

## University of Freiburg Global Exchange

# South Africa: Stellenbosch University · Academic Year 2026

**Application Deadline: June 4, 2025**



**Please note: students wishing to apply have to contact the exchange coordinator via email before the deadline to receive the “Exchange Guide”, which contains detailed information about the application and the exchange. An application is not possible if a student has not requested and read the guide. Further individual advising (*individuelle Beratung*) is based on the information in the guide.**

**Stellenbosch University:** [www.sun.ac.za/english](http://www.sun.ac.za/english)

An application is possible either for one semester (semester stay) or for two semesters (academic year stay). Please note that the academic calendar in South Africa determines the study abroad period:

- Semester 1: February 2026 – June 2026
- Semester 2: July 2026 – December 2026

It is anticipated that **between 2 and 4 semester places** will be available in the 2026 academic year. However, please note that the availability of places is not yet confirmed. The exchange includes a tuition waiver (*Studiengebührenerlass*) at the partner university.

### Who can apply?

- Students wishing to participate in the Freiburg Global Exchange programs must be enrolled full-time in a degree-seeking study program at the University of Freiburg (Bachelor, Master, or Staatsexamen) at the time of the application and for the entirety of the stay abroad.
- University of Freiburg students from all disciplines can apply, **with the exception of medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, and clinical psychology**. Students of the aforementioned disciplines may be able to apply for disciplines outside of but related to their own area of study. The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, the Faculty of Military Sciences and the Department of Accounting at SU do not accept exchange students. Admission to any course of study in any academic field may be subject to restrictions.
- Applicants must have **very good English language proficiency**, confirmed by a valid test score report.
- Applicants must have an overall GPA (*Notendurchschnitt*) no lower than 2,5 on the German scale.
- Exchange students are expected to understand their own role in the exchange, represent the University of Freiburg abroad and actively support the partner university in its efforts to recruit their own students for the exchange.

Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact the Freiburg University Advising Service for Students with a Disability or Chronic Illness in advance.

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## The application

The exchange guide containing necessary and detailed information is mandatory reading for applicants. Students wishing to apply must contact Ms. Kästner well before the deadline to receive the exchange guide directly from her/the International Office. Students must confirm that they have carefully read and understood the information provided therein. **An application is not possible if the exchange guide has not been requested and confirmed as read before the deadline.**

The application must be submitted to the International Office upon the deadline and must include all of the below listed documents. All documents must be submitted **in English** unless otherwise indicated. Official application forms (marked with an asterisk in the list of required documents\*) can be found at the link at the bottom of this call. Students will receive details on how to submit the application in the exchange guide.

Please complete the application on a computer and keep a digital version of all documents (with the exception of the confidential letter of recommendation) for yourself. You may need these documents at any point in the application process.

## Application Documents

- University of Freiburg Global Exchange application document\*
- most recent certificate of matriculation (*Studienbescheinigung*)
- copy of valid passport (ID page only)
- curriculum vitae (one page)
- study proposal (2 pages maximum, double-spaced)
- short thematic essays (1-3 pages, topics provided in the exchange guide)
- Proposed Course List\*
- one letter of recommendation from a university professor/lecturer (confidential document, must be emailed to the International Office directly by the professor/lecturer)\*
- certified transcript of records including your current GPA (Grade Point Average, *Notendurchschnitt*)\*
- Master students: certified copy of Bachelor's degree (English)
- proof of language proficiency: DAAD test results

Official application forms marked with an asterisk\* can be downloaded here:

[www.international.uni-freiburg.de/de/out/study/exchange/global-exchange/forms](http://www.international.uni-freiburg.de/de/out/study/exchange/global-exchange/forms)

A supplementary online application may be necessary. In that case, applicants will be informed by email.

## Exchange Coordinator Contact

Ms. Mareen Kästner (*she/her*)

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[www.international.uni-freiburg.de/out/study/exchange](http://www.international.uni-freiburg.de/out/study/exchange)

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