



Subject: Your Erasmus Stay at the University of Freiburg

Dear student,

Welcome to the Faculty of Environment and Natural Resources in Freiburg! You have been nominated for an Erasmus place with us. In the following we would like inform you about

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1. Your points of contact

- Departmental Erasmus coordinator at the Faculty of Environment and Natural Resource: **Esther Muschelknautz** (esther.muschelknautz@unr.uni-freiburg.de) and her assistant, Marie Schäfter, (erasmus@unr.uni-freiburg.de) / we are in charge of all questions related to courses (Learning Agreement) at our faculty.
This is [our website](#).
- Institutional Erasmus coordinator at the EU-office at Service Center Studium (Ulrich Eckelt and staff).
The EU-office is in charge of all Erasmus students coming to the University of Freiburg and provides the infrastructure for your registration and application process through the Mobility-Online Portal. Through the portal, you can also apply for housing. This is [their website](#) (useful information about matriculation etc.)

2. Application deadlines

Our central Erasmus office will send you a link for registering in the Mobility Online Portal of the University of Freiburg.

Deadlines for registration:

For the winter semester: June 15
For the summer semester: January 15

Kindly be aware that you have to apply two times, both for the winter and summer semester, if you wish to stay for the entire academic year.

Once you are registered, the Mobility Online Portal will guide you through the application process.

3. Lecture periods

Winter Semester: 17.10.2021 - 11.2.2022 (Bachelor)

17.10.2021 - 04.03.2022 (Master)

Summer Semester: 25.04.2022 – 30.07.2022 (Bachelor)

18.04.2022 - 30.07.2022 (Master)

4. Courses

Bachelor students can only choose courses from our Bachelor programmes and have no access to the courses of our Master programmes. Exception: If students are enrolled in a 4/5-year Bachelor/undergraduate programme and do their Erasmus exchange in their 4th year, they are allowed to take Master courses.

At the time when you have to fill in your learning agreement, the course catalogues for the semester of your stay in Freiburg are not published yet. To fill in the learning agreement we therefore recommend using the course catalogues from the year before and making a provisional choice. The catalogues for the coming fall semester will be published only in August.

A few weeks before the semester starts we will send you the link to the up-to-date course catalogue and ask you to check and confirm their selection. We will then try to book you into the courses. It can happen that a course is already fully booked with regular students. In this case, we will offer alternatives. The learning agreement can be changed within 4 weeks after arrival in Freiburg.

Erasmus students can choose courses from the following programmes:

B.Sc. Waldwirtschaft und Umwelt (German)

- [Overview](#) of subjects and modules
- Online [Course catalogue](#)

B.Sc. Umweltnaturwissenschaften (German)

- [Overview](#) of subjects and modules More detailed module descriptions (only in German)
- [Online course catalogue](#) of the past semesters

M.Sc. Forest Sciences/Forstwissenschaften (German and English)

- [Overview](#) of the programme
- [Module](#) descriptions

M.Sc. Environmental Sciences/Umweltwissenschaften (German and English)

- [Overview](#) of the programme
- [Module](#) descriptions

5. Language requirements

All our **Bachelor** courses are taught in German. To be accepted students need a German level of **B2**.

In our **Master** programmes, we have modules taught in German and English. Depending on the choice of modules Erasmus students have to submit a language proof in German or/and English with a minimum **B2 level**. Our regular Master students have to prove a C1 level.

Our master courses are organised as a sequence of 3 weeks blocks with exams at the end of each block. This implies that students cannot develop their language skills throughout the semester, but have to be able to understand and to communicate right from the beginning.

6. Housing

After the registration, students can apply online for [housing](#) in a student residence. If Erasmus students apply right away it is very likely that they get a place.

7. German Language Courses

The University of Freiburg offers German courses free of cost [for Erasmus students](#). The courses take place once or twice a week. You will be informed about registration procedures once you registered in the Mobility Online portal.

If you want to learn or improve your German before the semester starts you can book a place in a 4-week-intensive course offered by the Language Institute of our University (SLI). Please note, that these courses are very popular and have to be booked early in the year.

<http://www.sli.uni-freiburg.de/german/intensive/summer-winter>

8. German Grading System

German grade International equivalent

1,0	excellent, outstanding performance
1,3	still excellent, outstanding performance with only minor errors
1,7	very good, above average
2,0	good, above average standard
2,3	good, generally sound work with a small number of notable errors
2,7	satisfactory, generally sound work but with notable errors
3,0	satisfactory
3,3	satisfactory, fair but with significant shortcomings
3,7	sufficient
4,0	sufficient, performance meets the minimum criteria
5,0	fail

9. Useful Links (general and Corona related) :

General:

Faculty: www.unr.uni-freiburg.de

University: www.uni-freiburg.de

[Student Services of Freiburg University](#)

[UNIKOS](#) (support during matriculation and semester start for international students by international students)

Studierendenwerk (Student Affairs) Freiburg: housing and more <http://www.studierendenwerk.uni-freiburg.de/index.php?id=start&L=4>

Studentenwerk Germany: very useful for general information! http://www.internationale-studierende.de/en/prepare_your_studies/

DAAD publication for international students https://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/nach-deutschland/publikationen/sid_en_2016.pdf

Train connections in Germany: www.db.de

Public transport in Freiburg and surroundings: www.rvf.de

Corona

German Ministry of Health (Travelling to Germany, FAQs)

<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/coronavirus-infos-reisende/faq-tests-entering-germany.html>

Frankfurt airport:

<https://www.frankfurt-airport.com/en/news/information-on-the-coronavirus.html>

<https://www.frankfurt-airport.com/en/faqs/faq-coronavirus.html>

Civil Protection, FAQs

<https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/topics/civil-protection/coronavirus/coronavirus-faqs.html>

Corona Warn App:

<https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/corona-warn-app/corona-warn-app-englisch>

Local Information / State of Baden-Württemberg

https://www.gesundheitsamt-bw.de/lga/DE/Startseite/aktuelles/Termine_Hinweise/Seiten/Coronavirus.aspx

Local Information / Freiburg

Gesundheitsamt Freiburg / Breisgau Hochschwarzwald (local health authority of the city of Freiburg and surrounding) (in German only)

[https://www.breisgau-hochschwarzwald.de/pb/Breisgau-Hochschwarzwald/Start/Service+ +Verwaltung/Corona-Virus.html](https://www.breisgau-hochschwarzwald.de/pb/Breisgau-Hochschwarzwald/Start/Service+-+Verwaltung/Corona-Virus.html)

Local Information / University of Freiburg:

General https://www.uni-freiburg.de/universitaet-en/corona?set_language=en

For international students, leaflet: https://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/de/beratung/ias/docs/Resources_for_internationals_in_unusual_times.pdf

We hope that our information is helpful and we are looking forward to welcoming you to our faculty. Please feel free to contact us with further questions.

Best regards,

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