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Language
Living in Germany is a wonderful way to learn a language spoken by millions of people around the world (including more than 90 million native speakers!) and in many top research labs and companies. That said, the University of Freiburg increasingly offers opportunities for students with no prior knowledge of German, including entire degree programs taught in English – see www.uni-freiburg.de/go/international-master-en for details. The university´s Language Teaching Centre (SLI) offers a variety of language courses and examinations for students to help you improve your language skills during your studies. The current program is available at www.uni-freiburg.de/go/sli-en.

Housing & Living Expenses
Students typically choose to live in a dormitory, a shared apartment or a room in a private home. The Studentenwerk (student union) helps place students in housing situations that suit individual needs, or students can find housing on their own. Shared housing arrangements are a wonderful way to get to know German students and learn the language. Monthly living costs are about €700 to €800 (including student housing, health insurance and a German language course).

I'd Like to Learn More!
We're glad that you'd like to know more about our institution – and we're happy to help! Our team in the International Admissions and Services Department (IAS) is looking forward to speaking with you and answering any questions you might have. Drop us a line at international@service.uni-freiburg.de or visit our webpage at www.uni-freiburg.de/go/ias-en.

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10 Reasons to Choose the University of Freiburg

Information for International Students

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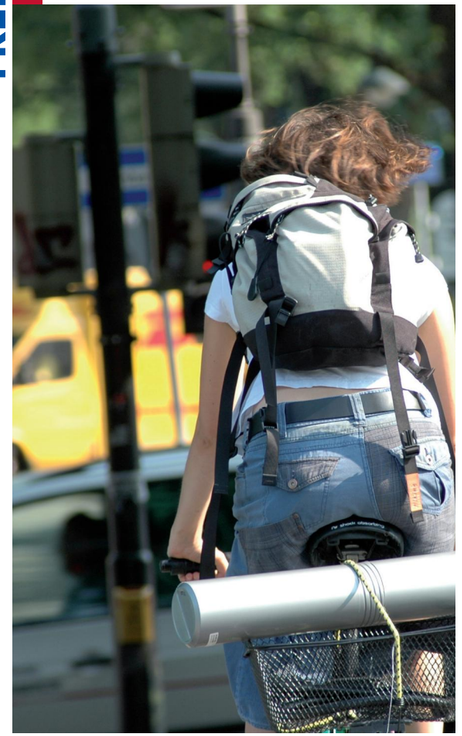

Why Freiburg?
Top 10 Reasons to Choose the University of Freiburg

1. Academic Excellence
The University of Freiburg is one of the oldest and most renowned higher education institutions in Germany. Freiburg is listed among the best German universities according to the latest Academic Ranking of World Universities. Our graduates and faculty members include a number of Nobel laureates, and many are at the top of their fields. We have partnerships with top universities, research institutions, and businesses around the world.

2. Highly Satisfied Students
Surveys show that most graduates would choose to study at the University of Freiburg again if they had the chance. Teaching and education lies at the heart of our work, and all degree programs undergo continuous, rigorous evaluation and development. We are committed to offering our students an education that meets the latest academic and methodological standards and provides them with first-class professional skills.

3. Affordable, Yet High Quality
Higher education in Germany receives generous state subsidies, which allow all students, including international students, to take advantage of the incredibly low cost of higher education. The only fee is an administrative and student activity fee of €105 per semester, which includes a discounted regional transportation pass and access to the inexpensive student cafeterias. Many scholarships are available for qualified international students. Visit the website of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to explore your options: www.daad.de/en/

4. Comprehensive Student Support Services
We take service seriously at the University of Freiburg. Students have access to a wide variety of assistance and advice to support them in all aspects of their studies and personal lives. International students are given additional support designed to meet their unique needs. Before the semester begins, students attend an orientation week that introduces them to the university, the various faculties and their respective study program. Experienced students mentor new students during the first few weeks, and advisors are available to provide ongoing academic support. Combined with the friendly and open nature of our city and university, this allows most international students to easily make connections and quickly feel at home.

5. Diversity on Campus
With close to 3,500 international students and a large number of renowned international scholars as guest professors or full-time faculty, we offer a truly cosmopolitan and diverse atmosphere in the middle of one of Germany's most charming cities.

6. Old World Charm with a Youthful Flair
Freiburg is rich in history. The city´s many sights, including the historic city center, are a magnet for tourists. The large number of students living in Freiburg keeps the city young, as does the wide array of nightlife and cultural attractions.

7. Great Location & Comfortable Climate
Freiburg is well known for its extremely high quality of life, and many visitors end up staying for good. Whether that is due to the fact that we have the most hours of sunshine of any German city or the unique atmosphere that permeates the capital of the Black Forest, Freiburg appeals equally to fans of nature, culture or the simple pleasures of life. Located less than an hour by train from France and Switzerland and ringed with green hills and vineyards, Freiburg's ideal geographic location offers boundless opportunities for relaxation and exploration.

8. Recreational Activities
The area surrounding Freiburg offers many recreational options for the active student – skiing, hiking, cycling and mountain biking, just to name a few. In addition, students may join in a myriad of athletic activities and courses offered by our university sports club.

9. Close-knit Student Community
Freiburg is a student town. Most university buildings are located directly in the city center or in adjacent neighborhoods. Members of the university community can be found in all corners of the city at any time of day – in cafes and bars as well as on their way to lectures, seminars and libraries. With more than 30,000 students in Freiburg's population of 224,000, you will quickly start recognizing familiar faces as you walk through town!

10. "Green City"
Freiburg earned this name and reputation due to its high environmental standards, its innovative research and development (including at the university), and its general attitude toward the environment. More than three decades ago, the city made a commitment to finding alternative sources of energy, saying "no" to nuclear energy. Freiburg actively seeks to conserve energy, to use new technologies and renewable energy sources. It is, therefore, no wonder that Freiburg is home to companies and research institutes that are frontrunners in the field of solar technology. This is a place where high-tech research and successful entrepreneurship go hand-in-hand.