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Module directory

**to the examination and study regulations for the
doctoral programme "Social Sciences"**

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Overview by module group

I. Doctoral programme in Social Sciences

Within the framework of the doctoral programme, at least 20 C must be completed in accordance with the following provisions:

1. Compulsory elective modules I:

One of the following modules must be successfully completed. Doctoral candidates who have already submitted their exposé for the application must take module P.SOWI.10, doctoral candidates without an exposé must take module P.SOWI.10a

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2. Compulsory modules

The following two compulsory modules totalling 7 C must be successfully completed:

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3. Compulsory elective modules II

From the following compulsory elective modules, at least 3 modules totalling at least 9 C must be successfully completed, so that a total of 20 C are achieved in the study programme:

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Georg-August-University Göttingen Module P.SOWI.10: Introductory module <i>English title: Introductory Module</i>		2 C 1 SWS
Learning objectives/competences: The doctoral students <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. deal with the rights and obligations of doctoral candidates; 2. learn about ways to resolve potential conflicts and crises; 3. learn to apply the principles of good scientific practice in their own research work 4. familiarise themselves with the structures of the respective specialist communities. 		Labour input: Attendance time: 14 hours Self-study: 46 hours
Course: Introductory workshop (onboarding)		1 SWS
Examination: Presentation (approx. 5 minutes), ungraded		2 C
Examination requirements: Doctoral students have in-depth knowledge of the doctoral degree programme and their rights and obligations as doctoral students at the Faculty of Social Sciences. They know how to deal with conflicts and are familiar with the principles of good scientific practice. They can present their doctoral project in a structured and concise manner and are networked with other doctoral candidates.		
Admission requirements: None	Recommended prior knowledge: None	
Language: German, English	Person responsible for the module: Prof Dr Simon Fink	
Offer frequency: every winter semester	Duration: 1 semester	
Repeatability: twice	Recommended semester of study: 1	
Maximum number of students: 35		

Georg-August-University Göttingen Module P.SOWI.100: Scientific Teaching <i>English title: Scientific Teaching</i>		4 C 3 SWS
Learning objectives/competences: The doctoral students <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. acquire knowledge in the planning and organisation of a learning unit, 2. acquire knowledge about the didactic support of a course, 3. acquire central competences in the implementation of a course, 4. acquire basic knowledge about learning success and performance measurement, 5. acquire competences in the critical reflection of their own course. 		Labour input: Attendance time: 42 hours Self-study: 78 hours
Course: University didactics workshop		1 SWS
Course: Realisation of an own course		2 SWS
Examination: Report (max. 5 pages), ungraded		4 C
Examination requirements: Doctoral students can plan courses independently, have didactic skills and can critically reflect on their own courses.		
Admission requirements: None	Recommended prior knowledge: None	
Language: German, English	Person responsible for the module: Prof Dr Simon Fink	
Offer frequency: every semester	Duration: 1 semester	
Repeatability: twice	Recommended semester of study:	
Maximum number of students: 35		

Georg-August-University Göttingen Module P.SOWI.10a: Introductory module <i>English title: Introductory Module</i>		4 C 2 SWS
Learning objectives/competences: The doctoral students 1. deal with the rights and obligations of doctoral candidates; 2. learn about ways to resolve potential conflicts and crises; 3. learn to apply the principles of good scientific practice in their own research work; 4. familiarise themselves with the structures of the respective specialist communities; 5. prepare an exposé of their planned doctoral project.		Labour input: Attendance time: 28 hours Self-study: 92 hours
Course: Introductory workshop (onboarding) <i>Frequency: every winter semester</i>		1 SWS
Course: Workshop on the preparation of the exposé		1 SWS
Examination: Exposé on the doctoral project (max. 10 pages) and short oral presentation of the doctoral project (approx. 5 minutes), ungraded		4 C
Examination requirements: Doctoral students have in-depth knowledge of the doctoral degree programme and their rights and obligations as doctoral students at the Faculty of Social Sciences. They know how to deal with conflicts and are familiar with the principles of good scientific practice. They can present their doctoral project in a structured and concise manner and are networked with other doctoral candidates. With the exposé, they demonstrate that they have fully planned their doctoral project in terms of topic, research problem, state of research, research objective and methodological approach as well as a work plan.		
Admission requirements: None	Recommended prior knowledge: None	
Language: German, English	Person responsible for the module: Prof Dr Simon Fink	
Offer frequency: every semester	Duration: 1-2 semesters	
Repeatability: twice	Recommended semester of study: 1	
Maximum number of students: 35		

Georg-August-University Göttingen Module P.SOWI.110: Committee work <i>English title: Committee Work</i>		4 C 1 SWS
Learning objectives/competences: Doctoral students acquire in-depth knowledge in the areas of moderation techniques, conducting discussions and decision-making and conflict resolution behaviour in groups. In the accompanying seminar, students gain knowledge of the university's committees and organisational structures as well as methods and techniques of self-reflection. Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences or one of its committees • Equal Opportunities Officer of an institute of the Faculty of Social Sciences • Membership of the board of an institute • Membership of the University Senate or one of its committees • Doctoral candidate representative in the GGG 		Labour input: Attendance time: 14 hours Self-study: 106 hours
Course: Accompanying seminar		1 SWS
Examination: Activity report (max. 2 pages), ungraded		4 C
Course: Practical part: Committee work		
Examination requirements: Doctoral students provide evidence that they are able to combine experience from university committee work with theoretical knowledge and reflect on it systematically.		
Admission requirements: Membership of the respective committee must be for at least six months.	Recommended prior knowledge: None	
Language: German, English	Person responsible for the module: Prof Dr Simon Fink	
Offer frequency: every semester	Duration: 1 semester	
Repeatability: twice	Recommended semester of study:	
Maximum number of students: 35		

Georg-August-University Göttingen Module P.SOWI.120: Publication organisation <i>English title: Organising a Publication</i>		2 C
Learning objectives/competences: Doctoral students acquire in-depth knowledge in the supervision of a publication from manuscript to book/journal by working in a team to bring the contributions of the interim review to publication maturity. In doing so, they acquire in-depth knowledge of project management with various stakeholders. Alternatively, the activity can also take place as part of an activity on the publishing advisory board of a journal or similar.		Labour input: Attendance time: 0 hours Self-study: 60 hours
Examination: Supervised publication, ungraded		2 C
Examination requirements: The doctoral candidates provide evidence that they are able to organise the publication of the contributions to the interim review conference as part of a publication series of the faculty in the university publishing house or to supervise a journal as part of their work on the publishing advisory board		
Admission requirements: None	Recommended prior knowledge: P.SOWI.40	
Language: German, English	Person responsible for the module: Prof Dr Simon Fink	
Offer frequency: every semester	Duration: 1 semester	
Repeatability: twice	Recommended semester of study:	
Maximum number of students: 35		

Georg-August-University Göttingen Module P.SOWI.130: Fundamentals of Human Resource Management <i>English title: Fundamentals of Personnel Management.</i>		4 C 2 SWS
Learning objectives/competences: Doctoral students acquire initial knowledge in the following areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealing with the role as a manager • Dealing with "sandwich positions" • Building teams • Motivation and performance • Team leadership • Conflicts and conflict resolution and deal with their own competences		Labour input: Attendance time: 28 hours Self-study: 92 hours
Course: Seminar		2 SWS
Examination: Portfolio (max. 10 pages), ungraded		4 C
Examination requirements: Doctoral students provide proof that they have acquired the basics of personnel management for their future professional activities.		
Admission requirements: none	Recommended prior knowledge: None	
Language: German, English	Person responsible for the module: Prof Dr Simon Fink	
Offer frequency: every semester	Duration: 1 semester	
Repeatability: twice	Recommended semester of study:	
Maximum number of students: 35		

Georg-August-University Göttingen Module P.SOWI.140: Project Management <i>English title: Project Management</i>		4 C 2 SWS
Learning objectives/competences: Doctoral students are familiar with the forms, areas of application, processes and structures of project management. They can prepare, structure and support projects and control communication processes between project members and external persons.		Labour input: Attendance time: 28 hours Self-study: 92 hours
Course: Workshop		2 SWS
Examination: Presentation (approx. 15 minutes) and activity report (max. 5 pages), ungraded		4 C
Examination requirements: Doctoral students are able to develop a (fictitious) project on the basis of a project plan including all further necessary steps, the measures derived from it, their implementation and their final success control. Doctoral students are able to use project planning tools and suitable software in a targeted manner.		
Admission requirements: none	Recommended prior knowledge: None	
Language: German, English	Person responsible for the module: Prof Dr Simon Fink	
Offer frequency: every semester	Duration: 1 semester	
Repeatability: twice	Recommended semester of study:	
Maximum number of students: 35		

Georg-August-University Göttingen Module P.SOWI.150: Academic Writing <i>English title: Academic Writing</i>	2 C 2 SWS
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Learning objectives/competences: The doctoral students also deepen their knowledge in the following areas by means of practical exercises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phases of the writing process • Time and self-management • Knowledge organisation (from reading to writing) • Concretise research question/s • Text structure: Strategies for planning writing • Prepare text production • Preventing and overcoming writer's block and inhibitions • creative writing strategies • formulate scientific language appropriately and comprehensibly • Giving and accepting feedback on text • Step-by-step text revision 	Labour input: Attendance time: 28 hours Self-study: 32 hours
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Course: Workshop	2 SWS
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Examination: Portfolio (max. 10 pages), ungraded	2 C
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Examination requirements: Doctoral students provide evidence that they are familiar with the phases of academic writing processes, different types of writing and the requirements of an academic writing style, and that they have reflected on their own experiences with academic writing.	
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Admission requirements: none	Recommended prior knowledge: None
Language: German, English	Person responsible for the module: Prof Dr Simon Fink
Offer frequency: every semester	Duration: 1 semester
Repeatability: twice	Recommended semester of study:
Maximum number of students: 35	

Georg-August-University Göttingen Module P.SOWI.20: Research Methods <i>English title: Research methods</i>		4 C 4 SWS
Learning objectives/competences: The doctoral students <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. deal with specific research methods; 2. deepen and specify the methodological knowledge they need for their own research work; 3. learn to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills independently; 4. present their findings systematically; 5. differentiate between research objects and derive empirically testable research questions on the basis of the research object; 6. develop appropriate research designs to answer research questions on the basis of their methodological knowledge. 		Labour input: Attendance time: 56 hours Self-study: 64 hours
Course: Workshop: Methods Week of the GGG and/or		2 SWS
Course: Methods workshop and/or		2 SWS
Course: methodical course and/or		2 SWS
Course: external methods course Two events must be attended in accordance with the individual curriculum.		2 SWS
Examination: Essay (max. 10 pages), ungraded		4 C
Examination requirements: Doctoral students have in-depth knowledge of research methods that they need for their dissertation and can develop appropriate research designs to answer research questions.		
Admission requirements: None	Recommended prior knowledge: None	
Language: German, English	Person responsible for the module: Prof Dr Tobias Christopher Stubbe	
Offer frequency: every semester	Duration: 2 semesters	
Repeatability: twice	Recommended semester of study:	
Maximum number of students: 35		

Georg-August-University Göttingen Module P.SOWI.30: Doctoral colloquium <i>English title: Doctoral colloquium/Research colloquium</i>		3 C 2 SWS
Learning objectives/competences: The doctoral students <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. engage with their research project throughout the course of their doctorate, 2. present the organisation of their own empirical study and the study design in a professional manner; 3. report on the status of work on their doctoral thesis and 4. present their results systematically; 5. acquire in-depth knowledge in subject-specific fields of knowledge and current research areas. 		Labour input: Attendance time: 28 hours Self-study: 62 hours
Course: Doctoral colloquium/research colloquium		1 SWS
Examination: Lecture (approx. 15 minutes)		
Course: Doctoral colloquium/research colloquium		1 SWS
Examination: Lecture (approx. 15 minutes)		
Examination requirements: Doctoral students are able to present their own research project in a professional manner and independently relate the topics offered to their own research work.		
Admission requirements: None	Recommended prior knowledge: None	
Language: German, English	Person responsible for the module: Prof Dr Simon Fink	
Offer frequency: every semester	Duration: 3 semesters	
Repeatability: twice	Recommended semester of study:	
Maximum number of students: 35		

Georg-August-University Göttingen Module P.SOWI.40: Interim results <i>English title: Interim Status</i>		4 C 1 SWS
Learning objectives/competences: Doctoral students discuss their research project at an internal faculty conference or a workshop organised by the Dean of Studies or a member of the GGG Executive Board and report orally on the progress of their doctoral project. They critically evaluate their own research project in an interdisciplinary discourse and develop further research perspectives. Doctoral students discuss the work of other doctoral students constructively and provide suggestions. The doctoral students develop their own contributions to a publication of the conference or workshop.		Labour input: Attendance time: 14 hours Self-study: 106 hours
Course: Interim review (workshop or conference)		1 SWS
Examination: presentation (approx. 20 minutes) and written contribution (max. 5 pages), ungraded		4 C
Examination requirements: The doctoral students can critically evaluate and further develop their own research project as well as the research projects of other doctoral students in interdisciplinary discourse.		
Admission requirements: None	Recommended prior knowledge: None	
Language: German, English	Person responsible for the module: Prof Dr Simon Fink	
Offer frequency: every semester	Duration: 1 semester	
Repeatability: twice	Recommended semester of study: from 4	
Maximum number of students: 35		

Georg-August-University Göttingen Module P.SOWI.50: Science Communication <i>English title: Scientific communication</i>		2 C 1 SWS
Learning objectives/competences: The doctoral students <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. deepen their presentation skills (plan the design and strategies of their scientific presentation); 2. learn to defend their own positions in controversial discussions; 3. practise dealing flexibly with difficult presentation situations; 4. take a constructive approach to criticism; 5. systematically summarise their research findings; 6. can publicise these in a target group-oriented manner, 7. represent their own research project in (interdisciplinary) discourse. 		Labour input: Attendance time: 14 hours Self-study: 46 hours
Course: Rhetoric course or		1 SWS
Course: Course on scientific presentation techniques or		1 SWS
Course: Course on written scientific communication		1 SWS
Examination: Presentation (approx. 20 minutes) or portfolio with various written contributions (max. 10 pages), ungraded		2 C
Examination requirements: Doctoral students are able to convey scientific findings orally or in the form of written communication in (interdisciplinary) discourse as well as within and outside academia and to defend positions.		
Admission requirements: None	Recommended prior knowledge: None	
Language: German, English	Person responsible for the module: Prof Dr Simon Fink	
Offer frequency: every semester	Duration: 1 semester	
Repeatability: twice	Recommended semester of study:	
Maximum number of students: 35		

Georg-August-University Göttingen Module P.SOWI.60: Advanced presentation techniques <i>English title: Advanced presentation techniques</i>		2 C 1 SWS
Learning objectives/competences: The doctoral students <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. learn to systematically summarise their research results; 2. present their results to an expert audience; 3. can critically evaluate and defend their own research project in interdisciplinary discourse; 4. can discuss findings from their area of specialisation with peers and in front of an international audience. 		Labour input: Attendance time: 14 hours Self-study: 46 hours
Course: Scientific contribution at a national or international conference		1 SWS
Examination: Lecture (approx. 30 minutes), ungraded		2 C
Examination requirements: Doctoral students can present their research results to an expert audience and critically evaluate their own research project.		
Admission requirements: None	Recommended prior knowledge: None	
Language: German, English	Person responsible for the module: Prof Dr Simon Fink	
Offer frequency: every semester	Duration: 1 semester	
Repeatability: twice	Recommended semester of study:	
Maximum number of students: 35		

Georg-August-University Göttingen Module P.SOWI.70: Language competence <i>English title: Language Skills</i>		2 C 2 SWS
Learning objectives/competences: Doctoral students acquire in-depth language skills that support them in their research activities or practise producing written texts as proof of their mastery of basic vocabulary, basic grammar structures, reading comprehension and knowledge of the country.		Labour input: Attendance time: 28 hours Self-study: 32 hours
Course: Language course		2 SWS
Examination: Report (max. 5 pages), ungraded		2 C
Examination requirements: The doctoral students master <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the technical language skills for their research activities or • the basic vocabulary and grammar structures of a language that supports them in their research activities. 		
Admission requirements: None	Recommended prior knowledge: None	
Language: German, English	Person responsible for the module: Prof Dr Simon Fink	
Offer frequency: every semester	Duration: 1 semester	
Repeatability: twice	Recommended semester of study:	
Maximum number of students: 35		
Remarks: This language course can also be completed at another university or relevant institution.		

Georg-August-University Göttingen Module P.SOWI.80: Conference organisation and implementation <i>English title: Organising a Conference</i>		3 C 1 SWS
Learning objectives/competences: The doctoral students <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. acquire knowledge in the planning and organisation of a scientific conference, possibly using the example of the interim balance sheet conference; 2. acquire central competences in project planning and implementation and, if necessary, in acquiring third-party funding; 3. acquire moderation skills; 4. acquire practical skills in dealing with stress. 		Labour input: Attendance time: 14 hours Self-study: 76 hours
Course: Scientific conference		1 SWS
Examination: Report (max. 5 pages), presentation or minutes, ungraded		3 C
Examination requirements: Doctoral students can plan and organise scientific conferences and have basic moderation skills.		
Admission requirements: None	Recommended prior knowledge: None	
Language: German, English	Person responsible for the module: Prof Dr Simon Fink	
Offer frequency: every semester	Duration: 1 semester	
Repeatability: twice	Recommended semester of study:	
Maximum number of students: 35		

Georg-August-University Göttingen Module P.SOWI.90: Introduction to science management activities <i>English title: Introduction to Higher Education and Science Management</i>		4 C 1 SWS
Learning objectives/competences: The doctoral students gain insights into various organisational units of the university or non-university research institutions in which science managers work. These take place primarily in the following occupational fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty management • Knowledge transfer • Research funding • Public relations in science • International co-operation in science 		Labour input: Attendance time: 14 hours Self-study: 106 hours
Course: Participation in the WeWiMento programme or similar or internship in one of the above-mentioned areas		2 SWS
Examination: Report (max. 5 pages), ungraded		4 C
Examination requirements: The doctoral students are familiar with the professional field of science management at universities and/or non-university research institutions through participation in corresponding mentoring programmes (e.g. WeWiMento) or a corresponding internship. They can relate the requirements and perspectives to their own professional decision-making processes and reflect on them.		
Admission requirements: None	Recommended prior knowledge: None	
Language: German, English	Person responsible for the module: Prof Dr Simon Fink	
Offer frequency: every semester	Duration: 1 semester	
Repeatability: twice	Recommended semester of study:	
Maximum number of students: 35		