

**FAIR FOR
EVERYONE!**



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**Election Program of the
Juso University Group
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1) Studying is easy!

At the department of Social Sciences, we have already been successful regarding the deletion of credit points, the abolishment of attendance policies, and more freedom concerning possible courses. This had been possible following the massive student demonstrations during the winter semester 2009/10. Therefore, we would like to continue these efforts also at other departments and faculties for, but foremost, with you and promote the implementation of free trials in exams for instance. For less pressure to perform, more studying according to one's own interests, more self-determination and less stress regarding exams!

2) Elimination of tuition fees!

Tuition fees intensify social stratification at the university and thus have to be rejected. Even with a possible elimination, financial obstacles will remain, which need to be removed. Long term tuition fees are precarious in particular, which prevent self-determined studying, in which everybody can develop his or her own interests, consequently. We have to move away from an educational model, in which the wallet (of the parents) determines the educational career. Education is a fundamental right and therefore has to be free accessible! Thus, we will continue our work against tuition fees of all kinds in the future, for example through the organization of demonstrations, public relations, or with requests concerning that matter within the Social Democratic Party of Germany.

3) Master for everybody!

Bachelor degree programs remain to be a temporary completion of one's studies and a degree regarded as one of the second class, which is not accepted in many sectors and industries. The limitation of the offer of places at universities for master degree programs, as implemented by the university and the state government, is equivalent to an elitist understanding of education and increases social stratification. Thus, we demand a legal claim for a university place in a master degree program, so that everybody has access to his or her desired occupation. At the University of Göttingen, we stand for a full occupancy of existing capacities and against rigid admission restrictions.

4) Student unions - fair prices, fair rents!

The student union has a social mission which it has to do justice to. For us, that means that meals at a reasonable price are provided for all students. We demand, that vegetarian or vegan meals are offered at a lower price than those with meat. The price for the daily soup as the most cheap meal should not be increased, but has to be subsidized by other meals if necessary.

We demand the extension of an offer of breakfast between 8 - 11am at the Free Flow Area of the central cafeteria with choices of muesli, buns, meats, cheese, jam and much more. The barbecue area would be a perfect location for the preparation of scrambled eggs, bacon, pancakes and other warm breakfast meals.

Furthermore, the social mission also involves the living in the resident halls of the student union.

Thereby, it is not a central task of the student union to be profit-oriented. The rents should be moderate and fair. The places of residence shall be preserved and extended where appropriate. That does not mean that there should be more single room apartments with their own bathroom and cooking area but that there should be a variety of living possibilities, so that everybody can make his or her own choice, where and how he or she wants to live. We are supporting preservation of smaller dormitories in particular.

5) Accessibility!

At many places within the university campus, people with disabilities or chronic illness have only difficult or no unrestricted accessibility. One example is the revolving door at the entrance to Cafe Campus at the ZHG, or in numerous libraries due to narrow alleys, high bookcases or staircases. Unfortunately, accessibility is also not regarded in the construction of new buildings like the Cafe Central or the KWZ (cultural centre). Moreover, the current challenges placed upon people with a visual or a hearing impairment seem to be insurmountable. The currently offered scripts for people with a visual impairment do not have an added value and the formats of lectures or courses are unsuitable for people with a hearing impairment. Therefore, we stand for a full accessibility so to bring the exclusion of people with disabilities or chronic illness to an end. In order to reach this goal, the university shall educate assistants to a sufficient extent, whose help can be used free of charge. Moreover, the university should initiate constructional changes which are necessary.

6) Ensuring equality and equal opportunities!

The situation equal opportunities of all sexes has not been reached yet, neither at the University of Göttingen, nor within the society. Only slightly more than 20% of all professors are female, although half of all students in the 1980s were female already. In the appointments committees, we would like to oppose this current condition. Moreover, we ask all committees and teachers in particular, to meet the basis of a gender neutral language in their publications and classes. The use of gender neutral language in term papers or exams should not be subject to deductions in the evaluation. Plans to weaken the work of the equal opportunity commissioner (like at the Philosophical faculty), are rejected by us. However, we ask for the appropriate financial and human resources for the equal opportunity commissioners of all faculties, so that they can offer workshops for example, and are able to succeed in their work in faculty committees.

7) Reliable IT infrastructure on campus!

Effective working, studying, and doing research should be possible on campus. For that, a reliable wireless connection is essential. Also a number of (working) printer is required. System downtime and data loss, as happened in the past, have to be prevented in the future. We urge the responsible authorities, in particular the Society for Scientific Data Processing Göttingen (GWDG), to ensure IT-supported work on campus and to make the investments that are necessary for that.

8) Civil Clause now!

Throughout the past year, we promoted a University of Göttingen which is free of armaments research at conferences, at the student parliament, following information events, in the nationwide networking, in conversations with the president of the university Beisiegel and also in the senate.

We would like to continue this work in the following year with the goal of a broader discussion concerning civil research. We advocate the entrenchment of a civil clause within the constitution of the University of Göttingen.

9) Culture for everybody!

For about eight Euros, the culture ticket allows to see various plays in theatres, exhibitions, and concerts. That not only promotes the cultural diversity in Göttingen and provides the facilities with planning security, it also creates a balance to the busy university life. We stand for the preservation and development of the cultural ticket. Moreover, we are committed to the possibility of a refund of the amount paid by the student hardship commission LeMSHO, similar to the concept of the semester ticket for the train. Entitled for a hardship case are people with a social hardship and people who cannot use the cultural ticket due to chronic illness or disability.

10) Confront right ideologies!

Right-wing, neo-fascist groups also exist in and around Göttingen and they appear publicly on a regular basis. Therefore, we would like to continue to call for counter-demonstrations in the future, as well as we are going to continue to organize and participate in them. Furthermore, we want to provide informations in courses and through publications, so that everybody is able to comprehend and understand why such antiquated structures of, e.g. fraternities, are opposed to an open society. Thus, we are going to organize the festival contre le racisme together with other groups. In this context, we definitely reject populist-nationalist oriented fraternities. We are also rejecting the elitist character of such fraternities and the prevailing sexist role perception. In particular, we feel that it is incompatible with the mission statement of the university and therefore stand for the claim to the executive board to delete the list of fraternities from the homepage of the university.