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## Academic Calendar and Important Dates

	Winter term	Summer term
<b>Semester dates</b>	October 1 to March 31	April 1 to September 30
<b>Lecture period</b>	Mid-October to mid-February	Mid-April to mid-July
<b>Exam period</b>	During the last two weeks of the lecture period; may vary from department to department	During the last two weeks of the lecture period; may vary from department to department
<b>Lecture-free period</b>	Mid-February to mid-April	Mid-July to mid-October
<b>Enrollment in person for exchange and program students</b>	Begins September 1	Begins March 1
<b>Orientation period</b>	During the first week of October	During the first week of April
<b>Course registration</b>	During October	During April
<b>Suggested arrival</b>	At least 5 to 10 days before orientation starts	At least 5 to 10 days before orientation starts



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# Welcome to Berlin



The Brandenburg Gate is one of Berlin's most important monuments – a landmark and symbol all in one.

## Germany's Capital and Cultural Metropolis

Berlin is one of the most exciting cities in Europe. As Germany's capital and cultural metropolis, it attracts people from around the world. A vibrant and constantly changing city, it is a center of cultural, political, and economic life. Berlin has an eventful history – from its founding in the 13<sup>th</sup> century to seeing two World Wars, the Cold War, and the fall of the Wall. For most of the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Berlin was the fulcrum of a divided Europe. Following German reunification in 1990, Berlin has been experiencing a period of constant change ever since, and it has developed into a truly international city.

Berlin has a unique cultural profile within Germany and is known for its outstanding museums, opera houses, theaters, and concert halls. Being thus well-known for its established culture, Germany's capital also boasts an unparalleled festival, club, music, and nightlife scene. Berlin's most famous sights may be the TV Tower, the Brandenburg Gate, and the Reichstag parliament building, but the city's creative and lively urban atmosphere also relies on numerous galleries, cafes, vintage shops, and flea markets. Each February, Berlin's International Film Festival, the Berlinale, draws film stars and cinema enthusiasts. The city is also a center for world-class sports, and the Berlin Marathon is a popular event.



Berlin's great wealth of urban green space helps provide a high quality of life.

## Green Berlin

Berlin is less widely known for the extensive forests and garden plots scattered throughout the city, but they contribute greatly to the quality of urban life. While Berlin is a large urban region, it features abundant parkland such as Grunewald, Treptower Park, or the Gardens of the World, and a myriad of bridges crisscrossing the rivers and canals. Both features give the city not only a feeling of spaciousness, but also of remarkable green beauty. The most recent example of Berlin's spaciousness is the former Berlin Tempelhof Airport, which was recreated into a public park and event location after it was no longer used as an airport. An extensive and affordable public transportation system makes it easy to get around the city. Due to a recent public initiative, there is an increase in traffic of bicycles and electric cars.

## Berlin and Its Universities

Berlin is an important region for education and research. In addition to four universities, the city hosts numerous universities of applied sciences and colleges. Freie Universität Berlin has an agreement with two other universities in Berlin – Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Technische Universität Berlin – and with Universität Potsdam, located approximately 30 kilometers from Berlin, to facilitate academic exchange. This means that all students enrolled in any one of the four universities may use all the university libraries and, within certain limits, have access to courses and lectures of these four universities. Besides the university system, Berlin also has numerous independent research institutes and libraries, such as various Max Planck Institutes or the State Library of Berlin, Germany's biggest library.



In 1963, U.S. President John F. Kennedy held a speech at Freie Universität Berlin.

## Berlin and Freie Universität Berlin

The history of Berlin's universities is entangled with the city's history. Freie Universität Berlin was founded on December 4, 1948, by students, scholars, and scientists with the support of the American Allied Forces and politicians. The move was sparked by the persecution faced by students who took a critical view of the system at the former University of Berlin, at that time called Universität Unter den Linden, which was located in the Soviet sector of the divided city. Students and academics wanted to be free to pursue their learning, teaching, and research activities at Freie Universität Berlin, without being subject to political influence.

To remain relevant and to compete academically and intellectually from its isolated position in West Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin established connections with academic institutions and leading academic figures in Germany and other parts of Europe and the world. What started out of necessity soon became a strategy of success: Freie Universität Berlin currently maintains more than 450 international partnerships worldwide.

# Welcome to Freie Universität Berlin



According to the prestigious journal *Times Higher Education* Freie Universität places above all the other German universities in the humanities.

## Winner in the Excellence Initiative

Freie Universität Berlin is a leading research institution. In both rounds of the Excellence Initiative, a nationwide governmental competition between German universities, it was selected as one of the few universities with excellence status, thereby receiving additional funding for its institutional future development strategy. Freie Universität Berlin can thus take its place as an International Network University in the global competition among universities. The university's performance in the Excellence Initiative provided funding for several new doctoral programs and interdisciplinary research clusters.

## Guiding Principles: VERITAS, JUSTITIA, LIBERTAS



The Latin words *veritas*, *justitia*, and *libertas* frame the seal of Freie Universität Berlin. The words stand for the values that have defined the academic ethos of Freie Universität Berlin ever since it was founded in 1948. As important as each of the university's three guiding principles is on its own, the interaction between them is also fundamental. Only where truth, justice, and freedom come together as values to form a greater whole is there space for intellectual commonality and open discourse in an unrestricted interchange of ideas. The responsibility that arises from the three guiding principles enshrined in Freie Universität's seal is a living commitment.

# International Network University

Freie Universität Berlin is proud of its broad international network, from worldwide student exchange to international research clusters and collaborative institutes. Having numerous partnerships all over the world, Freie Universität Berlin is one of Germany's most international universities and for years has scored top positions in rankings by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). This internationality is reflected by the student body of Freie Universität Berlin, with more than 17% of its students and 24% of its doctoral candidates coming from abroad.

## Research Profile

The research performed at Freie Universität Berlin is marked by several factors: excellence within disciplines and interdisciplinary excellence, a broad variety of academic and scientific networks, and areas of focus that enjoy high international visibility and competitiveness. Providing generous and targeted support for junior scholars and scientists is also one of the central aims of Freie Universität Berlin.

The university has established particular areas of research focus in several cooperative initiatives, such as those involving archaeology, ancient studies, and Earth sciences (in the Topoi excellence cluster) and area studies (North American Studies, Islamic Studies, East Asian Studies). According to the 2012 university ranking by the prestigious journal *Times Higher Education*, Freie Universität Berlin places among the world's best 25 universities in the humanities. In a nationwide comparison, Freie Universität is the top-ranked German university in the humanities.

## The Campus

Freie Universität Berlin is located in the southwest of Berlin, in the garden district of Dahlem, which had already become an excellent location for research and study in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Academic activity in Dahlem was supported by the Prussian Minister of Culture, who proposed the founding of "a German Oxford" at that time.

Since being founded, Freie Universität Berlin has used former buildings of the Kaiser Wilhelm Society – forerunner of the present-day Max Planck Society – as well as bringing a number of architecturally innovative buildings of its own to the area, such as the Philological Library, which was designed by the renowned architect Lord Norman Foster. The campus of Freie Universität Berlin is made up of groups of buildings located within walking distance of one another. The campus planners designed it along the lines of an English or American college campus, a novelty in post-war Germany.



The Philological Library is surrounded by the building complex housing the humanities and social sciences.

The Dahlem campus hosts 12 of the university's 15 departments and central institutes, more than 20 libraries, various student cafes and dining halls – including Germany's first vegetarian university dining hall, university sport facilities, and the Botanic Garden. The campus is surrounded by wonderful green gardens and lakes. Some of Freie Universität's institutes are located in the nearby districts Düppel and Lankwitz.

## Schools, Departments, and Central Institutes

Freie Universität Berlin is a full university, offering more than 150 degree programs across a wide range of subjects at the following schools, departments, and central institutes:

- Department of Biology, Chemistry, Pharmacy,
- School of Business and Economics,
- Department of Earth Sciences,
- Department of Education and Psychology,
- Department of History and Cultural Studies,
- Department of Law,
- Department of Mathematics and Computer Science,
- Department of Philosophy and Humanities,
- Department of Physics,
- Department of Political and Social Sciences,
- Department of Veterinary Medicine,
- Medical School Charité – University Medicine Berlin,
- Institute for East European Studies,
- Institute for Latin American Studies,
- John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies.



Designed by architect Lord Norman Foster, the library building has been the recipient of many awards.

## Student Services

Freie Universität Berlin offers a large number of services that are aimed at supporting students from the very beginning in all possible situations and circumstances. These services include family support, language courses, recreational sports, IT support, and psychological counseling. There are also various bodies at Freie Universität that represent the interests of specific groups by participating in collective decisions, e.g., the Advocate for Students with Special Needs who is responsible for accommodating the needs of students with disabilities and chronic health conditions in courses, exams, and internships.

## Studying at Freie Universität Berlin

For international and exchange students, studying at a German university can be an enriching and challenging enterprise. Compared to other university systems worldwide, studying at a German university is often said to be more independent and free, from the choice of courses to putting together one's own timetable. The style of teaching and studying at Freie Universität Berlin depends on the degree program chosen, but in general students will encounter a variety of lectures, seminars, or tutorials, demanding active participation in discussions or by giving presentations.

The main language of instruction is German, but there are also a number of subjects held in English, particularly within the Institute of English Philology and the John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies. Nevertheless, it is highly recommended that international and exchange students take courses in German. They will be sufficiently supported by a number of student services such as the Language Center.

## Library and Research Facilities

The University Library and approximately 40 departmental libraries form a combined library system consisting of almost 8 million print media items, 38,000 e-journals, 400,000 e-books, and 1,300 databases. All the students at Freie Universität may also use the library facilities of Humboldt-Universität, Technische Universität, and Universität Potsdam. Additionally, Berlin hosts Germany's largest State Library, making the city a well-suited place to be for studying and research.

## Internationality at Freie Universität Berlin



Roughly 28,500 young people study at Freie Universität Berlin.

## International from the Very Beginning

Due to the university's unique founding history and its formerly isolated location within the divided city of Berlin, it was a matter of necessity to establish and maintain many international study, research, and teaching contacts. At present, Freie Universität has more than 450 partner universities all over the world, including 95 direct exchange partnerships, 320 university partnerships within the ERASMUS academic exchange network, and 45 institute partnerships. This network makes Freie Universität Berlin one of Germany's most international universities.

# International Liaison Offices

Freie Universität Berlin maintains a worldwide network of liaison offices. Their job is to support the university's researchers in reaching out internationally. In 2005, Freie Universität Berlin, in conjunction with Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Munich), opened a joint representative office in New York. This German University Alliance represents the two universities in the U.S. and Canada and works to increase the exchange of students, scientists, and scholars. With additional liaison offices in Beijing, Brussels, Cairo, Moscow, New Delhi, and São Paulo, operated in cooperation with strong partners, large research institutions, or universities, Freie Universität Berlin is strategically extending its radius of action as an international network university.



Further information about the liaison offices:

[www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/inu/cic/branches](http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/inu/cic/branches)

## Offices of Foreign Partners at Freie Universität Berlin

Several partner universities of Freie Universität Berlin maintain offices in Berlin, among them The University of California System and Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. In 2006, Peking University opened its first branch in Germany, the Confucius Institute at Freie Universität Berlin. Its objectives include the promotion of knowledge of Chinese culture, the cultivation of Chinese-German cooperation, and the spread of Chinese languages. Six universities in the United States joined with Freie Universität to form the Berlin Consortium for German Studies. Students from the universities included in the consortium may study at Freie Universität for one or two semesters (Columbia University, University of Chicago, Cornell University, Johns Hopkins University, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University).

### FACTS AND FIGURES

DEPARTMENTS AND CENTRAL INSTITUTES:	15
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:	150
DOCTORAL PROGRAMS:	24
STUDENTS:	28,500 undergraduate and graduate students
DOCTORAL CANDIDATES:	4,800
PROFESSORSHIPS:	348, including 26 joint appointments with non-university research institutes; 72 junior professorships
COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTERS:	9 hosted, 10 at Charité, 11 with participation by the university

# Ways for Students from Abroad to Come to Freie Universität Berlin



People from 125 countries are involved in undergraduate and graduate study and teaching activities.

## Find Your Way to Us

There are many ways for undergraduate, postgraduate, and PhD students to come to Freie Universität Berlin. Have a look at the table to find your way to us!

### Program

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Students from abroad: International students wishing to complete a degree at Freie Universität Berlin

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Direct and departmental exchange students: Students wishing to spend one or two semesters at Freie Universität Berlin and whose home university or the department they are enrolled at has an exchange agreement with Freie Universität Berlin

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ERASMUS students: Students enrolled at a university in the European Union or in Norway, Turkey, or Switzerland who wish to spend one or two semesters at Freie Universität Berlin and whose home university has an ERASMUS agreement with Freie Universität Berlin

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ERASMUS Mundus students: Students from non-E.U. countries wishing to spend one or two semesters at Freie Universität Berlin or pursue a degree, if Freie Universität Berlin is a partner in a consortium for the region

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Program students: Students wishing to spend one or two semesters at Freie Universität Berlin via DAAD, Fulbright, or other external agreements and scholarship donors

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Freie Universität Berlin European Studies (FU-BEST): For students wishing to complete a separate one- or two-semester program consisting of subject and language courses mainly

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International Summer and Winter University (FUBiS): For students wishing to complete a three-, four-, or six-week program consisting of subject and language courses

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Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies: For PhD students or postdoctoral researchers with specialized knowledge of modern and contemporary Germany and Europe

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Further information about international student mobility:  
[www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international](http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international)

## ADVANTAGES FOR EXCHANGE AND PROGRAM STUDENTS

Exchange and program students at Freie Universität Berlin will benefit from a number of advantages:

- You will go through a simplified admission procedure.
- You will not need to take an official German language test.
- You will be supported by our international office and go through an extensive orientation period before the semester starts, making your first steps at our university and in Berlin easier.
- We offer a wide range of German language courses for exchange and program students during the semester, from basic to advanced level (A2 to C1).
- You will have the opportunity to take courses about Berlin, its history, and culture that have been specially designed for exchange and program students.

<b>Level</b>	<b>Information</b>
undergraduate, graduate, PhD	<a href="http://www.international.fu-berlin.de/studying">www.international.fu-berlin.de/studying</a>
undergraduate level, intended for North American students	<a href="http://www.fu-best.de">www.fu-best.de</a>
undergraduate, graduate	<a href="http://www.fubis.org">www.fubis.org</a>
PhD, postdoc; intended for U.S. and Canadian citizens or permanent residents	<a href="http://www.fu-berlin.de/bprogram">www.fu-berlin.de/bprogram</a>



According to statistics from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Freie Universität is by far the most popular destination in Germany for students from abroad.

## Exchange Students at Freie Universität Berlin

Students wishing to study for one or two semesters at Freie Universität Berlin may come via an exchange agreement between their home university and our institution or via an external scholarship program.

### Direct and Departmental Exchange Students

Direct and departmental exchange students come to Freie Universität Berlin as non-degree seeking students within an exchange agreement between Freie Universität Berlin and their home university or between a department of Freie Universität and a department at their home university. They will be admitted for the duration agreed upon in the individual exchange contracts.

### Program Students

Program students come to Freie Universität Berlin as non-degree seeking students via certain external scholarship programs such as the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Fulbright Program, or other scholarship donors.

Direct and departmental exchange students cannot apply to Freie Universität Berlin directly, but have to be nominated by their home university first. Application procedures, deadlines, and formalities are entirely regulated by our partner universities' international offices.

Program students must apply directly to an external scholarship donor who has an agreement with Freie Universität Berlin. The scholarship donor will then nominate the program students to Freie Universität Berlin.

Freie Universität Berlin usually requires exchange and program students to have completed at least two years of undergraduate study and – depending on the exchange agreement – a certain level of German language proficiency.

## Departments Open to Exchange and Program Students

All direct exchange and program students may choose courses from the following departments, provided that they fulfill particular course prerequisites:

- Biology and Chemistry,
- Education and Psychology,
- Earth Sciences,
- History and Cultural Studies,
- Mathematics and Computer Science,
- Philosophy and Humanities,
- Physics,
- Political and Social Sciences.

Restrictions apply in Law, Economics, and Business Administration. Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, and Pharmacy are only open to exchange students coming within certain departmental exchange programs. Students who come through a departmental exchange program to Freie Universität may only take courses within the department by which they have been nominated.

With few exceptions, all undergraduate programs are open for exchange students. Freie Universität Berlin also offers a range of master's programs. Admission to a master's program is only possible with the approval of the department offering the master's program. If students have the necessary prerequisites, exchange students may be enrolled as visiting PhD students. Fee-based continuing education master's programs are not open to exchange students.

# Useful to Know



An easy way to get around is to use the extensive public transportation system.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### ***How do I get around in Berlin?***

Berlin is a big city with approximately 3.5 million inhabitants living in an area of 890 square kilometers. The easiest way to get around is to either take a bike, using more than 750 kilometers of cycle tracks, or to use the extensive public transportation system, consisting of city trains, subway lines, street cars, buses, and ferries.



Berlin Public Transport System: [www.bvg.de](http://www.bvg.de)

Berlin by Bike: [www.stadtentwicklung.berlin.de/verkehr/mobil/fahrrad](http://www.stadtentwicklung.berlin.de/verkehr/mobil/fahrrad)

### ***Where in Berlin is the campus of Freie Universität Berlin located?***

All campus locations of Freie Universität Berlin are located in the southwest of Berlin. The Dahlem campus hosts 12 of the university's 15 departments and central institutes and most of the libraries. The Lankwitz campus hosts the Department of Earth Sciences, while the Department of Veterinary Medicine is located on the Düppel campus.



Campus Locations of Freie Universität Berlin:

[www.fu-berlin.de/en/service/orientierung](http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/service/orientierung)

### ***Does Freie Universität Berlin offer on- or off-campus accommodation?***

There is no on-campus accommodation, but the accommodation service of Freie Universität Berlin has various off-campus dorms and single or shared apartments on offer. Since there has been a dramatic increase in the demand for student housing, we recommend students wishing to use our accommodation service to apply as soon as possible after they have received their letter of admission.



Freie Universität Berlin's Accommodation Service:

[www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/unterbringung](http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/unterbringung)

***Does Freie Universität Berlin charge fees to exchange students?***

Exchange students do not pay tuition or registration fees. However, students need to pay the so-called semester fees of approximately 250 euros per semester. These are non-university related fees and pay for the elected student union as well as for a public transportation ticket for the whole area of Berlin for the entire semester. Students will be asked to pay the fees after arrival in Berlin as part of the enrollment process.

***How can I apply?***

As a program or exchange student, you cannot apply to Freie Universität Berlin directly. Application procedures, deadlines, and formalities are entirely regulated by our partner universities' international offices or, for program students, by the external scholarship donor. Please contact the International Office of your home university or the external scholarship donor.

***What is the procedure after I have been nominated to Freie Universität Berlin?***

Once you have been nominated to study at Freie Universität Berlin, you will receive a letter of admission. This letter contains important information as well as a link to our online student portal where you must complete a pre-enrollment form. Upon arrival in Berlin, you should come and see the International Student Mobility Office as soon as possible in order to finalize student enrollment and set up your account which you need to enroll for courses and use computers on the campus.

***What kind of visa do I need to enter Germany and to study at Freie Universität Berlin?***

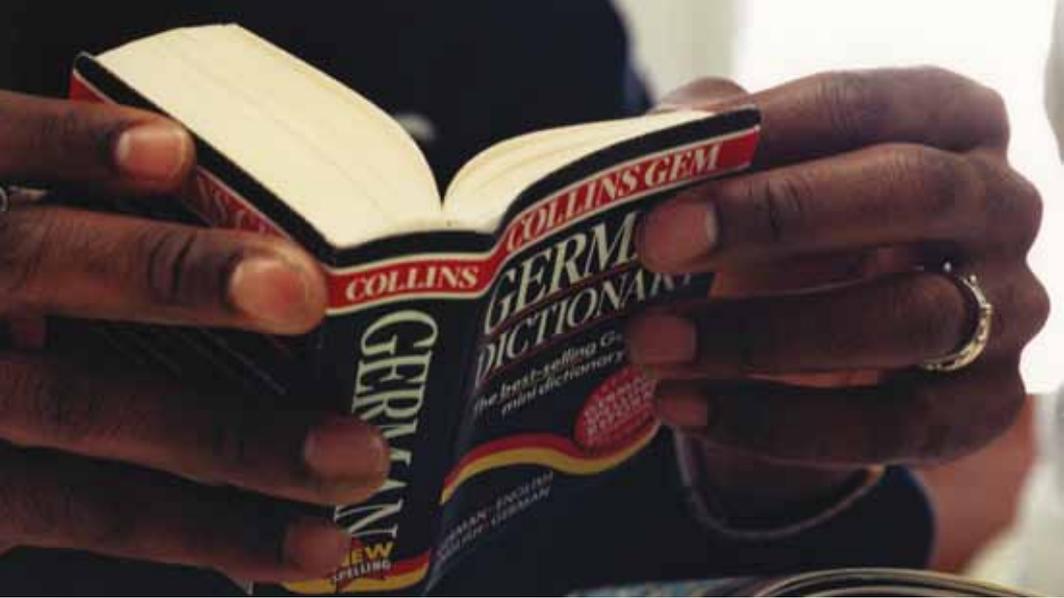
Students who are citizens of European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA) countries, Andorra, Australia, Brazil, Canada, El Salvador, Honduras, Israel, Japan, Monaco, San Marino, South Korea, New Zealand, Switzerland, or the USA do not need a visa in order to enter Germany. Upon arrival in Berlin, citizens from these countries (except EU and EEA) must apply for a residence permit. Students who are not citizens of the countries listed above must apply for a student visa at the local German Embassy or a German General Consulate before coming to Germany.

***Does Freie Universität Berlin offer any scholarships?***

Freie Universität Berlin does not offer any scholarships unless specified in the exchange agreement between our institution and the student's home university. Students may apply for a scholarship at the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

***What are the German language requirements to study at Freie Universität Berlin?***

All exchange and program students are exempt from a German language exam (DSH or TestDaF), which is otherwise required for international students studying at a German university. However, depending on the exchange agreement or the conditions of the external scholarship donor, a certain level of German language skills may be required. Generally, in order to follow courses and complete course assessment satisfactorily, German language skills equivalent to TestDaF level 3 are recommended.



The main language of instruction is German. Program and exchange students may take free German language courses.

### ***Does Freie Universität Berlin offer any German language courses?***

Yes, all program and exchange students may take free German language courses during the semester, from basic to advanced level (A2 to C1). Students wishing to improve their German language proficiency before beginning their studies at Freie Universität Berlin may attend a six-week intensive German language course (20 x 45 min of instruction per week) which is offered six weeks before the beginning of the winter or the summer term. The course fee is approximately 600 euros.



German language courses at Freie Universität Berlin:  
[www.sprachenzentrum.fu-berlin.de/sprachangebot/deutsch](http://www.sprachenzentrum.fu-berlin.de/sprachangebot/deutsch)

### ***What is the language of instruction at Freie Universität Berlin?***

#### ***Are there any courses taught in English?***

The main language of instruction is German. Subjects held in English outside the Institute of English Philology and the John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies are very limited in number. Availability may vary and cannot be guaranteed. An overview of subjects taught in English is available from the online course catalogue three months before the semester starts.

### ***How do I choose and register for courses?***

The course catalogue of the following semester is available online three months before the beginning of the lecture period. You may browse the course catalogue and look for courses of interest to you. Please keep in mind that not all departments are open to exchange and program students. Availability may vary depending on the exchange agreement or the conditions of the scholarship donor. Once students have initialized their account after enrolling in person at Freie Universität Berlin, they can register for courses online. The registration period starts October 1 for winter term courses and April 1 for summer term courses.



Course catalogue of Freie Universität Berlin:  
[www.fu-berlin.de/vv](http://www.fu-berlin.de/vv)

### ***What are the general living costs per semester?***

Compared to other European capital cities, the costs for living in Berlin are reasonable, but of course they may vary, depending on the lifestyle chosen by the student. Roughly estimated, the monthly expenses are 600 to 900 euros (including accommodation, food, books, semester ticket, health insurance).



## Freie Universität Berlin

### University Homepage

Please note the button DE/EN on the top to switch between German and English language versions of the page.

[www.fu-berlin.de/en](http://www.fu-berlin.de/en)

### International Mobility

[www.fu-berlin.de/international](http://www.fu-berlin.de/international)

### International Student Mobility

[www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international](http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international)

### General Information for Exchange and Program Students

[www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international/studium\\_fu/auslandssemester](http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international/studium_fu/auslandssemester)

### Accommodation Service

[www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/unterbringung](http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/unterbringung)

### Info Service Studium

[www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/beratung/info-service](http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/beratung/info-service)

### Course Catalogue

[www.fu-berlin.de/vv](http://www.fu-berlin.de/vv)

### Language Center

[www.sprachenzentrum.fu-berlin.de](http://www.sprachenzentrum.fu-berlin.de)

### Center for Recreational Sports

[www.hs-sport.fu-berlin.de](http://www.hs-sport.fu-berlin.de)

### Library System

[www.fu-berlin.de/en/einrichtungen/bibliotheken](http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/einrichtungen/bibliotheken)

### Family Support Center

[www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/familienbuero](http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/familienbuero)

### International Club

[www.internationalerclub.de](http://www.internationalerclub.de)

## Germany / Berlin

### German Embassies and General Consulates

[www.auswaertiges-amt.de](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de)

### German Visa Regulations

[www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Uebersicht\\_node.html](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Uebersicht_node.html)

### Official Berlin Website

[www.berlin.de](http://www.berlin.de)

### Berlin Airport

[www.berlin-airport.de](http://www.berlin-airport.de)

### Berlin Public Transportation System

[www.bvg.de](http://www.bvg.de)

### Berlin by Bike

[www.stadtentwicklung.berlin.de/verkehr/mobil/fahrrad](http://www.stadtentwicklung.berlin.de/verkehr/mobil/fahrrad)

### Berlin Events and Culture

[www.berlin.de/kultur-und-tickets](http://www.berlin.de/kultur-und-tickets)

## Scholarships / German Language and Culture

### German Academic Exchange Service

[www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de)

### Goethe Institute (official cultural institute of the Federal Republic of Germany)

[www.goethe.de](http://www.goethe.de)

## Contact

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