

Ten reasons to spend your semester abroad at the



1. YOU GET A TOP-CLASS EDUCATION!

German higher education is one of the best in the world! People everywhere recognize “Made in Germany” as a seal of quality. You can benefit from Germany’s long and famous university tradition in many fields. The Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg offers top-class study programs in the field of education (early childhood-, adult- and health education, teacher training programs). With approximately 5,000 students, it is the largest of six Universities of Education in the federal state of Baden-Württemberg, which is known throughout Germany for the high quality of its education. All programs at the Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg are very practice-oriented.

2. YOU HAVE A DIVERSE RANGE OF STUDY OPPORTUNITIES!

Germany’s higher education system has something for everyone! There are almost 450 state-accredited universities with some 17,500 degree programs in Germany. German universities offer degree programs in every possible subject and academic level – be it bachelor’s, master’s, state examinations or doctoral degrees.

3. YOU CAN ALSO ATTEND CLASSES IN ENGLISH!

Our classes taught in English focus on learners and teachers of EFL and on education. These classes are open for our English-speaking exchange students. For more information please contact the International Office staff or visit: www.ph-freiburg.de/international/akademisches-auslandsamt/information-in-english/studying-at-the-university-of-education.html

4. YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Around twelve percent of students at German universities come from foreign countries, just like you. You can make friends from around the world, become acquainted with different countries and expand your horizons. The universities offer support to make your start in Germany as easy as possible. There are many mentoring programs available, such as “Buddy” and “Tandem” programs. At the Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg, we offer a range of different classes particularly set up for our international students, such as German as a Foreign Language, German Culture and Society, Intercultural Trainings and our International Meeting Point Program.



Students on campus.© PH Freiburg

5. YOU HAVE VERY AFFORDABLE LIVING EXPENSES!

Compared with other European countries, the cost of living in Germany is reasonable. The cost of food, rent, clothing and cultural activities are equivalent to the EU average. There are also a number of concessions available to students. You can receive reduced prices at theatres, museums, opera houses, cinemas, swimming pools and other institutions. All you have to do is present your student ID.

6. YOU CAN BENEFIT FROM MANY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS!

As an international student coming from one of our partner universities you can apply for a Baden-Württemberg-Scholarship. Students with outstanding academic achievement have good chances of receiving a scholarship to finance their studies in Germany. The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is one of the largest scholarship organisations in the world and also offers countless scholarship programs.

7. YOU LIVE IN A SAFE COUNTRY!

Germany is a safe country – also on an international scale. The police are reliable and help you in every situation. Whether you live in a big city or in the country, you can move freely day or night without having to take any special precautions.



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8. YOU LIVE IN A DIVERSE COUNTRY IN THE HEART OF EUROPE!

Beaches in the north and mountains in the south, medieval city centers and pulsating metropolises, and above all, lots of nature. Germany is a diverse country with many facets! Living in Germany means living in the middle of Europe surrounded by many other countries. Freiburg with its stunning landscape has an exceptional location with France and Switzerland less than one hour away. Students can benefit from an open, vivid and cultural diverse atmosphere in this three-country-triangle. Whether you'd like to visit Paris, Prague, Rome or Copenhagen, you have a wide range of destinations at your doorstep. Within a couple of hours by train or plane, you can experience an entirely different culture and language. Weekend trips are no problem and affordable.



9. YOU LIVE IN A GREEN CITY!

It is with some justification that Freiburg regards itself as one of the birthplaces of the environmental movement. Freiburg's sustainability process began as far back as the 1970s. For its commitment, the city of Freiburg was honored with the German Sustainability Award in 2012, as the most sustainable city in Germany. Environmental policy, solar technology, sustainability and climate protection have become the drivers of economic and political growth along with urban development. People of Freiburg identify strongly with this policy and their city.

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10. YOU LEARN A LANGUAGE WHICH CAN OPEN MANY DOORS!

German is one of the ten most spoken languages in the world. Some 185 million people worldwide can speak German. You can still study in Germany even if you don't know German, but having some knowledge of the language can make everyday life easier and help you make friends faster. Knowing a foreign language also looks great on a résumé! Nobody says that German is an easy language, but there are many ways to learn German – in a course, with a tandem partner or with German flat mates. At the Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg we are specialized in German as a Foreign Language and offer classes on all levels, from absolute beginner to expert.

We look forward to welcoming you!



For more information:

www.ph-freiburg.de/international/akademisches-auslandsamt/information-in-english.html

Sources: DAAD, Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg
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