### Good to know

### What must be considered in terms of BAföG?

The right to BAföG will not apply if you have leave of absence or if you interrupt your studies for more than three months.

BAföG takes pregnancy and parenting into account with regard to extensions of the maximum funding period. It can be increased with a supplementary amount.

#### What is offered by the Studentenwerk Göttingen?

The Studentenwerk Göttingen provides places in child care, family apartments and free meals for student's children at the canteen (MensaKidsCard). Students can get advice on the possibilities of financing their studies with a subsidy from the Social Services.

The Psychological Counselling Service (PSB) offers help in cases involving coping with stress and family problems.

### Can I take a leave of absence?

Yes, you can take a leave of absence both during pregnancy and during parental leave. Please contact the Registrar's Office.

While being granted leave you are allowed to do up to 50 % of the required assignments relevant to the exam.

Please consult the Examination Office or Student Advisory Service of your faculty for details.

#### Do I have to pay long-term tuition fees?

No, if you look after your child under 14 years during your studies you can be exempted from tuition fees for long-term students at the Registrar's Office.

# Can I receive preferential treatment regarding the choice of courses?

There is no general ruling on this. Please contact the responsible lecturer of the course or the secretariat of the institution or faculty early (e.g. before the date of draw) and describe your situation.

## Contact

### Family Service

Equal Opportunities Office of the Georg-August University Goßlerstraße 9 • 37073 Göttingen

Director: Renate Putschbach phone: 0551 39-12490

Consultations and Administration: Katrin Hansmann phone: 0551 39-22156 e-mail: familienservice@zvw.uni-goettingen.de

Open for consultations: Monday/ Wednesday: 2 – 4 pm Thursday: 9 – 11 am or by appointment

Further information: www.uni-goettingen.de/family-service

**Kindertagespflegebörse Göttingen** Waageplatz 8 • 37073 Göttingen phone: 0551 384385-0 www.kindertagespflege-goe.de

Open for consultations: Tuesday: 9.30 – 12 am Thursday: 3 – 6 am or by appointment





# STUDYING WITH CHILDREN

at the Georg-August University of Göttingen





# Consultation and Information

The Family Service of the University of Göttingen is the first place to go to for questions about having children and studying. We offer:

- Consultation regarding questions about the reconcilability of family with academic studies – in person, by telephone or by e-mail. The consultation is individual and confidential
- Consultation regarding questions before and after the birth
- Information about child care and financial benefits
- Information about family-friendly programmes at the University of Göttingen

### Good to know



You can find an overview of parentchild-rooms, baby-changing facilities and the mobile toy-box on the Campus Accessibility Map.



# Child Care

### Flexible child care for studying parents

Child care can be subsidised if

- you haven't been able to find a nursery place yet and your child is taken care of by a professional day care person or your private babysitter.
- you need child care during study-courses which don't take place within regular supervisions times (e.g. in the afternoon, in the evening or at the weekend).

Child care is provided in cooperation with the Kindertagespflegebörse Göttingen. The costs for the consultation and engagement of a day care person will be paid by the university.

### Good to know

#### Child care facilities

- 276 places in six child care facilities are offered by Studentenwerk Göttingen
- In Göttingen child care places will be allocated in August. The deadline for application and the open house days take place in November/ December of the previous year.
- You will find an overview of all child care facilities in Göttingen's urban area at: www.kita.goettingen.de

### **Emergency child care**

If your child is taken ill or the regular child care is closed, there is an opportunity to make use of free child care four times a year by joining the child care emergency service pool. The Kindertagespflegebörse must be contacted before the emergency occurs.

### Good to know

The University Sports offers an extensive range of supervised school-holiday-activities for children as well as sports courses for families.

### Saturdays for learning

Every Saturday a free child care service is offered at the Learning and Study Building (LSG). On these days up to six children are supervised by two professional child carers. The registration for this service takes place at the entrance gate of the LSG.

# Networking

#### The Tandem Programme

With the Tandem Programme the university wants to support student parents with family responsibilities. You can apply to be a mentee if

- you already have family responsibilities and wish for support in reconciling family with working life.
- you want to get to know other students with or without children in your faculty or in other faculties.

You can apply to become a mentor if you

- are interested in the situation of parents studying and want to become socially involved.
- would like to improve your social and communicative skills by attending a training to become a mentor. A certificate of attendance will be issued on completion of the mentor programme.

### Good to know

Student parents have the opportunity to meet with each other at the Elternkontaktbörse in the faculty of Social Science or at AStA parent-cafes.