

Anmerkungen / Notes

Fachbegriffe / Technical Terms

- **Zwischenprüfung, Vordiplom / Intermediate Examination**
After 3, 4 or 5 semesters students take the intermediate exam for either the Magister Artium, the Staatsexamen or the Diplom in their subjects. The intermediate exam terminates the Grundstudium (undergraduate studies) and allows students to enroll in the Hauptstudium (graduate studies)
- **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) / Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)**
German Bachelor students achieve their Bachelor degree after 3 years of Bachelor studies
- **Master of Arts (M.A.) / Master of Science (M.Sc.)**
German Master students achieve their Master degree after 2 years of Master studies
- **Staatsexamen / State Board Examination**
Academic qualifications for teaching in secondary education or for professions (Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, Theology) may be administered in stages (first, second, third state exam)
- **Magister Artium / Master's degree**
Academic examination in two majors or one major and two minors in the humanities
- **Diplom / Diploma degree**
Academic examination in one major especially in the natural sciences
- **Doktor / Doctorate**
Awarded on basis of a dissertation (Doktorarbeit) and an oral examination (Rigorosum)
- **Semester- und Vorlesungszeiten / Semester Dates and Teaching Periods**
The academic year in Freiburg is divided in Winter- (01.10.-31.03.) and Sommersemester (01.04.-30.09).

Fakultäten der Universität Freiburg / Faculties/schools at the University of Freiburg

1. Faculty of Theology
2. Faculty of Law
3. Faculty of Business and Behavioural Sciences
4. Faculty of Medicine
5. Faculty of Philology
6. Faculty of Arts
7. Faculty of Mathematics and Physics
8. Faculty of Chemistry, Pharmacy and Geosciences
9. Faculty of Biology
10. Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Sciences
11. Faculty of Applied Sciences

Art der Veranstaltungen / Type of courses

The following are the standard types of courses taught at German universities:

- Vorlesung = Lecture (LEC)
- Seminar = Seminar (SEM)
- Übung = Exercise (EXC), Practical Courses (PC)
- Exkursion = Field Trip (FT)

Benotung / Grading

Students receive documents verifying successful participation in a course, the so called 'Scheine'. They are either graded or not graded:

- not graded (n.g.) = passed successfully (attendance only)

- graded = for most subjects the German grading covers grades corresponding with:

1	sehr gut	excellent
2	gut	good
3	befriedigend	satisfactory
4	ausreichend	fair
5	mangelhaft	insufficient
6	ungenügend	clear fail

1 / 1- / 1-2	1,0 / 1,3 / 1,5	A
2+	1,7	A-
2	2,0	B+
2- / 2-3	2,3 / 2,5	B
3+	2,7	B-
3	3,0	C+
3- / 3-4 / 4+ / 4	3,3 / 3,5 / 3,7 / 4,0	C
5	5,0	D
6	6,0	F

The following chart applies to the German grading system for legal studies:		
4-6	ausreichend	fair
7-9	befriedigend	satisfactory
10-12	vollbefriedigend	fully satisfactory
13-15	gut	good
16-18	sehr gut	very good