The Liaison Office in New York

The German University Alliance is a joint initiative of two leading German universities: Freie Universität Berlin and Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München. Our mission is to attract students and researchers from North America to both universities. We also promote collaborations in higher education and research.

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What We Do

– Offer advice on study abroad and full degree programs
– Provide information about funding opportunities and open positions
– Connect researchers and support research collaborations
– Organize events and conferences for students, researchers and alumni
International from the Very Beginning

Freie Universität Berlin was founded in 1948 on the principles of academic freedom and democracy. Today, it is one of Germany’s leading research universities with more than 30,000 students and 4,000 staff.

We are located in southwest Berlin in the district of Dahlem, an area with a long tradition of academic research that is home to many research institutions. The university’s open and modern campuses include twelve departments and three central institutes.

Since its founding, Freie Universität has fostered connections with academics and institutions in Germany and abroad, enriching our research and teaching. As an “International Network University,” we connect students and scholars through a unique global alliance of strategic partnerships, joint research projects, and international liaison offices.

Our global outlook has made us an attractive destination for international researchers and Germany’s most popular university amongst international doctoral candidates. We welcome more incoming Alexander von Humboldt scholars, DAAD scholarship holders and Erasmus students than any other university in Germany. 21 % of our 31,000 students and one third of our 5,750 doctoral candidates are from abroad and every year, more than 1,000 students make use of the increasing opportunities for study abroad to sharpen their professional profile and increase their employability.

A Broad Range of Academic Programs

Freie Universität offers a comprehensive range of studies and highly selective programs. We have a strong reputation in the humanities and social sciences, as well as the life sciences, natural sciences, and medicine.

The university offers Bachelor’s, Master’s, and PhD programs. While proof of German language proficiency is required for the majority of the Bachelor’s programs, many Master’s programs and all PhD programs can be studied in English.

The study programs are organized in Freie Universität Berlin’s departments and central institutes:

- Biology, Chemistry, Pharmacy
- Business and Economics
- Earth Sciences
- Education and Psychology
- History and Cultural Studies
- Law
- Mathematics and Computer Sciences
- Philosophy and Humanities
- Physics
- Political and Social Sciences
- Veterinary Medicine
- Institute for East European Studies
- Institute for Latin American Studies
- John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies
- as well as the Medical School – Charité – University Medicine Berlin (in cooperation with Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin).

Excellent Research Opportunities

The research performed at Freie Universität Berlin is characterized by interdisciplinarity and internationality. The scholars and scientists work on global issues that impact our world. An important element of our strategy is to actively promote international research cooperation through targeted support.

We are committed to the development and success of outstanding junior researchers, providing various funding opportunities to enhance the attractiveness of Freie Universität. The high-quality performance of young scholars at the university is reflected in the large number of junior research groups and the diversity of research fields covered by junior professors.

TOP-RANKED

Freie Universität Berlin is one of the most successful institutions in the German Excellence Initiative. It has placed prominently in institutional rankings, including the THE World University Ranking, the Funding Ranking of the German Research Foundation (DFG), and the QS World University Ranking.