subject (Free text fields)*

**G12\_4 Was the focus of your studies changed on moving from your Bachelor's degree to the Master's?**

Yes

No

*If Yes*

**G12\_4\_1**

**How has the focus of your studies changed on moving from your Bachelor's degree to the Master's?**

Change of study focus: *(Free text field)*

**G12\_5 How important were the following to your Master's degree?**

*5-step scale: very important to not at all important + N/A*

I was already determined to do a Master's degree even before/during my Bachelor's

Structure of the studies (e.g. consecutive degree programme)

Specialist interest

Possibility of personal development

To gain time to decide on my career

Better earning prospects

Obtain more knowledge

To pursue a profession as a scientist, researcher

Not found suitable work

Research into an interesting topic

To get a doctorate afterwards

Better opportunities on the jobs market

To keep my status as a student

Aiming for a specific professional profile

Little confidence in job opportunities with a Bachelor's degree

Advice from parents/relatives

To do something entirely different

Good reputation of the University

Good ranking of the University

Specialised focus offered by degree programme

Attractiveness of the city/ region

Close to partner/ family

**SoWi5 Did you have difficulties moving to postgraduate studies after your Bachelor's degree?**

Yes

No

*If Yes*

**SoWi5\_1**

**What difficulties did you have moving to the Master's degree?**

*Multiple options possible*

Achievements weren't recognised

Admission restrictions

Long waiting times

No ongoing financing

Documents/examination results weren't available in time

Had to do additional work/provide performance records

Missed registration dates

Limits on course participant numbers

Waiting list

Suitability test

Lack of accommodation

Yes, other: *(Free text field)*

[Forwarding to part J \(Between graduation and current situation\)](#)



*If "I am studying for a Bachelor's degree"*

**G13\_1 When did you start your Bachelor's degree?**

Month (mm):

Year (yyyy):

**G13\_2 Which university are you studying at?**

University of Göttingen

Other university: *(Free text field)*

*If "other university"*

**G13\_2\_1**

**Why did you register at this university?**

*(Free text field)*

**G13\_3 What subject/degree programme are you studying?**

*1st to 4th subject (Free text field)*

**G13\_4 How important were the following to an additional Bachelor's degree?**

*5-step scale: very important to not at all important + N/A*

I was already determined to do a Master's degree even before/during my Bachelor's

Structure of the studies (e.g. consecutive degree programme)

Specialist interest

Possibility of personal development

To gain time to decide on my career

Better earning prospects

Obtain more knowledge

To pursue a profession as a scientist, researcher

Not found suitable work

Research into an interesting topic

To get a doctorate afterwards

Better opportunities on the jobs market

To keep my status as a student

Aiming for a specific professional profile

Little confidence in job opportunities with a Bachelor's degree

Advice from parents/relatives

To do something entirely different

Good reputation of the University

Good ranking of the University

Specialised focus offered by degree programme

Attractiveness of the city/ region

Close to partner/ family

[Forwarding to part J \(Between graduation and current situation\)](#)

*If "I am working towards another academic degree"*

**G14\_1 When did you start studying for the new degree programme?**

Month (mm):

Year (yyyy):

**G14\_2 Which university are you studying at?**

University of Göttingen

Other university: *(Free text field)*

*If "other university, i.e.:"*

**G14\_2\_1 Why did you register at this university?**

*(Free text field)*

**G14\_3 What subject/degree programme are you studying?**

*1st to 4th subject (Free text fields)*

**G14\_4 What degree are you taking?**

Academic degree: *(Free text field)*

**G14\_5 How important were the following to your additional studies?**

*5-step scale: very important to not at all important + N/A*

Structure of the studies (e.g. consecutive degree programme)

Specialist interest

Possibility of personal development

To gain time to decide on my career

Better earning prospects

Obtain more knowledge

To pursue a profession as a scientist, researcher

Not found suitable work

Research into an interesting topic

To get a doctorate afterwards

Better opportunities on the jobs market

To keep my status as a student

Aiming for a specific professional profile

Little confidence in job opportunities with a Bachelor's degree

Advice from parents/relatives

To do something entirely different

Good reputation of the University

Good ranking of the University

Specialised focus offered by degree programme

Attractiveness of the city/ region

Close to partner/ family

[Forwarding to part J \(Between graduation and current situation\)](#)

In the following, we would like to learn more about your situation as a postdoc/while qualifying to become a professor, and how satisfied you are with your current situation and its potential prospects.

## H - Qualifying to become a professor/postdoc

### H1 How do you describe your situation now?

I am qualifying to become a professor [Forwarding to question H11\\_1](#)

I am a postdoc [Forwarding to question H12\\_1](#)

I am a postdoc and qualifying to become a professc [Forwarding to question H13\\_1](#)

*If "I am qualifying to become a professor"*

### H11\_1 When did you start your postdoctoral qualification for professorship?

Month (mm):

Year (yyyy):

### H11\_2 At which university/institution are you qualifying to become a professor?

University: *(Free text field)*

Institution (including research institutions): *(Free text field)*

Other: *(Free text field)*

### H11\_3 Why did you choose this university/institution?

*(Free text field)*

### H11\_4 In what subject are you qualifying to become a professor?

Subject/degree programme: *(Free text field)*

**H11\_5 What is your main source of finance for the postdoctoral qualification for professorship?**

Support from parents and/or other relatives

Support from spouse/partner

Own earnings

Loan

Scholarship

Own funds earned/saved before the postdoctoral qualification for professorship

And other source of finance: *(Free text field)*

*If "own earnings"*

**H11\_5\_1 What is your job/profession?**

Description of job/profession: *(Free text field)*

**H11\_5\_2 How many hours a week do you work on average?**

Contractual weekly working time (in hours):

Actual working time (in hours):

**H11\_5\_3 How high is your gross monthly income (before deduction of taxes and social insurance costs) including regular monthly bonuses (e.g. shift allowances, productivity bonuses and paid overtime)?**

less than €500

€500-1,000

€1,000-2,000

€2,000-3,000

€3,000-4,000

€4,000-5,000

More than €5,000

Don't know

Prefer not to say

**H11\_4 Who is your employer?**

Employer: *(Free text field)*

**H11\_5 Which industry or economic sector are you working in?**

*Multiple options possible*

Agriculture and forestry, fisheries, mining

Manufacturing sector, industry, construction

Retail, hospitality, transport

Financial services, insurance, real estate

Academic, technical, economic services

Information and data processing services

Media, art, culture, entertainment

Health, veterinary, social services

Education, tuition, teaching, research

Public administration, defence, social insurance

Associations and federations

Other: *(Free text field)*

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*Wenn "Ich bin Postdoc"*

**H12\_1 When did you take up your postdoc position?**

Month (mm):

Year (yyyy):

**H12\_2 Which university/institution did you take up your postdoc position at?**

University: (Free text field)

Institution (including research institutions): (Free text field)

Other: *(Free text field)*

**H12\_3 Why did you choose this university/institution?**

*(Free text field)*

**H12\_4 In what subject did you take up your postdoc position?**

Subject/degree programme: *(Free text field)*

**H12\_5 How many hours a week do you work on average?**

Contractual weekly working time (in hours):

Actual working time (in hours):

**H12\_6 How high is your gross monthly income (before deduction of taxes and social insurance costs) including regular monthly bonuses (e.g. shift allowances, productivity bonuses and paid overtime)?**

less than €500

€500-1,000

€1,000-2,000

€2,000-3,000

€3,000-4,000

€4,000-5,000

More than €5,000

Don't know

Prefer not to say

[Forwarding to part J \(Between graduation and current situation\)](#)

*Wenn "Ich bin Postdoc und habilitiere"*

**H13\_1 When did you take up your postdoc position/postdoctoral qualification for professorship?**

Month (mm):

Year (yyyy):

**H13\_2 Which university/institution did you take up your postdoc position/postdoctoral qualification for professorship at?**

University: *(Free text field)*

Institution (including research institutions): *(Free text field)*

Other: *(Free text field)*

**H13\_3 Why did you choose this university/institution?**

*(Free text field)*

**H13\_4 In what subject did you take up your postdoc position/postdoctoral qualification for professorship?**

Subject/degree programme: *(Free text field)*

**H13\_5 How many hours a week do you work on average?**

Contractual weekly working time (in hours):

Actual working time (in hours):

**H13\_6 How high is your gross monthly income (before deduction of taxes and social insurance costs) including regular monthly bonuses (e.g. shift allowances, productivity bonuses and paid overtime)?**

less than €500

€500-1,000

€1,000-2,000

€2,000-3,000

€3,000-4,000

€4,000-5,000

More than €5,000

Don't know

Prefer not to say

[Forwarding to part J \(Between graduation and current situation\)](#)

You state that you are currently not working. We would like to know about more of your further plans for the future.

## I - Not working

### I1 How do you describe your current situation?

I am not earning, but I'm looking for work

*Forwarding to question I11\_1*

[I am not earning and not looking for work](#)

[I am on parental leave](#)

[I am a housewife/househusband, homemaker](#)

[I am taking an extended trip/on holiday](#)

[I am currently taking a break](#)

[Other: \(Free Text Field\)](#)

### I2 Since when have you been in this situation?

Month (mm):

Year (yyyy):

*If "I am not earning, but i'm looking for work"*

### I11\_1 How do you intend to search for a (new) job?

*Multiple options possible*

Application in response to advertised posts (e.g. newspaper, Internet, notice)

Independent contact with employers (speculative/unsolicited application)

Company recruitment fair ("Milk Round")

Through work experience

Through (temp) work

Through the Federal Employment Agency

Via web-based networks (e.g. Xing)/job portal

Networking

Through private employment agencies/headhunters

Through university tutors

Through course work or thesis

Application for a teacher-training post to the centralised process.

With the help of friends, acquaintances or fellow students

With the help of parents or relatives

Other: *(Free text zield)*

[Forwarding to part Teil J \(Between graduation and now\)](#)



How would you best describe your situation immediately after completing your degree?

## J - Between graduation and current situation

**J1** How do you describe your situation between graduation and your current situation?

*Multiple options possible*

[Nothing has changed in my situation today since graduation](#)

I pursued a freelance career

I was temporarily self-employed in my own business/family business

I temporarily had paid work (e.g. salaried employee, civil servant, trainee)

[Ich war Assistenzarzt/-ärztin und promovierte/promovierte nicht zeitgleich](#)

[I was temporarily in further/continuing education \(e.g. vocational training, candidate for the civil service\), retraining, doing voluntary work](#)

[I had an internship \(legal intern/trainee teacher\)](#)

[I temporarily had unpaid work \(e.g. unpaid work experience\)](#)

[I temporarily started studying or taking a doctorate](#)

[I studied to become a professor/was a postdoc](#)

[I temporarily searched for work](#)

[I was temporarily not working/unemployed](#)

[I was temporarily unfit for work/ long-term sick](#)

[I was temporarily on parental leave or took an extended trip/took a break](#)

[Other: \(Free text field\)](#)

*Forwarding to question Pre\_J12*

*Forwarding to question Pre\_J12*

*Forwarding to question Pre\_J13*

*If "I pursued a freelance career" or "I was temporarily self-employed in my own business/family business"*

**Pre\_J12** How many other freelance/ self-employed jobs did you pursue?

Number:

*If "I temporarily had paid work (e.g. salaried employee, civil servant, trainee)"*

**Pre\_J13** How many other paid jobs have you pursued?

Number:

[Forwarding to part L \(Information about studies\)](#)

Thinking back to your time studying at Göttingen University, please give us a few more impressions below.  
Please restrict your statements to the study phase that you took at Göttingen University.

## L - Information about studies

**L1** From today's perspective, how satisfied are you with your studies at the University of Göttingen as a whole?

*5-step scale: very satisfied to very dissatisfied + N/A*

*If "dissatisfied"/"very dissatisfied"*

**L1\_1** Why precisely are you dissatisfied with your studies at the University of Göttingen?  
*(Free text field)*

*If middle category*

**L1\_2** You have chosen the middle category:  
What exactly do you like/dislike about your studies at the University of Göttingen?  
*(Free text field)*

FILTER: Bachelor (2 subjects), Bachelor (teacher training), Master of Education

**L2** What subject(s) did you study?

1st subject: *(Free text field)*

2nd subject: *(Free text field)*

3rd subject: *(Free text field)*

4th subject: *(Free text field)*

FILTER: Bachelor (2 subjects) Mathematic

**Mathe5** What profile did you select for your Mathematics studies?

Teaching profile

General studies profile

FILTER: MSc Mathematic

**Mathe6** What profile did you select for your Mathematics studies?

General research-oriented profile

"Economathematics" profile

Physics profile

FILTER: BSc Mathematik

**Mathe7** What profile did you select for your Mathematics studies?

General research-oriented profile

Practically-oriented profile

Physics-oriented profile

**Jura1** When did you take your key subject examination?

Before the compulsory state section

At the same time as the compulsory state section

After the compulsory state section

**Jura2** How long did you prepare for the state examination?

Up to 6 months

7 to 12 months

13 to 24 months

More than 24 months

**Jura3** How did you prepare for the compulsory state examination?

*Multiple options possible*

With the help of the University's examination course (revision course)

With the help of the University's written examination course

With the help a private crammer

With the help of private study/work groups

Entirely independently

Other: *(Free text field)*

- Jura4** How suitable was the range of courses on offer to prepare for the compulsory state examination at your Faculty/university?  
5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A
- Jura5** What final/average grade did you achieve in your compulsory subject examination?  
Points: (Free text field)
- Jura6** To what extent were you able to acquire substantive law skills for the legal clerkship during your studies?  
5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A
- Jura7** To what extent did you acquire skills in the following areas during your studies?  
5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A  
Logical thinking  
Structured working  
Learning techniques  
Time management  
Rhetoric  
Communication skills/conducting talks  
Team work  
Other: (Free text field)
- Jura8** Please estimate how many hours per week you spent on average on the following activities during your studies.  
Divide into: "During lecture time (hours)" and "During lecture-free time (hours)"  
Attending teaching sessions  
Studying activities outside teaching sessions (group work meetings, preparation and review of teaching sessions, etc.)  
Preparation for examinations  
Gainful employment (not work experience, etc.)  
Family obligations  
Leisure activities  
Other: (Free text field)
- SoWi6** If - looking back - you had a free choice again, would you ...  
5-step scale: very likely to very unlikely + N/A  
... choose the same degree programme?  
... choose the same university?  
... study again?
- SoWi13** How do you rate the methodological training on your degree?  
5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A
- L3** Did you undertake any career-related work experience during your studies (this does not include laboratory work experience, practical teaching sessions, etc.)?  
Yes, compulsory work experience  
Yes, voluntary work experience  
No, no work experience
- If Yes
- L3\_1** How many career-related work experience placements did you have?  
Number of compulsory work experience placements:  
Number of voluntary work experience placements:
- L3\_2** How many weeks did the career-related work experience placements last in total?  
Duration of compulsory work experience placements:  
Duration of voluntary work experience placements:
- ZELB1** How relevant were the compulsory work experience placements to your current job?  
5-step scale: highly relevant to not at all relevant + N/A
- L4** Did you spend time abroad during your studies?  
Yes  
No

If Yes

- L9\_1\_1 What was the purpose of your time abroad?**  
Semester abroad  
Study project  
Work experience  
Gainful employment  
Language course  
Thesis or dissertation/gathering data/research  
Voluntary work/social commitment  
Practical year  
Medical clerkship  
Conferences/congresses/meetings  
Summer School  
Extended trip  
Other: *(Free text field)*
- L9\_1\_2 Which country were you in?**  
*(Free text field)*
- L9\_1\_3 How long were you abroad?**  
Duration (in month): *(Free text field)*
- L9\_1\_4 Which sponsorship programme funded your time abroad?**  
I received no funding for my study abroad  
Scholarship from a university in Germany  
Other educational grant from Germany (for example Heinrich Böll, Konrad Adenauer, Friedrich Ebert, Studienstift. d. Dt. volkes, RISE, Carlo Schmidt))  
Scholarship from the host university (abroad) (EWHA)  
Other sponsorship from abroad (e.g. Regierungsstipendien (DUO Korea, CSC, JASSO,JSPS etc.)  
PROMOS (DAAD)  
Other DAAD scholarships (e.g. DAAD Jahresstipendien, ANPTI, Go East etc.)  
Foreign BAföG  
EU program (ERASMUS+ KA 103, KA 107, ERASMUS Mundus Programme etc.)  
LEONARDO DA VINCI II grant  
Franco-German Youth Office (FGYO)  
PAD  
DFG (BMBF)  
Go4Med  
Student initiative (AIESEC, BVMD, ELSA, IAESTE etc.)  
Schorlemer Foundation  
Fulbright Commission  
Other: *(Free text field)*
- L9\_1\_5 Did you receive Credits for your study abroad that counted towards your degree?**  
Yes  
No
- L9\_1\_6 Did you spend any other time abroad while you were at the University of Göttingen?**  
Yes *(Repeat questions from Question L9\_1\_1)*  
No
- L10 Why did you not go abroad while you were at University of Göttingen?**  
Reason: *(Free text field)*

If No

FILTER: if Part B, C, D, E, F, H

**L4\_x How relevant was your time abroad for your current work?**  
*5-step scale: highly relevant to not at all relevant + I cannot judge + N/A*

- L5** **Whilst you were studying did you gain professional experience relevant to your studies?**  
**(e.g. student assistant, graduate assistant, tutor)**  
*Multiple options possible*  
*At the University of Göttingen*  
 Yes, as student assistant  
 Yes, as graduate assistant  
 Yes, as tutor  
 Yes, other: *(Free text field)*  
*Outside the University of Göttingen*  
 Job/work: *(Free text field)*  
 No  
*If Yes*
- L5\_x** **How many months did you work as a tutor, student assistant and/or graduate assistant?**  
 Duration of appointment as graduate assistant:
- L6** **Were you an active volunteer during the period of your studies?**  
**(e.g. charity work, student autonomy/university politics)**  
 Yes  
 No  
*If Yes*
- L6\_1** **Where were you an active volunteer?**  
*(Free text field)*
- L6\_2** **For how long were you an active volunteer?**  
 Duration ((in Month): *(Free text field)*  
 Since today
- L6\_3** **Did you receive Credits for your voluntary work that counted towards your degree?**  
 Yes  
 No

FILTER: not medicine

- L7** **To what extent were the following abilities/skills learned during your studies at the University of Goettingen?**  
*5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A*  
 Command of own subject, own discipline  
 Ability to develop new ideas and solutions  
 Ability to assert oneself  
 Ability to adapt to changed circumstances  
 Ability to write reports, memos or similar texts  
 Ability to carry out computer-based work (e.g. with special software, media and Internet skills)  
 Ability to apply scientific methods  
 Ability to think and act effectively  
 Ability to motivate others  
 Ability to think in multidisciplinary terms  
 Analytical abilities  
 Ability to write and speak a foreign language  
 Ability to question own ideas and ideas of others  
 Ability to work efficiently towards a goal  
 Ability to recognise and remedy gaps in own knowledge  
 Ability to organise oneself and one's working process effectively  
 Ability to work productively with others  
 Ability to work well under pressure  
 Ability to handle intercultural relationships  
 Ability to present products, ideas or reports to an audience  
 Ability to operate in diverse/ intercultural contexts

FILTER: only medicine

**Medizin17** To what extent were the following abilities/skills learned during your studies at the University of Goettingen?

*5-step scale: extremely to very slightly + Not at all + N/A*

Expertise in own subject  
Ability to use academic methods (researching databases and literature)  
Ability to think and act effectively  
Ability to motivate others  
Ability to think in multidisciplinary terms  
Ability to write and speak a foreign language  
Ability to recognise and remedy gaps in own knowledge  
Ability to handle intercultural relationships  
Ability to communicate with others involved in patient care and assert myself with my colleagues  
Confidence when carrying out physical examinations (with and without basic aids)  
Ability to provide patients with structured consultations and advice  
Ability to carry out medical procedures (e.g. sutures, injections, dressings, making a medication plan)  
Ability to identify indications for laboratory tests and interpret findings confidently  
Ability to document findings and patient contact

FILTER: only working

**L8** In retrospect, would you have liked the University of Göttingen to have offered additional qualifications?

Yes, i.e.: *(Free text field)*

No

**SoWi7** Did you acquire a professional qualification before your studies?

Yes, which: *(Free text field)*

No

FILTER: only master

**Bio1** Did you also take your Bachelor's degree at the University of Göttingen?

Yes

No

*If No*

**Bio1\_1** At which university did you take your Bachelor's degree?

University:

**Bio1\_2** What use did you make of the supervisory services at this university?

*5-step scale: very good to very poor + Not used/Not noticed + N/A*

**Bio\_3** What use did you make of the advisory services on offer at this university?

*5-step scale: very good to very poor + Not used/Not noticed + N/A*

FILTER: all biology graduates

**Bio4** Did you find the study structure transparent?

*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*

**Bio5** How well did you feel you were informed on your *(insert degree programme)* as a whole?

*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*

**Bio6** What sources of information did you use to learn about your *(insert degree programme)*?

*Multiple options possible*

Faculty website  
Student Advisory Service blog  
Information events  
Student Advisory Service through the admissions office of the Faculty of Biology and Psychology  
Course group/student body of the Faculty of Biology and Psychology  
Departmental studies advice from teaching staff at the Faculty of Biology and Psychology  
Central Student Advisory Service  
Communication with fellow students  
StudIP  
IPS2  
UniVZ  
Other: *(Free text field)*

**Bio7** **Would you recommend studying (insert degree programme) at Göttingen to others?**  
Yes – absolutely  
Yes – to some extent  
No

*If Yes, to some extent*

**Bio7\_1** **You state that you would recommend studying (insert degree programme) to some extent, what are your reasons for this?**  
*Multiple options possible*  
Private/family situation  
I don't like the city of Göttingen  
Study content did not match my interests  
Organisation of studies confusing  
Other reasons: *(Free text field)*

*If No*

**Bio7\_2** **You state that you would not recommend studying (insert degree programme), what are your reasons for this?**  
*Multiple options possible*  
Private/family situation  
I don't like the city of Göttingen  
Study content did not match my interests  
Organisation of studies confusing  
Other reasons: *(Free text field)*

**Bio8** **If – looking back – you had the choice again, would you....**  
...choose the same degree programme at the Faculty of Biology and Psychology?  
...choose the same university?  
... choose another university?  
...study another degree programme?  
...study again?

*if an other university*

**Bio8\_1** **You state that retrospectively you would have chosen another university for your studies in (insert degree programme). What are your reasons for this?**  
*Multiple options possible*  
Private/family situation  
I don't like the city of Göttingen  
Study content did not match my interests  
Organisation of studies confusing  
Other reasons: *(Free text field)*

*if an other degree programme*

**Bio8\_2** **You state that retrospectively you would have chosen another subject. What are your reasons for this?**  
*Multiple options possible*  
Private/family situation  
I don't like the city of Göttingen  
Study content did not match my interests  
Organisation of studies confusing  
Other reasons: *(Free text field)*

**FILTER:** alle Absolventen der Fakultät für Biologie und Psychologie außer Psychologie

**Bio9** **How do you assess the practical part of your (insert degree programme)?**  
*5-step scale: far too little, too little, just right, too much, far too much + N/A*

**FILTER:** alle Absolventen der Fakultät für Biologie und Psychologie außer Psychologie

**Bio10** **How well were you prepared for the internships and the dissertation/thesis by the theoretical material in the lectures?**  
*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*

**Bio11** **Please assess the advice and support given by:**  
*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*  
Teaching staff from the Faculty of Biology and Psychology  
The admissions office of the Faculty of Biology and Psychology  
The examination office of the Faculty of Biology and Psychology  
The course group/student body of the Faculty of Biology and Psychology  
The Central Student Advisory Service

**Physik1** **Wie gut hat Sie das Studium auf Ihre Abschlussarbeit vorbereitet?**  
*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*

**Philo10 How do you rate the advice and support given by ...**

*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*

Teaching staff at the Faculty of Philosophy

Academic studies advisors at the Faculty of Philosophy

The Student Advisory Service of the Office of the Dean of Studies of the Faculty of Philosophy

The Examination Office of the Faculty of Philosophy

The subject groups/ student body of the Faculty of Philosophy

The Central Student Advisory Service

**Philo11 What suggestions would you give the Faculty of Philosophy to improve its advice and support?**

suggestion: *(Free text field)*

**ZELB2 Did you take the supplementary programme Lehramt-PLUS courses whilst you were at the University of Göttingen?**

Yes

No

*if Yes*

**ZELB2\_1 How relevant was the supplementary programme Lehramt-PLUS to your current job?**

*5-step scale: highly relevant to not at all relevant + N/A*

**ZELB3 How helpful were the following sources of information at the Centre for Teacher Training (ZELB, Zentrale Einrichtung für Lehrerbildung) to you completing your degree?**

*5-step scale: Very helpful to Not at all helpful + Not used + N/A*

ZELB homepage

ZELB information material (e.g. ZELB brochure, flyer)

ZELB personal advice services

[Forwarding to part M \(Personal details\)](#)



For statistical purposes we need a few details about yourself and your family. Please note that your data will be completely anonymous when it is analysed, and absolutely no conclusions can be drawn about you personally.

## M - Personal Details

**N.B.:** Many students at the University of Göttingen have motor, sensory, organic, psychological and/or cognitive disorders that can make studying more difficult. The heterogeneity of these students becomes especially clear when the question of how to address them arises. There are a number of terms, but none on which the majority can agree. We have therefore decided to use the standard term “health impediments” in the questionnaire. Please excuse this if you prefer another term.

**M1** **Did you have one or more disabilities, chronic diseases or mental disorders during your studies?**

Yes  
No

*If Yes*

**M1\_1**

**Please rank your impediments in order.**

*Multiple options possible*

Motor/mobility impediment

Visual impediment/blindness

Hearing impediment/deafness

Linguistic/speech impediment

Psychological impediment/mental disorder (e.g. psychosis, depression, eating disorder, addiction)

Chronic somatic disorder (e.g. allergies, asthma, gastrointestinal disorder, diabetes, rheumatism, MS)

Specific learning disability (e.g. dyslexia, dyscalculia)

Other impediment, i.e.: *(Free text field)*

N/A

**M1\_2**

**Do you have/did you have a disabled person's pass?**

Yes, with a degree of disability (GdB) of:

No, because the degree of disability was rated lower than 50.

No, because no disability was established.

No, I did not apply for one.

**N.B.:** People with personal and/or familial experience of migration are currently usually termed persons with a “migration background”. This term may not be relevant to you personally or you may find it discriminatory. However numerous academic studies indicate that a real or ascribed “migration background” can lead to disadvantages in the transition from studying to work. For this questionnaire we have therefore decided to record the “migration background”, because otherwise structural barriers that may be present might not be recognised. Please excuse this if you prefer another term.

**M2** **What is your nationality?**

*Multiple options possible*

German nationality

Other nationalities/other nationality: *(Free text field)*

N/A

**M3 Have you changed your nationality?**

Yes  
No  
N/A

*If Yes*

**M3\_1**

**What was your previous nationality?**

Nationality: *(Free text field)*

**M4 Where were you born?**

In Germany  
In another Country, i.e.: *(Free text field)*  
N/A

**SoWi8 Where do you live now?**

In Germany: *(Free text field)*  
In another country: *(Free text field)*

**M8 Were was your father/mother born?**

In Germany  
In another country, i.e.: *(Free text field)*  
Keine Angabe

**What is your father's/mother's nationality?**

German  
Other, i.e.: *(Free text field)*  
N/A

**SoWi10 What are your parents' highest educational qualifications?**

*Mother and father separated*

Don't know

No educational qualifications

Junior/senior school qualification or secondary school with graduation from 8th or 9th grade

O-level equivalent, high school certificate or secondary school with graduation from 10th grade

Technical college entrance qualification, Abitur (German university entrance qualification) or high school with graduation from 12th grade

Other: *(Free text field)*

**SoWi11 What professional status do or did your parents last have?**

*Mother and father separated*

*Labourer*

Foreman, burnisher

Assistant foreman, group leader

Skilled labourer and craftsman

Unskilled/semi-skilled worker

*Salaried employee*

Managerial employee

Academically-qualified employee with middle managerial role

Academically-qualified employee without managerial role

Qualified employee (e.g. clerk)

Operating employee (e.g. sales, secretarial)

*Self-employed*

Self-employed in a freelance profession

Self-employed entrepreneur

Self-employed on contract work

*Civil servant*

Higher grade civil servant

Senior civil servant

Lower/middle grade civil servant

Temporary civil service work (e.g. student teacher)

*Other work*

Other: *(Free text field)*

**M7 Are you ascribed a migration background (e.g. because of your accent, skin colour or name)?**

Yes

Yes and I perceive myself as a person with a migration background

No

N/A

**M9 Do you have children living with you in the household?**

Yes

No

N/A

*If Yes*

**M9\_1**

**When were your children born?**

Year first child born:

Year second child born:

Year third child born:

Year fourth child born:

**M9\_2** As a rule, who is involved in looking after your child/children in the daytime?

*Multiple options possible*

I take care of them myself

My partner

Child minder, babysitter, au pair

Crèche, kindergarten or afternoon childcare centre

Parents, other relatives or friends

No care needed

Other: *(Free text field)*

**M9\_3** Did you extend your studies because of being a parent/ looking after a child?

Yes

No

*If Yes*

**M9\_3\_1** How many more semesters did you study because of being a parent/looking after a child?  
semester: *(Free text field)*

**M9\_4** Did you take leave from your studies because of being a parent/ looking after a child?

Yes

No

*If Yes*

**M9\_4\_1** How many semesters did you take leave for during your studies?  
semester: *(Free text field)*

**M9\_5** Would you have liked the opportunity to study part-time because of being a parent/ looking after a child?

Yes

No

**M9\_6** How compatible did you find the study content was with being a parent?

*5-step scale: very good to very poor + N/A*

[Forwarding to part N \(Comments and suggestions\)](#)

We would like to hear your feedback on various points. We would be very happy if you would share your criticism or praise with us to help us improve the services and structures we offer in connection with studying.

## N - Comments and suggestions

**N1 What did you especially like about your studies at the University of Göttingen?**

*(Free Text Field)*

**N2 What did you not like about your studies at the University of Göttingen?**

*(Free Text Field)*

**N3 What important changes do you believe should be made at the University of Göttingen/to your degree programme?**

*(Free Text Field)*

**N4 Was there anything that you missed on your studies (e.g. study focus, skills development)?**

*(Free Text Field)*

**N5 Other comments (e.g. to improve the questionnaire?)**

*(Free Text Field)*

[On to the conclusion](#)

## Conclusion

Thank you for taking part in the graduate survey of the University of Göttingen for the examination year 2016.

For data protection reasons and to ensure the anonymity of your data you must register separately for the lottery or to be sent a copy of the results. To do this please follow this [link](#).

We wish you every success in your professional career.

Yours faithfully,  
Your Graduate Survey Team

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Only graduates who take part in the survey will be included in the draw for the incentives.  
The judges' decision is final in the contest.