

Information on English-taught courses

University of Freiburg – Academic Year 2024/25

The faculties and departments at the University of Freiburg provide information on English-taught courses for incoming exchange students. If you have further questions please consult the website of the [Erasmus+ departmental coordinators](#). If your field of studies is not listed here, please check the information given on the website of your department via the list of Erasmus+ departmental coordinators.

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1. Biology

Erasmus Departmental Coordinator: Dr. Johannes Normann
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Courses in our B.Sc. Biology are taught entirely in German and therefore B2 in German is highly recommended. However, incoming exchange students at Master's or advanced Bachelor's level who don't have sufficient skills in German are welcome to take courses from our M.Sc. Biology. Most courses are taught in English and therefore we recommend English B2. A list of English-taught courses in this M.Sc. program can be downloaded at:

https://www.bio.uni-freiburg.de/studium/pdf/english_modules

The course descriptions are available at:

<https://www.bio.uni-freiburg.de/studies/moduleguides>

and the course descriptions are written in the language in which the course is taught.

Exchange students who come to Freiburg in the winter semester usually take up to three of the "OM"-modules. In the summer semester, students choose one of the "SP-1"-modules and two of the "WM"-modules.

All exchange students should announce their preferred courses before the start of the semester (e.g. by email or by sending the Learning Agreement). Course placements are all handled through the ERASMUS coordinator's office. Students who only indicate their preference upon arrival may have to choose from a limited range of courses.

2. Chinese Studies / Sinology

Erasmus Departmental Coordinator: Lars Konheiser (lars.konheiser@sinologie.uni-freiburg.de)

The Institute of Chinese Studies usually offers one course per semester at the MA level on Chinese politics, society, culture, or history that is taught in English. Regarding the BA level, there is usually one course per semester on Chinese politics, society, culture, or history that is taught in English as well. These courses are generally open to Erasmus students. However, only if there is still capacity for external students left once the registration phase for Sinology students has ended. Therefore, please note that you should contact the respective lecturer directly, ideally before the start of the semester, in order to ask her/him whether you can participate in the respective course you are interested in!

All other courses offered by the Institute of Chinese Studies at the BA level are usually taught in German. Nevertheless, in many instances a significant amount of the course readings is in English and some of our lecturers can also offer the opportunity to write seminar papers in English on an individual basis. However,

please note that it is obligatory to consult the departmental Erasmus coordinator, Lars Konheiser, before registering for these courses taught in German! Furthermore, please do not hesitate to contact him, if you are generally interested in the institute's courses taught in German but you are still unsure whether your level of German is sufficient to complete the respective course successfully.

3. Economics

Erasmus Departmental Coordinator: Steffen Minter (erasmus@vwl.uni-freiburg.de)

In our department, we are excited about the interest shown by each and every exchange student, as the academic culture in the field of economics at the University of Freiburg is characterized by international openness and exchange. Our department offers a comprehensive English-language Master's program (M.Sc. Economics), designed to meet diverse academic interests and professional aspirations through three distinct profiles: "Economics and Politics," "Finance," and "Information Systems and Network Economics."

All courses within the M.Sc. Economics program are taught in English, ensuring accessibility for international students. Exchange students are warmly invited to attend all lectures. Participation in seminars is also possible but requires prior application to the respective faculty chair. For the Master's program, a minimum English proficiency level of B2 is highly recommended to meet the academic demands.

While the majority of the Bachelor's program is taught in German, some courses are occasionally offered in English. Exchange students interested in these German-taught Bachelor's courses should have sufficient proficiency in German.

For further information and to apply for seminars, exchange students should contact the Erasmus departmental coordinator or respective chair. With this broad range of course offerings and support for international students, we foster a dynamic and inclusive learning environment that strengthens international exchange in the field of economics.

4. Engineering

Erasmus+ and Eucor Departmental Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Christian Schindelhauer (erasmus@tf.uni-freiburg.de)

The Faculty of Engineering consists of three departments:

Department of Computer Science (IIF)

Department of Microsystems Engineering (IMTEK)

Department of Sustainable Systems Engineering (INATECH)

The Faculty of Engineering offers four study programmes:

Computer Science

Microsystems Engineering (MST)

Embedded Systems Engineering (ESE)

Sustainable Systems Engineering (SSE)

All Master and some of our Bachelor courses are taught in English. However, for Bachelor courses the main language is German. For both German and/or English we recommend a language level of B1, depending on whether you choose courses taught in English or courses taught in German. We do not ask for a Language Certificate.

Please note that Bachelor students are allowed to visit Master courses as well. In Freiburg the Faculty of Engineering offers for Erasmus students Bachelor and Master studies in Computer Science, Embedded Systems Engineering, Microsystems Engineering and Sustainable Systems Engineering.

To find out what courses the Bachelor and Master programmes consist of you can check the University Course Catalogue (Vorlesungsverzeichnis).

To find out which courses are taught in English we recommend to use the Quick Link Search for courses or Veranstaltungen suchen, where again you should go for the Show all possible search criteria or Erweiterte Suche.

Both paths you will find in the University Campus System under the following link:

<https://campus.uni-freiburg.de>

In addition, the Faculty of Engineering has designed its own course catalogue, in which only the courses of the Faculty of Engineering are displayed.

<http://vvz.tf.uni-freiburg.de>

The last one is slightly better to use. In case you should have problems using the Campus System, please contact us and we can give you a step-by-step description.

Our contact data and more information about the Erasmus exchange programme as well as the Eucor programme you will find on our web page.

<https://cone.informatik.uni-freiburg.de>

5. English and American Studies

Erasmus Departmental Coordinator: Dr. Gert Fehlner (gert.fehlner@anglistik.uni-freiburg.de)

In order to successfully pass courses in our department ("Englisches Seminar"), all students need to have a very solid command of English. A high B 2 level describes the abilities of our beginning degree-oriented students rather accurately

and indicates the minimum level of competence expected also from visiting students.

As one of the larger departments in the humanities, we offer more than a hundred courses in any given semester in a wide range of areas of literary and cultural studies, linguistics, didactics and practical English language courses. Many of these courses are only taught in a specific semester and will not be repeated. A course listing of a previous semester will therefore not constitute a good basis for the selection of courses for future visiting students.

All classes are being taught in English, with the exception of a few taught in German. These are designed to satisfy the specific requirements of the German teacher training curriculum.

Visiting students generally attend courses offered in the BA-program. In exceptional cases based on a special academic record, courses listed for the Master programs may be opened up if places are available.

All course placements are done through the ERASMUS coordinator's office. The coordinator will compile an up-to-date list of courses available to all students or coordinators from partner institutions. All visiting students should indicate their desired choices before the start of the term and their coming to Freiburg to enhance the probability of enrolling in these courses. Students who indicate their preference only upon arrival may find that have to choose from a limited range of courses.

Aside from the regular course offerings there are numerous opportunities to attend lectures, seminars, exhibitions and other cultural events at the Carl-Schurz Haus ("Amerikahaus"), engage in the social activities of the department (especially the student-run Fachschaft) – or take part in a production of our theater-group Maniacts.

6. Environment and Natural Resources

Faculty of Environment and Natural Resources (English-taught courses only for Master students)

Erasmus Departmental Coordinator: Esther Muschelknautz
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Study programmes including English-taught courses:

MSc Forest Sciences, MSc Environmental Sciences, MSc Geology

Language requirement: English B2

Subject-specific requirements: yes, refer to course description

Important to know: During the winter semester courses are organised in a semester structure (courses take place weekly throughout the semester) whereas during the summer semester courses are organised in 3-week blocks (not compatible with courses in semester structure).

Booking of a course: only through the Erasmus coordinator, about two months before the start of the semester. The coordinator will check if the prerequisites are fulfilled and if a place is available.

Additional offers: none

7. History

Erasmus Departmental Coordinator: Andreas Bolte (erasmus.history@uni-freiburg.de)

The Departments of History and Ancient History offer roughly 80 different courses each semester, ranging from lectures and reading courses to seminars for beginners (Proseminare) and advanced students (Hauptseminare). The topics of these classes cover ancient, medieval and modern history and vary each semester. We encourage Erasmus students from all subjects to check out our current course catalogue online and to take part in our courses.

Usually, most courses are held in German. Nevertheless, classes in English are sometimes offered, especially on the beginner level (Proseminare) - please consult the current curriculum to find out if any courses in English are planned for your term. If you are unsure whether your language skills are sufficient to take a course in German, feel free to approach our Erasmus coordinators. Should you decide to take a course, please consider also taking part in our "Intro to Studying History for Erasmus Students", which is always taught in English.

8. Liberal Arts and Sciences

Liberal Arts and Sciences offer only Bachelor-level courses.

Erasmus Departmental Coordinator: Anne Klemperer (klemperer@ucf.uni-freiburg.de)

University College Freiburg is a department of the University of Freiburg and offers the Bachelor's program Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS). The LAS is an international, interdisciplinary study program that is taught entirely in English. Erasmus students from all departments of the university are welcome to participate in LAS courses. Exchange students need to have at least a B2 level of English, but there are no subject-specific prerequisites for exchange students who take our classes. Our courses change a lot from semester-to-semester. Please see our current course catalog to find out what kinds of classes we offer:

<https://www.ucf.uni-freiburg.de/liberal-arts-and-sciences/handbooks-and-board-of-studies>

Exchange students can register for any courses which still have free places during UCF's third registration period (see course catalog for more information). Students

need to register online in HISinOne, and in order to do so, they need to have a matriculation number. UCF's international coordinator sends a list of courses with free places to the central International Office and to departmental Erasmus coordinators shortly before UCF's third registration period.

9. Mathematics

Erasmus Departmental Coordinator:

In mathematics, from winter semester 24/25, the English-language courses in our course catalog are marked with EN, the German-language courses with DE.

All semesters: <https://www.math.uni-freiburg.de/lehre/v/index.html>

Winter semester 24/25: <https://www.math.uni-freiburg.de/lehre/v/ws2425.html>

10. Media Cultural Studies

Erasmus Departmental Coordinator: erasmus@mkw.uni-freiburg.de

The Institute of Media Cultural Studies is pleased to welcome Erasmus students to our courses and cultural activities! Our institute offers a wide range of courses at Bachelor's and Master's level in the fields of media and culture. Most of our courses are offered in German, so Erasmus students usually need a minimum language level of B2 in German.

We only offer courses in English on an irregular basis. Erasmus students who would like to take part in an English-language course should enrol early, as places are limited. A language level of B2 in English is also required for participation in our courses.

If Erasmus students with a B2 level in German are interested in specific courses offered in German, our Erasmus subject coordinator is available for counselling. In some cases, participation in courses with a lower language level may be possible, especially if some of the course material is available in English or exams and papers can be written in English. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are interested in our courses but are unsure whether your level of German is sufficient to successfully complete the course!

In addition to our courses, Erasmus students who are interested in Media Cultural Studies are welcome to take part in our numerous cultural activities, such as film screenings or discussion groups. Please contact our subject coordinator Elisa Lang if you are interested in joining us!

11. Philosophy

Erasmus Departmental Coordinator: Alexander Bilda (erasmus@philosophie.uni-freiburg.de)

The language of instruction at the Department of Philosophy is German.

12. Psychology

Erasmus Coordination: Felicitas Feldhahn (erasmus@psychologie.uni-freiburg.de)

We offer the following degrees for Erasmus students:

- Bachelor of Science Psychology:
 - o General Bachelor in Psychology
 - o Language in instruction: mainly German, some subjects might be in English
 - o Language requirements for Erasmus students: B2 German and English
 - o Explicit clinical courses that qualify for the Master in Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapie are not available for Erasmus students: e.g. Grundlagen der Pharmakologie, Grundlagen der Medizin, Grundlagen der Pädagogik für die Psychotherapie
 - o [Website](#) for more information
- Master of Science Psychology:
 - o General Master in Psychology: Core areas are cognitive neuropsychology, interplay of cognition and action, higher cognitive functions, learning and instruction, economic psychology and issues of sustainability and communication
 - o Language of instruction: German and English
 - o Language requirement for Erasmus students: B2 German and English (exceptions might be possible, when students only choose courses in one language)
 - o [Website](#) for more information

General notes:

- Erasmus incomings can choose courses from the Bachelor and Master level
- Courses in Psychology are only available for Erasmus students enrolled in Psychology.
- Courses of the Master of Science: Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy are not available for Erasmus students.

13. Romance Languages and Literatures

Erasmus Departmental Coordinator (for incoming students): Janina Richter (erasmus@romanistik.uni-freiburg.de)

The Department of Romance Languages and Literatures – called “Romanisches Seminar” in German – welcomes Erasmus and other international guest students, be they from the department’s own partner faculties or from other universities. Our department offers academic courses in linguistics, literary studies, cultural and media studies which focus on various Romance languages, and practical language courses in French, Italian and Spanish (with a broad choice of levels and competence types) and in Catalan, Portuguese and Romanian (with a limited choice of levels). Erasmus guest students may apply for all practical language courses under the condition that they possess the required proficiency level; for instance, a C1 practical language course requires participants to have a B2 command of the corresponding language. Only A2 courses may be taken without previous knowledge, as these are designed specifically for true beginners; in these beginners’ courses, the meta-language of instruction is German.

As far as courses in linguistics, literary, cultural and media studies are concerned, some of them are taught in German while others are taught in a Romance language. You find the indication of the language chosen as medium of instruction in the course catalogue on the HISinOne/Campus-Management platform. In general, the course title and the course description on this platform are also indicative of the language in which the course will be taught; e.g. a course with a French title and described on HISinOne with an abstract written in French will also normally be taught in French. In any case, Erasmus guest students who wish to register for a course in linguistics, literary, cultural or media studies should have a command of the language used as medium of instruction that corresponds to a B2 level (or higher) as far as understanding and reading skills are concerned. If guest students have a good passive command of the course language but a more limited level in oral or writing skills, they may negotiate with the course instructor whether they can give oral presentations, or write term papers, in another language, including English. Note, however, that English is only scarcely used as medium of instruction at our department (e.g. for occasional courses taught bilingually in English + French, which are clearly described as such on HISinOne).

Erasmus students who are in possession of a student’s identification number (“Matrikelnummer”) can enroll online in almost all of our courses during the weeks before the lecture period starts. If you need help, do not hesitate to contact the Department’s Incoming Coordinator who can guide you through the enrollment process as long as you have your “Matrikelnummer” available, and who will be happy to give you information on other offers and events at our department that might be of interest for you. Have a good time at Freiburg University!

14. Scandinavian Studies

Erasmus Departmental Coordinator: Dr. Janet Duke
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The Scandinavian Seminar is happy to welcome Erasmus students to our courses and cultural activities! Our department offers language courses for Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Old Icelandic, and Modern Icelandic as well as diverse

courses at the undergraduate and graduate level for medieval and modern Scandinavian literature, linguistics, and cultural studies. Every semester we offer at least one course in English which has no prerequisite and is open to all Erasmus students. Erasmus students may register for this course at any time.

Those Erasmus students with some background in German but with a level below B2 should consult with the Erasmus coordinator if they would like to register for a specific course offered in German. For motivated students, in some cases a proficiency level below B2 is sufficient (e.g. for beginner language courses). Sometimes a significant portion of the course readings is in English and and/or we can offer the opportunity to write exams and papers in English on an individual basis. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are interested in our courses but are unsure about your level of German being sufficient to complete the course successfully! You must consult the departmental coordinator Janet Duke before registering for these courses offered in German.

In addition to our courses, Erasmus students interested in Scandinavian culture are welcome to take part in our numerous cultural activities such as film viewings, Scandinavian fests (such as May 17th, St. Hans, or Lucia) or our famous Scandinavian choir. Please contact our departmental coordinator Janet Duke if you are interested in joining us!