## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Address

University of Education Freiburg  
Kunzeweg 21  
79117 Freiburg, Germany

Directions: [https://www.ph-freiburg.de/international/willkommen-an-der-welcome-at-ph-freiburg/internationale-gaststudierende-international-guest-students.html](https://www.ph-freiburg.de/international/willkommen-an-der-welcome-at-ph-freiburg/internationale-gaststudierende-international-guest-students.html)

### International Mobility Contacts

**Head of International Relations Office | Erasmus Coordinator**  
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### Website

[https://www.ph-freiburg.de/](https://www.ph-freiburg.de/)

## APPLICATION

### Language Requirements

At least B2 in German OR English

### Application Process

1. Nomination by home university  
2. Exchange students are contacted by PH Freiburg and receive the link + log-in information for the application platform „Mobility Online“  
3. Students fill out their application information on the platform

### More Information


## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

### Study Programmes

**Bachelor Programmes**  
- Teacher Training for Primary and Secondary schools (B.A.)  
- Education (B.A.)  
- Early Childhood Education (B.A.)  
- German as a Second or a Foreign Language (B.A.)  
- Health Education (B.Sc.)
Study Programmes

Master Programmes
- Teacher Training for Primary and Secondary schools (M.A.)
- Educational Science (M.A.)
- German as a Second or a Foreign Language (M.A.)
- Health Education (M.Sc.)
  + All Teaching English as a Second Language courses taught in English

Particular Courses for exchange students:
- Orientation programme
- German as a Foreign Language (GFL)
- English as a Foreign Language on an intermediate level (B1/B2)
- Cultural Studies and Intercultural Trainings

More Information about the Study Programmes
https://www.ph-freiburg.de/studium/bachelorstudiengaenge.html
https://www.ph-freiburg.de/studium/masterstudiengaenge.html

Course List for Exchange Students
https://lsf.ph-freiburg.de/qisserv-erfr/rds?state=wtree&search=1&trex=step&root120212=125373%7C129328&P.vx=kurz
  – (winter term)
https://lsf.ph-freiburg.de/qisserv-erfr/rds?state=wtree&search=1&trex=step&root120211=117054%7C120716&P.vx=kurz
  – (summer term)

Academic Dates
Orientation: 04.10.21-15.10.21
Winter term: 11.10.21-25.02.22
Christmas break: 23.12.21-09.01.22
Courses: 19.10.21-11.02.22
Exams: 14.02.22-18.02.22
Orientation: 04.04.22-14.04.22
Summer term: 19.04.22-12.08.22
Whitsun break: 07.06.-11.06.22
Courses: 25.04.22-29.07.22
Exams: 01.08.22-12.08.22

Work Load:
Minimum of 5 courses per term (15-30 ECTS)
+ Attendance in seminars of the Orientation Week

INSURANCE

Health Insurance
International students who participate in a study abroad programme must have a valid health insurance certificate in order to be enrolled at the University of Education Freiburg. Students from any of the Nordic and EEA/EU countries have access to public medical services if they bring a confirmation of their affiliation to a Social Security Insurance in their home countries (European Health Insurance Card or E111). Non-EEA/EU-citizens should contact their local social insurance office before departure to Germany. We recommend to take out a student health insurance prior to your departure to Germany. We will be happy to advise you.

IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

Visa/ Work Permits
If you need a visa, please apply at the nearest German embassy or consulate as soon as you have received your letter of admission. A list of countries whose citizens need an entry visa can be found at:
Federal Foreign Office – www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN

Residence Permits
All international students have to register with the authorities at the Amt für Bürger-service, Fehrenbachallee 12. A residence permit (Aufenthaltsgenehmigung) can be applied for at the Ausländerbehörde, Berliner Allee 1.

LIVING

Average costs of living per month
Appr. 700-800€ (including accommodation)

Grocery Shopping
Freiburg Münster Market: Every day from 7.30AM bis 1.30 PM
https://muenstermarkt.freiburg.de/pb/527200.html
Super markets: Aldi, Lidl, Rewe, Edeka, Kaufland
Ecological Supermarkets: Alnatura, Vitalia, Reformhaus: https://www.kaufda.de/Filia-len/Freiburg-im-Breisgau/Reformhaus/v-r683
Drug Stores: DM, Rossmann
## HOUSING

### Dormitories on Campus
Exchange students may apply for accommodation in dormitories on our application portal Mobility Online. (More information Studierendenwerk Freiburg – [www.swfr.de/en](https://www.swfr.de/en)  
https://www.swfr.de/wohnen/wohnheime/wohnheime-im-ueberblick/studentenhaeuser-kunzenweg/  
https://www.swfr.de/wohnen/wohnheime/wohnheime-im-ueberblick/studentensiedlung-am-seeypark/  

### Private Room Search
- [https://www.wg-gesucht.de/](https://www.wg-gesucht.de/)  
- [https://www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de/](https://www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de/)  
- [https://www.campo-novo-freiburg.de/](https://www.campo-novo-freiburg.de/)  
- [https://www.the-fizz.com/](https://www.the-fizz.com/)  
- [https://www.immowelt.de/](https://www.immowelt.de/)

### Housing costs estimate
300-400€, private rooms 300-500 €

## ARRIVING IN FREIBURG

### Orientation & Welcome Week
A week full of mandatory events and seminars to help you arrive in Freiburg and start your studies at University.  
**Winter term:** 04.10.21 - 15.10.21 // **Summer term:** 04.04.22 - 14.04.22

### Student-ID card
Your student ID card is called a "PH Card". It is a card onto which you can load money and which is therefore also the means of payment in our cafeteria and at our printers. With the PH Card you can also use the washing machines and dryers in the dormitories. You will receive your student ID card from us in the AAA shortly after your arrival, provided that you have presented all the documents necessary for your stay and paid the semester fee of 84 Euro.

### Counselling & „International Treff“

#### Student Assistents:
- Lea Voigt: [lea.voigt@ph-freiburg.de](mailto:lea.voigt@ph-freiburg.de)  
- Nuno Ramos Carvalho: [nuno.ramoscarvalho@ph-freiburg.de](mailto:nuno.ramoscarvalho@ph-freiburg.de)  
- Benedikt Falk: [benedikt.falk@ph-freiburg.de](mailto:benedikt.falk@ph-freiburg.de)

#### International Treff room:
KG 3, 003 (space to come together, meet other internationals, study & connect)

### Sights & Things to do
- Hike on Kypfelsen  
- Try Badische Tapas in the restaurant Bauerntafel st. Barbara  
- Take the cable car up to Schauinsland  
- Visit the lakes Titisee or Schluchsee  
- Enjoy meeting the animals of Mundenhof  
- See movies at the vintage Cinema „Friedrichsbau“  
- Have a Döner at Amara/ Euphrat (typical German-Turkish Wrap)  
- Eat Potatoes at the Kartoffelhaus Freiburg  
- Do a guided city tour by a dressed up History guide  
- Have a beer at “Feierling Biergarten“  
- Visit the Christmas Market  
- Buy Vegetables at the Münstermarket  
- Have a piece of the BEST cheese cake „Stefan’s Käsekuchen“  
- Do a hike in Kaiserstuhl and visit a local Winery  
- Visit Colmar and Strassbourg in France  
- Visit Basel in Switzerland  


### Weather
[https://www.wetteronline.de/wetter/freiburg-im-breisgau](https://www.wetteronline.de/wetter/freiburg-im-breisgau)

### General Information about the City
[www.freiburg.de](http://www.freiburg.de)  
Tips for Freiburger: [https://freiburg.stadtbesten.de/besten-liste/](https://freiburg.stadtbesten.de/besten-liste/)

### More Information & Videos about „Arriving at University of Education Freiburg“
Guideline for international students

Everything you have to know: Starting with the application up to your arrival in Freiburg

1. Semester dates
   - Arrival date for international students: April 1st until April 3rd 2022.
     If you arrive on the weekend you will receive your key from a key box. This service costs about 15 euros.
   - Introduction weeks for international students: estimated April 4th (start at around 9 o’clock) until April 14th. These introduction weeks are obligatory.
   - Free days before the lectures start: April 15th – April 24th
   - Eastern: April 15th – April 18th (national holidays: April 15th, April 17th, April 18th)
   - Classes begin: April 25th 2022
   - Class End: July 29th 2022
   - Final exam weeks: August 1st to August 12th 2022

2. Breaks during the semester (no lectures)
   - Pentecost break: June 7th to June 11th 2022
   - National Holidays: May 26th (Ascension Day), June 6th (Withmonday), June 16th (Corpus Christi)
   - On national holidays all stores in Germany are closed (also grocery stores).
   - Restaurants however, are open.

3. Procedure of the application
   1. You are nominated by your home university, the PH Freiburg accepts the nomination.
   2. Next, you must register on "Mobility Online". You will receive the link for this by e-mail at the beginning of June (for the winter semester) or at the beginning of December (for the summer semester). Here, you must enter your personal data and upload documents.
      Please Note: You can only upload the documents in the order as they are listed there. Once you have uploaded a document, you cannot delete it. If you have uploaded something wrong, please contact us.
   3. Register on Mobility Online + complete personal information until: 15.12.2021 (dd.mm.year - German way to write a date = December 15th 2021)
   4. International office of the PH has to confirm this step
   5. Next steps on Mobility Online: upload all documents (see question 4 for more information) up to „signed application form“ (please upload all pages of this document) until: 15.01.2022
   6. International office has to confirm again
   7. Print admission letter (this contains information on the payment of the semester fee)
   8. For Erasmus Students and Swiss Students (SMP) and GJU Amman:
Upload Learning Agreement “before mobility” (see question 4 for more information) until: **28.02.2022**

**Please note:** sometimes also Universities from the worldwide programs request a Learning Agreement.

9. Only applicable **if you want a dorm room:** upload your acceptance of your dorm room until **24.01.2022**

### 4. Documents you have to upload during your application

- **All students:**
  - Passport Photo: you should upload a picture of the size of your passport picture. It doesn’t have to be a biometric picture but it shouldn’t be blurry and only your face should be visible in the picture.
  - Language certificate that proofs that you have a **minimum of B2** in German or English. However, you will take part in a language test after your arrival here. The results of this test will be crucial for your course selection.

- **Only Erasmus students and Swiss students**
  - Proof of health insurance= „EHIC“: Europeans usually already own a European health insurance card, this is normally your normal health insurance card where the back of it has to look like this:
    - If your national health insurance card doesn’t look like that you will have to request a “EHIC” from your national health insurance.
  - Copy of your passport or ID
  - Learning Agreement: **(for Erasmus, Swiss and GJU Amman)**
    - There is a Learning Agreement “before mobility”, “during mobility” and “after mobility”. You will receive the Learning Agreement from your coordinator of your home University. In this document you enter courses that you wish to take at the PH. For this you can have a look at our course catalogue from last year: [https://lsf.ph-freiburg.de/qisserverfr/rds?state=wtree&search=1&trex=step&root120192=93534%7C101513&P.vx=kurz&noDBAction=y&init=y](https://lsf.ph-freiburg.de/qisserverfr/rds?state=wtree&search=1&trex=step&root120192=93534%7C101513&P.vx=kurz&noDBAction=y&init=y)
    - Please note that you need a minimum of B2 in German or English to attend the normal courses! Enter the courses that you wish to take in the Learning Agreement “before mobility”, have it signed from your coordinator, sign it yourself and then upload it to “Mobility Online”. After your arrival we will help you with signing up for the courses. It might happen that you cannot take all courses like you were planning to. That is why there is the Learning Agreement “during mobility”. In this document you will then enter which courses you actually end up attending.

- **Only students of the worldwide program:**
  - Copy of your passport
  - Proof of health insurance: If you already have applied for an abroad health insurance for Germany in your home country, please upload it. We will verify if the insurance
meets the legal requirements of a German health insurance. We would recommend to conclude a health insurance with an insurance in Germany (e.g. TK, AOK, DAK, Barmer...).

Ms Sütterlin from the Techniker Krankenkasse will be happy to advise you on all your questions concerning a German health insurance (lilli.suetterlin@tk.de). In December, Ms. Sütterlin will offer a zoom-meeting for the conclusion of a German health insurance. Please note to you have to purchase a health insurance BEFORE your arrival in Freiburg, as you cannot be enrolled without a valid health insurance. Otherwise, the issuance of your access data for the campus management system and your PH card may be delayed.

5. Documents that you need for studying at the Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg

- Admission letter
- Valid health insurance
- Valid identification papers (ID or passport and visa if applicable)

Please note: You are responsible for having all required documents.

6. Do I need a health insurance?

- **Erasmus and Swiss students:** You need proof that you are insured in your home country. If your health insurance card does not show that it is a European health insurance card (like the symbol in question 4), you should apply for an "EHIC" at your national health insurance. With your EHIC you are insured within the whole EU. Make sure that your insurance card is valid for the entire period of your stay.

- **Students of the worldwide program:** We would recommend to conclude a health insurance with an insurance in Germany. You can also take out a health insurance for Germany already in your home country, but then we would have to check first, whether it covers everything necessary.

7. Can I work in Germany?

- Yes, you may work up to 20 hours a week.
- If you want to work here, you must take out a German health insurance, no matter where you come from! This costs about 100 Euro per month.

8. Can I stay for one or two semesters?

- It is possible to study either one or two semesters
- If you want to study here for two semesters, you can sign up for two semesters directly in your application
- It is also possible to decide to extend to two semester during your stay. However, your home university must approve. In this case you should have decided by the end
of January (for the winter semester) or by the end of June (for the summer semester) that you want to extend your stay.

9. Can I do an internship?
- Yes, an internship is possible! The “Praxisamt” (office for practice and internships) of the PH and we the international office are happy to help you find an internship. The internship can take place once or twice a week and depending on the workload, the internship can give up to 5 ECTS.
- However, you need at least B2 and must be vaccinated against measles! That means you have to bring your vaccination certificate or a confirmation from your doctor that you have antibodies against measles.

10. Courses that you can take and how to sign up
- You must take at least 5 courses and earn 15 ECTS
- You can earn a maximum of 30 ECTS per semester
- If you attend all courses in the introductions weeks and all compulsory events during the semester (International Dinner and Transcript of Records presentation), you will receive 1 ECTS
- If you attend our compulsory presentation for academic writing in the introduction week, you will receive 1 ECTS
- All (except native speakers) must attend a German class. You will receive 3 or 6 ECTS for this class depending on the level.
- Both German and English courses are available. However, the choice of English courses is mostly limited to linguistic, pedagogical or cultural classes.
- If you want to attend normal courses, you need at least B2 in German or English. After your arrival your language level will be tested (except native speakers). This result determines whether you are allowed to take normal courses.
- If the test reveals that you do not have a B2 level, there is a small selection of courses you can take with any proficiency level. However, you will not be able to take 30 ECTS points with these courses!
- Before your arrival you should take a look at the courses offered and consider which courses you want to take. For this you can look at the courses from the previous year at: [Course Overview Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg (ph-freiburg.de)]
The final course offer for your semester will only be released later and may vary slightly.
- After your arrival and after we have the results of your language test, we will help you with your course timetable and we will sign you up for your courses.
- It may happen that at this time some courses are already full. However, in most cases we will find good alternatives.
- Students coming from the same university will be split up into different courses if possible, so it is best inform your local coordinators about this and note that you cannot all take the same courses.
11. Semester fee
- 84 Euro per semester
- You must pay the semester fee before your arrival. Exception: Worldwide students who find it difficult to transfer money from abroad can pay in cash after arrival.
- You will find payment information on your letter of admission

12. Accommodation during your semester in Freiburg
- If you wish, you can apply for a dorm room in a students’ residence of the “Studierendenwerk Freiburg” (SWFR) through us. There are three student halls in which you can be accommodated:
  1. "Kunzenweg": directly on the campus of the Pädagogische Hochschule (PH)
  2. "Stusie": about 30 minutes by tram from the PH
  3. "Studentendorf Vauban": about 30 minutes by public transport from the PH
- We are usually able to provide everyone with a room who asks for one but we cannot guarantee that everyone gets a room.
- In the rare case that we don’t have enough rooms, students who come from far away will be considered first
- There are shared apartments (WG: “Wohngemeinschaft”) in which you live together with 4 to 7 other students but every student has their own room. We also have a few single apartments ("Einzelapartment") in which you live by yourself.
- You can request certain preferences e.g. whether you want to live in a flat with only the same gender or a mixed one. We will try to consider such wishes, but cannot guarantee them.
- The rooms in a shared flat and the single apartments are equipped with furniture (bed, mattress, desk, closet, chair, and shelf). However, the rooms are not equipped with bedding items (pillow, blanket, mattress cover, bed linen).
- If you wish you can book two different starter packages in addition:
  1. “Linen” costs: 50,00 EURO. Includes: pillow, blanket, fitted sheet, bed linen set, towel, bath towel -> We recommend purchasing this package if you cannot bring these items from home
  2. "Kitchen" costs: 55,00 Euro. Includes: 2 x cutlery (knife, fork, spoon, small spoon), 2x coffee mug, 2 x cereal bowl, 2 x soup plate, 2 x plate, 2 x drinking glass, 2 x dishcloth, cooking spoon, can opener, dishwashing brush, storage containers, scissors, kitchen knife, salad or pasta sieve, cutting board, pan (suitable for induction), pot with lid (suitable for induction), spatula with tongs and sauce spoon -> We would not recommend purchasing this package if you live in a shared flat. Because in this case you can often use the existing kitchen items that are mostly shared with everyone and if you need anything else, you can buy it in a shop in Freiburg.
You can also look for accommodation **yourself**

Here are a few alternatives:

- Studentenwohnheime der Erdiözese/ Dormitories of the Archdiocese [https://www.thomasmorusburse.de/](https://www.thomasmorusburse.de/)
- WG Gesucht (shared flats and single apartments) [https://www.wg-gesucht.de/](https://www.wg-gesucht.de/)
- immonet.com [https://www.immonet.de/](https://www.immonet.de/)
- Immoscout24 [https://www.immobilienscout24.de/](https://www.immobilienscout24.de/)
- Studierendenwerk Freiburg SWFR private room agency [https://www.swfr.de/de/wohnen/zimmervermittlung/privatzimmervermittlung/](https://www.swfr.de/de/wohnen/zimmervermittlung/privatzimmervermittlung/)

**13. Is there a meal plan?**

- No! However, there is a canteen on the PH campus that offers lunch. There are also canteens in the city center that belong to the University (not the PH) of Freiburg but you can also eat there. The canteen "Rempartstraße" in the city also offers dinner. Please note that the canteens are closed on weekends and holidays.

**14. What is the expected budget per month?**

- **Accommodation (per month):**

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- **Furthermore (per month):**

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<td>Radio contribution (GEZ fee) Please Note: This sum is shared equally with all flat mates if you live in a shared flat. However, you may have to pay it alone if all your other flat mates receive “Bafög”.</td>
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<td>Costs for your studies, according to requirements e.g. copies, paper, pencils</td>
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15. **Special programs for international students**
- We offer special fun events throughout the semester
- We work together with the "International Treff" (IT) which also offers events, consultation hours and a lounge room for you
- The University of Freiburg (not PH!) also has a lot of offers for international students (e.g. ESN, International Club...) which will be presented to you after your arrival
- If you are interested in sports, we recommend the “Hochschulsport Freiburg”. Here you can find a wide range of sports at reasonable prices. Please note: The registration time for these courses is usually during the semester break, before your arrival. If you are interested, please inform yourself on time here: [https://www.hochschulsport.uni-freiburg.de/](https://www.hochschulsport.uni-freiburg.de/)
- "Studitours" offers numerous excursions and hiking tours in and around Freiburg. If you take the German cultural studies course at the PH you can earn ECTS points in combination with participating in certain excursions. More information: [https://www.swfr.de/veranstaltungen/studitours/](https://www.swfr.de/veranstaltungen/studitours/)

16. **Climate in Freiburg im Breisgau**

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Freiburg is also known as the sunniest city in Germany. In summer (July, August) there can be days with over 30 degrees.

17. **Arrival**
- If you are travelling by plane, we recommend you to fly to the airports Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Basel or Zurich. These are well connected to Freiburg by public transport. If you are not a citizen of the EU, you must be aware that Basel and Zurich are not in the EU and you may need a visa. Frankfurt airport has the best train connection to Freiburg.
- More information regarding the arrival will follow.

18. **Good to know**
- In Germany this is how we write the date: “Day.Month.Year.” e.g. 18.05.2020 (18th of May 2020)
- In Germany we have a 24 hour time system. This means that 1 pm in the afternoon is called 13 o’clock here and 2 pm is 14 o’clock and so on.
The University of Education (= Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg = PH) is not the same as the University of Freiburg (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität)!

19. Questions

- If you have any questions please contact Julia Salzmann, the coordinator of the PH: julia.salzmann@ph-freiburg.de
  or Lea Voigt (students assistant): lea.voigt@ph-freiburg.de