

FURTHER IMPORTANT WEBSITES



Institute of Geosciences
<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/de/geo/>

Modulhandbuch, Vorlesungsverzeichnis, Studienverlaufspläne, Studienordnung:



- RSIV: <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/geo/study/m-sc-remote-sensing-geoinformation-and-visualization>



- MSC Geosciences: <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/geo/study/msc-geosciences/allgemeine-informationen>



Counseling for Students with Health Impairments / Chronic Conditions <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/advising-and-services/counseling-for-students-with-health-issues/disabilities>



Bafög-Beaufragung des Instituts
<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/de/geo/studium/bafog-beaufragung-am-institut-fuer-geowissenschaften>



Checklists
<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/de/fsrgeowiss/studium/checklisten-zum-studium>

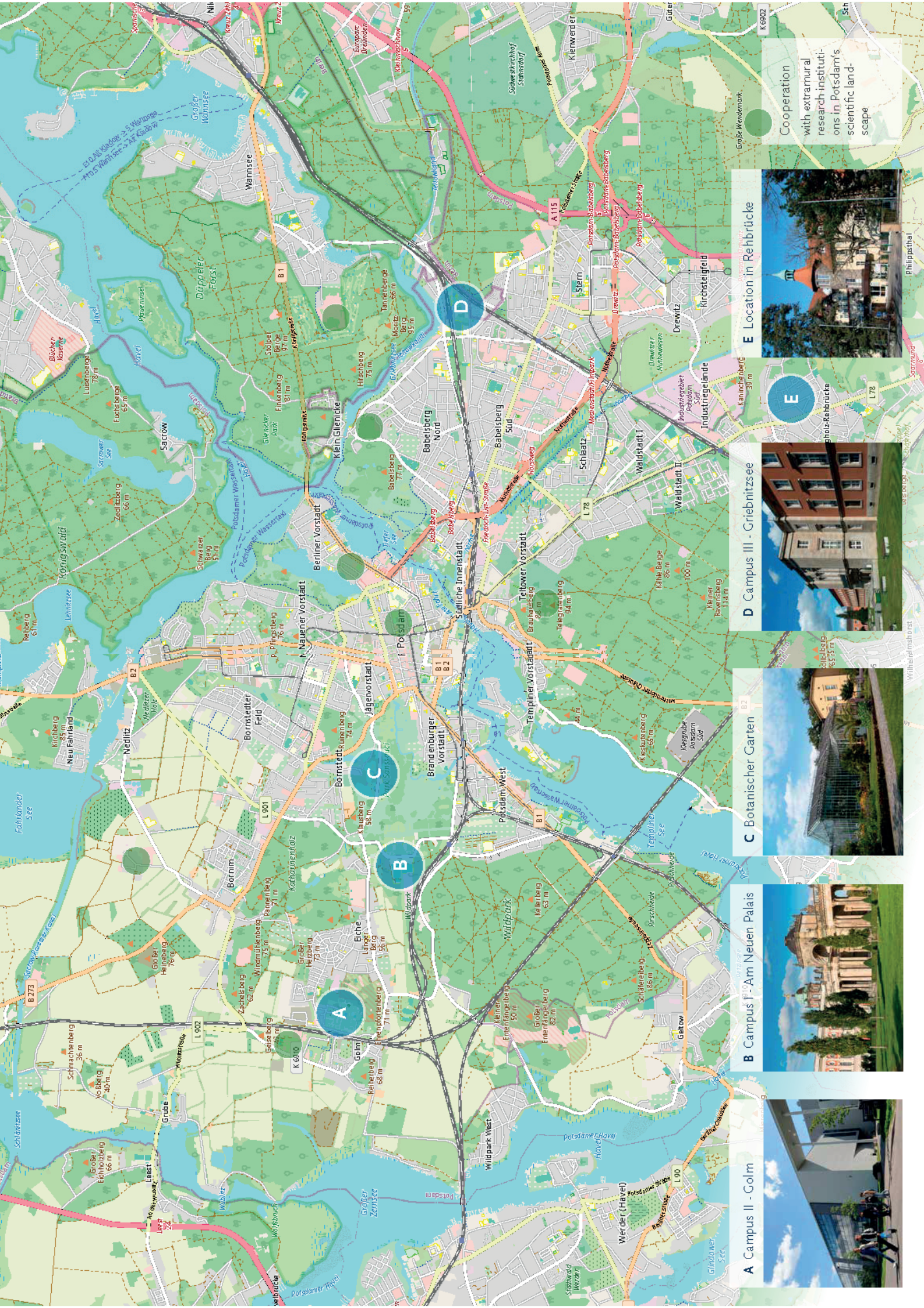


WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST AS YOU EMBARK
 ON THIS NEW CHAPTER IN YOUR LIVE.

Your GEOWISS Student Council



GUIDE FOR MASTER STUDENTS IN THEIR FIRST SEMESTER OF GEOSCIENCES AND RSIV



A Campus II - Golm



B Campus I - Am Neuen Palais



C Botanischer Garten



D Campus III - Griebnitzsee



E Location in Rehbrücke

Cooperation
with extramural
research institi-
ons in Potsdam's
scientific land-
scape

Partner research institutes in Potsdam

GFZ, AWI AND PIK

The Helmholtz Centre Potsdam/German Research Centre for Geosciences (GFZ) and Alfred Wegener Institute, Research Centre Potsdam (AWI) and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) are all located on Telegrafenberg in Potsdam. Thanks to joint appointments of several professors from the University of Potsdam with these research institutions, the courses and subject areas covered during the programme are wide-ranging. Some block courses are held there, and contacts can be made with the staff. In addition, the two research institutions offer a number of opportunities for internships or jobs for student assistants (so-called Hiwi jobs). Due to the many different research areas, a wide range of interests are usually covered.

Further information can be found at:

GFZ: <https://www.gfz-potsdam.de/>

AWI: <https://www.awi.de/ueber-uns/standorte/potsdam.html>

PIK: <https://www.pik-potsdam.de/en/home>



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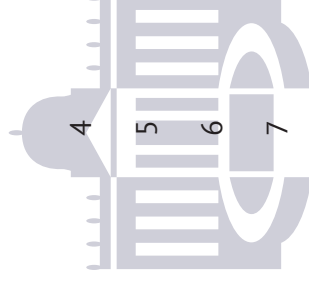
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Potsdam

WELCOME

Welcome to the Master's Program at the Institute of Geosciences at the University of Potsdam!

You've officially made it – a Master's student in Geosciences or Remote Sensing, geoinformation and Visualization (RSIV) at the University of Potsdam. Right after enrollment, university life gets going: completing administrative tasks, selecting courses, navigating new buildings and rooms, attending lectures, and adjusting to a new phase of academic life.

To help you find your way and not feel overwhelmed, we've put together this little booklet. Inside, you'll find essential information about the Geosciences program, key contacts and resources, campus maps, important dates, and more.

And if you still have questions – don't worry! We, meaning the student council (Fachschaft), your fellow students, professors, and staff at the institute, are always happy to support you. Welcome to our "small Geosciences family," and we wish you all the best and much success for your studies.

To help you connect with each other, ask questions, and stay informed, we've also created a dedicated group just for you. It's a space for Master's newcomers, supported by your student representatives who are here to help you settle in.

Subscribe now!

Email distribution list for MSc. Geosciences/ RSIV: Send an email with the < Subject subscribe > from your university email account (!) to:

geowiss-msc-list-join@uni-potsdam.de | remotesensing-msc-list-join@uni-potsdam.de

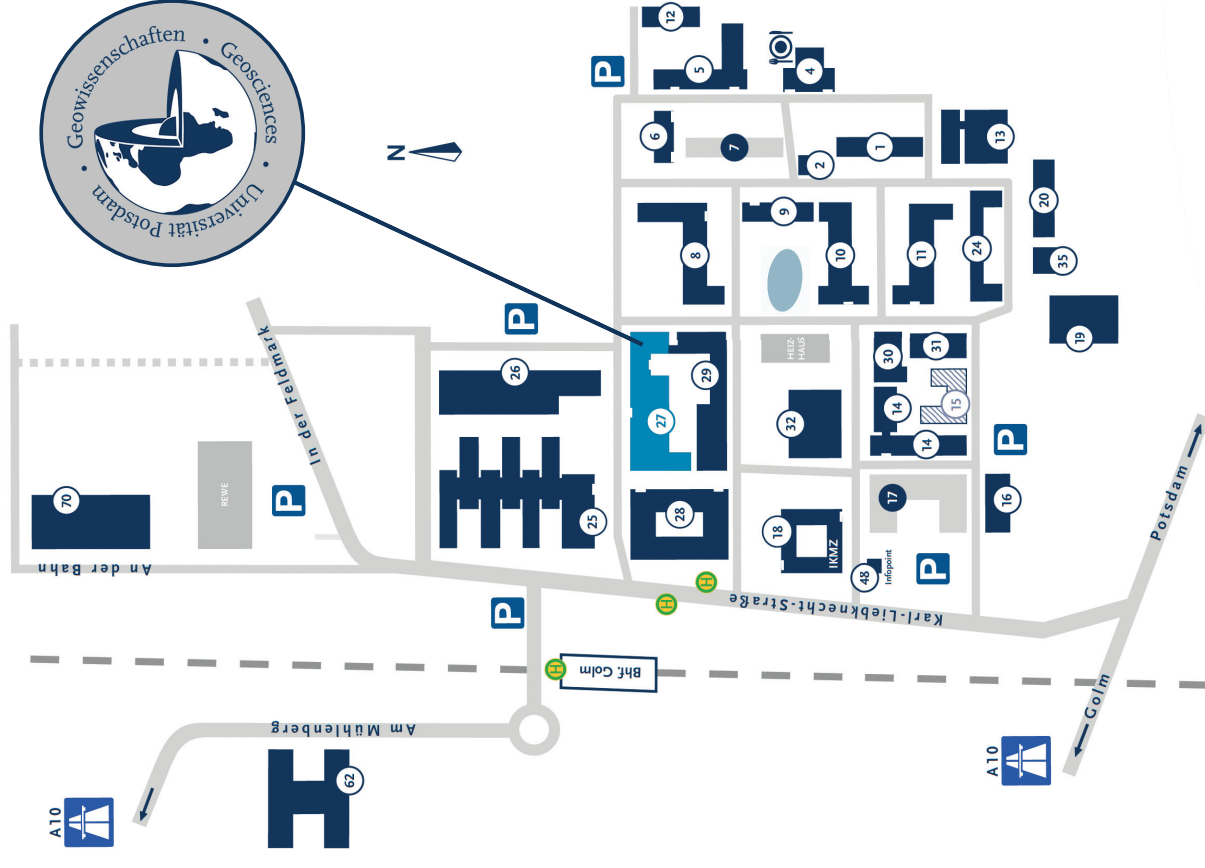
WhatsApp Group Master Geosciences



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Stand: Mai 2025
Campus II - Golm



CAMPUSPLAN OF GOLM



INFOS
FSR

Haus	Einrichtung
11	Alte Sporthalle
13	Atelier – Werkstätten Kunst
35	Dekanat Humanwissenschaftliche Fakultät
28	Dekanat Mathematisch-Naturwissenschaftliche Fakultät
24	Department Erziehungswissenschaften
24	Department für Sport- und Gesundheitswissenschaften
16	Department Grundschulpädagogik
24	Department Lehrerbildung
14	Department Linguistik
31	Department Inklusionspädagogik
6	Department Musik und Kunst
14	Department Psychologie
10	Exchange, Project and Innovation-Center – EPI-Center
13	Fachbereich Kunst
62	Fakultät für Gesundheitswissenschaften (FGW)
32	Forschungs- und Technologiezentrum „Earth & Environment Centre“ (EEC) und Zentrum für Naturstoffgenomik (NSG)
10	Fuhrpark Dezernat 5: Bau- und Facilitymanagement
30	Gewächshaus
1, 8	Infrastrukturelles Gebäudemanagement (IGM) und Technisches Gebäudemanagement (TGM) Dezernat 5: Bau- und Facilitymanagement
20, 25, 26, 29, 60	Institut für Biochemie und Biologie
25, 26, 29	Institut für Chemie
27	Institut für Erd- und Umweltwissenschaften
29	Institut für Geowissenschaften
70	Institut für Informatik und Computational Science
9	Institut für Mathematik
28	Institut für Physik und Astronomie
1, 12, 24, 70	Institut für Umweltwissenschaften und Geographie
11	Lehrinheit für Fach Wirtschaft-Arbeit-Technik
1	Leitzentrale Dezernat 5: Bau- und Facilitymanagement
14	Lesecafé
4	Mensa Studierendenwerk West-Brandenburg
5	Multimediatechnik ZIM - Zentrum für Informationstechnologie und Medienmanagement
13	Pädagogische Werkstatt
14	Poststelle Dezernat 6
2	Potsdam Research Institute for Multilingualism (PRIM)
29	Potsdam Transfer – Zentrale wissenschaftliche Einrichtung für Gründung, Innovation, Wissens- und Technologietransfer
8	Service Center ZIM – Zentrum für Informationstechnologie und Medienmanagement
19	Sporthalle
18	Universitätsbibliothek (Informations-, Kommunikations- und Medienzentrum – IKMZ)
29	UP Transfer GmbH
7, 17	Wohnanlagen Studierendenwerk West-Brandenburg
62	Zentrum für Lehrerbildung (ZLeB)

ABOUT US

What is a student body (Fachschaft)?

A student body is a group comprising all students studying a particular subject.

What is a student council (Fachschaftsrat/FSR)?

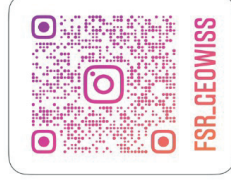
The FSR is a democratic body that is elected by the student body in a general assembly in every semester. It represents the interests of the students.



Aurora, Ben-Gerrit, Mika, Nancy
Gaston, Arden, Lina, Johanna, Tabea

And what do we do?

- First semester work
- Representing student interests to lecturers, committees, and the University of Potsdam
- Networking and exchanging experiences with other student councils (VeFa)
- Tips and bulk orders for geology equipment
- Organizing parties and celebrations
- Help with study organization: Just send us an email or come to one of our meetings.



Would you like to support us?
Then get in touch. :-)

THE FIRST WEEKS

1.10.	Introductory event and campus rally
2.10.	Bar-Tour
6.10.	Timetable planning
8.10.	Barbecue with geocologists
9.10.	optional trip to Marquardt
10.10.	Game night

The exact times will be announced via the WhatsApp group.

Lab coat

Online-Shop 1.10. – 8.10.
<https://studiedarf.de/Fachschaften/BCE-Potsdam/>
 you can try them on in house 26 on 1.10., 2.10., 6.10.



FRESHMAN'S TRIP
 31.10 - 2.11
 to Petzow
 Further information
 via WhatsApp



GOLM LIBRARY (IKMZ)



At the Golm Library, you will find all the important books from the fields of geosciences, chemistry, physics and mathematics that are relevant to studying geosciences. There is also plenty of space and variously designed work areas for studying and writing papers, as well as computers for researching information. Guided tours are offered to help you get to know the library better. You can find an overview of these at: <https://www.ub.uni-potsdam.de/de/kurse-beratung/informationen-fuer/neue-studierende>

Opening hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 21:00 Uhr
 Friday 9:00 – 20:00 Uhr
 Saturday 10:00 – 18:00 Uhr
 Closed on Sundays

Contact

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CENTRAL EXAMINATION OFFICE

The Central Examination Office is the point of contact for all technical, organisational and examination-related questions concerning examinations, certificates and attestations.

Address:
Universität Potsdam Dezernat für Studienangelegenheiten
Campus Am Neuen Palais, Haus 8

E-Mail:
pruefungsamt@uni-potsdam.de
Website:
<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/advising-and-services/examinationoffice>



STUDENT LAWYER



For all legal issues, there is a solicitor from Asta for the students. They offer a consultation hour on BAföG.

Address:
Kulturzentrum, Hermann Elfein-Straße 10 (across the yard, at the back on the left)

Tue & Thu 10 a.m - 3 p.m.

Further information is available on the website: <https://astaup.de/rechtsberatung>

FURTHER DATES FOR THE WS 25/26

Registration, enrollment, and withdrawal period for courses	1.10. – 10.11.2025
Start of the admission (no enrollment possible)	09.10.2025
Orientation days	01.10. – 11.10.2025
Instructional period	13.10.25 – 06.02.26
Re-registration Period for the Summer Semester 2026	15.01. – 15.02.2026
Exam and Internship Period	09.02. – 31.03.2026

Further dates, i.e. lecture-free days, etc., can be found here:
<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/dates-and-deadlines/important-dates-and-deadlines-during-your-studies>



STUDY ABROAD

Erasmus

Erasmus makes it possible to spend a semester abroad in Europe. There are specific partnerships with other earth and environmental science institutes, such as those in Bergen, Uppsala, Ghent, Grenoble, and several others. Further information on studying abroad:

<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/international/outgoing/studium>



University partnerships

The University of Potsdam also has university partnerships in nine non-European countries. Our institute has direct links with the Swiss University in Fribourg, METU in Ankara, Kocaeli Üniversitesi, and Istanbul Technical University. Here, too, the respective contact persons are listed on the ERASMUS+ page of the university.

Individual application

You can apply to your preferred university abroad via an individual application. You can find out which partner universities offer geosciences on the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) website.



SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

If you have any questions about administrative matters, please contact the institute's office.

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Further information can be found on the institute's website:
<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/geo/>



NON-BINDING EXAMS



In the Master's programme you can take two free non-binding exams. You must do this within two weeks of receiving your grade on PULS. These will be deleted from your Exams and are not counted.

Please note:
This cannot be cancelled.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

Do you have an urgent appointment, work on the side or the train isn't running today? - As a rule, you won't have any problems here.

At the University of Potsdam, attendance has not been compulsory for some time now. Exceptions are the much sought-after language courses and exercises with a practical component (e.g. laboratory practicals). In these cases, attendance is considered to be an additional examination requirement, so it is necessary to pass the course.

Lecturers will regularly advise you to attend the exercises and tutorials on offer. Take this advice to heart if possible, as the content of the lectures is usually deepened there. If this is not possible due to really unfavourable times or overlaps with other dates, it is usually best to contact the lecturer or tutorial leader directly to discuss the problem.

Keep track of how freely you organise your attendance yourself. Especially in the first semesters, we highly recommend attending all courses regularly and taking advantage of tutorials.

EQUIPMENT

Your personal equipment should include:

- a geologist's hammer (we recommend the 1 kg Estwing hammer),
- a hand-held magnifying glass,
- a structural geology compass (can be borrowed from the FSR or institute),
- 10% HCl acid,
- hiking boots,
- weatherproof clothing.

You can also borrow compasses and geologist's hammers from the FSR. Please send us an email or speak to us in advance to arrange this.

EXCURSIONS

The Master Geosciences has several excursions depending on which specialization you choose. Be aware that you will have to bear most of these costs yourself.

<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/geo/study/msc-geosciences/gelaendekurse>



PULS AND MOODLE2

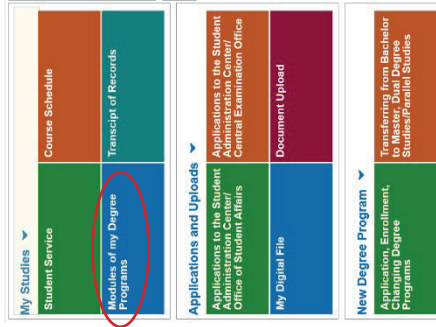
LOG IN

PULS and Moodle2 are the two most important platforms at the University of Potsdam, as you can use them to register for courses, sign up for exams, and obtain course information. You can log in to both platforms with your university email address and password.

PULS



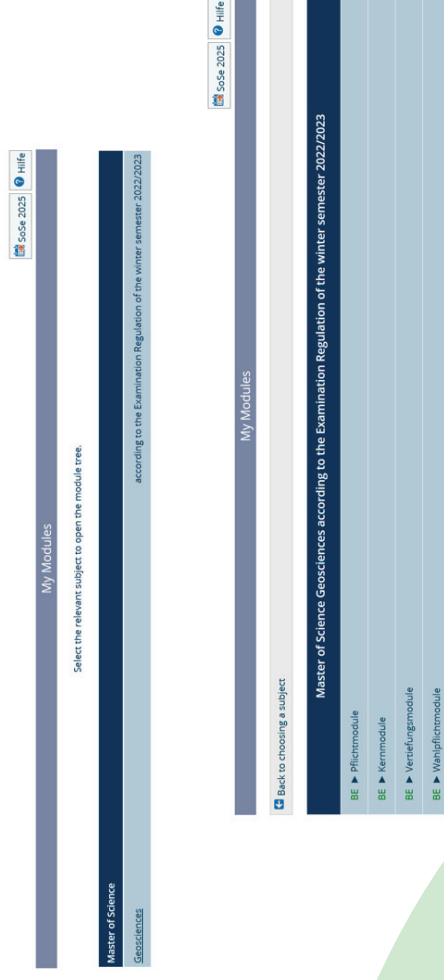
<https://puls.uni-potsdam.de/>



Registering for courses

Under Modules of my degree programs, you will find more detailed information about the course behind the (book) icon. You can also register for courses there.

Alternatively, you can find all courses (including Studiumplus) under: Events/Course Catalog/Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences/Institute of Geosciences/Master of Science/Geosciences (Examination regulation of the winter semester 2025/26) or Remote Sensing, geoinformation and Visualization (Examination regulation of the winter semester 2017/18).



Please note that pre-booked dates disappear after PULS is closed and only appear permanently after in the timetable after registration.

To finally select the module, you must select an examination and enter a TAN from your TAN list.



You will receive more detailed information about the module schedule or the enrolment key for the Moodle courses by email after registering for the module in PULS. The first sessions of a module are usually introductory sessions, which is why attendance is recommended!

PULS offers many other functions, such as your documents (study certificates), your performance overview and module overview or important dates (such as registration and enrolment deadlines)!

CREATING THE TIMETABLE

You go to PULS and choose e.g. under the compulsory tab for the Prüfungsversion ab WiSe 2025/26, for example, select Topics in Earth System Science:

① Vorlesungsverzeichnis

① Mathematisch-Naturwissenschaftliche Fakultät

① Institut für Geowissenschaften

① Master of Science

① Geosciences (Prüfungsversion ab WiSe 2022/23)

① Compulsory Modules

① GEW-MM01 - Topics in Earth System Science

Veranstaltungsart

Titel der Veranstaltung

① Kolloquium

① Seminar

Topics in Earth System Science (Colloquium)

Topics in Earth System Science (Seminar)

Zur Zeit keine Belegung möglich

Zur Zeit keine Belegung möglich

Click on the event to open the following overview:

Veranstaltungsart	Kolloquium	Veranstaltungsnummer	
SWS		Semester	SoSe 2024
Einrichtung	Institut für Geowissenschaften	Sprache	englisch
Belegungsfrist	02.04.2024 - 10.05.2024		

Gruppe 1: Belegungsinformation: Vormerken: ☐ Zur Zeit keine Belegung möglich

	Tag	Zeit	Rhythmus	Dauer	Raum	Lehrperson	Ausfall-/Ausweichtermine	Max. Teilnehmer:innen
→ Kolloquium	Mo	16.15 bis 17.45	wöchentlich	08.04.2024 bis 15.07.2024	2.27.0.01	Prof. Dr. Bockelmann, Prof. Dr. Bockelmann, Prof. Dr. Krüger, Prof. Dr. Müller, Prof. Dr. Schindler, Prof. Dr. Trauth, Prof. Dr. van der Beek, Prof. Dr. Müller		

You can first make a note of all the desired course times and then book all the modules at the same time via 'My functions' 'Time-table'. (Of course, you can also book everything individually, but that takes longer and uses a lot of TANs).

Please note that the registration deadline is 8 days before the exam!

Registering for and withdrawing from exams

To register for your exams, go to Modules for my degree programs, where you will find all modules. After selecting the course, you can register for the respective exams using your TAN list.

Moodle 2



<https://moodle2.uni-potsdam.de/>

Many teachers upload presentations and teaching materials to Moodle so that you can access the lecture material for learning purposes afterwards. Under **"Course search"**, you can search for the courses for your modules. Either these are named as in PULS, or you will receive the name by email. Some courses are password-protected, but the teacher will usually provide the password in an email (after you have registered for the module in PULS). If you have not received a registration key, ask your fellow students, the professor, or the FSR!

Deutsch (de)

Log in

Kurse suchen

Moodle 2

ANKÜNDIGUNGEN

Moodle 2

Willkommen auf der zentralen E-Learning-Plattform Moodle 2 der Universität Potsdam.

Hilfe & Infos

Hilfe und Informationen für Nutzer finden Sie beispielsweise beim ZSL und im IIRBISUM.

Account

Beitragung eines Moodle-Accounts für externe Studierende | Letzteditiert: Account-Probleme? zsl@studienberatung.uni-potsdam.de

Infos für Lehrende

Wenn Sie einen neuen Kurs beibringen wollen, nutzen Sie bitte folgendes Formular: **Kursanfrage** (Vorheriger Anmeldebildschirm)

In the **"Course Overview"**, you will find all your courses and have faster access to all materials.

Modules and structure of

THE MASTER'S PROGRAM IN GEOSCIENCES

The M.Sc. Geoscience comprises 120 Credit Points (CP), consisting of the following components:

- Mandatory Modules - 18 CP
- Core Modules - 24 CP
- Specialization Modules - 24 CP
- Elective Modules - 24 CP
- Master's Thesis - 30 CP

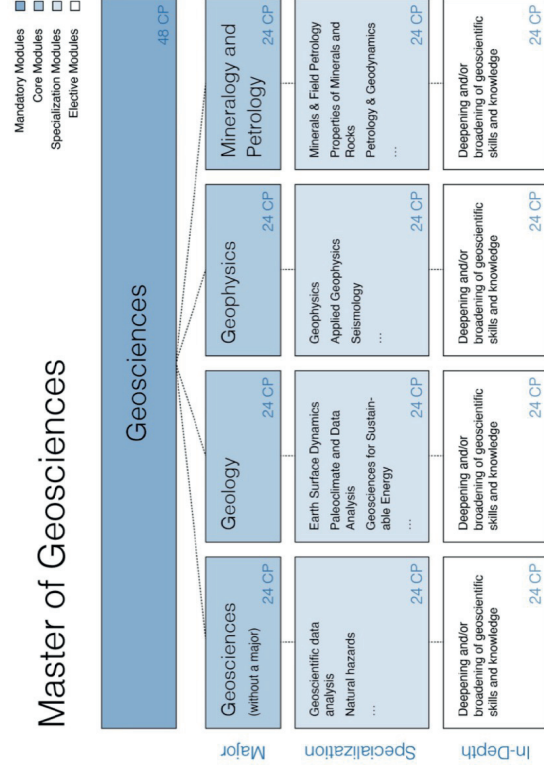
$$= 120 \text{ CP}$$

The Mandatory Modules are the same for all students. Students then have the option of either specialising in one of three Majors (Geology or Geophysics or Mineralogy & Petrology), which comprise a predetermined combination of Core Modules and a choice of pre-selected Specialization Modules, or choosing their own individual combination within both Core and Specialization Modules. All students are free to choose their Elective Modules.

More information and an overview showing which courses are offered in which semester, which specializations they can be combined with, and which modules they belong to can be found here: <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/de/fsrgeowiss/studium/master>



Master of Geosciences



Modules and structure of

THE MASTER'S PROGRAM IN RSIV

You have to obtain 30 CP of Mandatory modules (5 courses with each 6 CP):

- Remote Sensing of the Environment
- Earth System Science
- Data Analysis and Statistics
- Geoinformation Systems
- Visualization and Communication

In addition there are the Elective modules:

Modules adding up to 60 credit points must be successfully completed, whereby at least one module must be completed for each of the following groups of electives:

1. "Remote Sensing Methods" (RSM) electives
2. "Objects of Observation" (OBS) electives
3. "Data Analysis and Programming" (DAP) electives
4. "Geoinformation Systems and Applications" (GIS) electives
5. "Visualization and Communication Methods" (VCM) electives

Moduls of RSIV: https://www.uni-potsdam.de/fileadmin/projects/geo/02_Studium/rsiv/MSc_RSIV_StO_March31_2017.pdf



International MSc: **Remote Sensing, geoInformation and Visualization (RSIV)**

1. Year	Winter	Core Module 1: Remote Sensing of the Environment (6)	Core Module 2: Earth System Sciences (6)	Core Module 3: Data Analysis and Statistics (6)	Core Module 4: Geoinformation Systems (6)	Core Module 5: Visualization and Communication (6)
	Summer	Elective Modules 1: Remote Sensing Methods (6)	Elective Modules 2: Objects of Observation (6)	Elective Module 3: Data Analysis and Programming (6)	Elective Modules 4: Geoinformation System Applications (6)	Elective Modules 5: Visualization and Communication (6)
2. Year	Winter	Elective Modules: Elective Module from RSIV catalogue (6)	Elective Modules: Elective Module from RSIV catalogue (6)	Elective Modules: Elective Module from RSIV catalogue (6)	Free Elective Modules Module from UP module catalogue (6)	Free Elective Modules Module from UP module catalogue (6)
	Summer	Master Project and Thesis (6)				