

## Course offerings

- German language (at all levels)
- Contemporary Germany in European Perspective
- Integration, Conflict, and Security in Europe
- Strategies of Visualization – Art and Ideas in Modern Central Europe
- German Cinema before 1945
- The Human Condition and the Totalitarian Experience
- Berlin: History, Memory, Literature
- To Hell and Back: Modern German History in European Context
- The Promise of German Philosophy: Kant to Hegel
- Tragedy and New Beginnings in German Philosophy
- Islam and Europe
- Intercultural Competences and Strategic Marketing in Business Europe
- Architecture in Berlin from the 19th Century to Today
- Contemporary Cinema in Germany and Europe
- European Legal Traditions
- Environmental Politics and Policy in Europe
- Art and Dictatorship
- Pop Culture: European-American Trends
- European Traditions in Sociology
- Media Politics
- History of European Diplomacy
- Europe in the Global Economy
- Jewish Life in Central Europe
- Migration: Dynamics and Controversies in Europe and Berlin
- Women's and Gender Studies in Transatlantic Context
- Film Music: Listening Outside the Frame
- Music in the Digital Age
- Energizing Europe: 21st Century Renewable and Fossil Transformations
- Green Business
- "The Spectre of Revolution": Resistance and Protest in Post-War Europe 1953 – 1989
- Deutschland und seine Kunst – eine Nation in Bildern
- Deutsch, Deutscher, Deutschland: Identität(en), Geschichte, Politik



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## Academic calendar

**Start of Fall semester:** last week of August  
**Midterm break:** last week of October  
**End of Fall semester:** mid-December

**Start of Spring semester:** end of January  
**Midterm break:** second half of March  
**End of Spring semester:** mid-May

**Application deadlines**  
**Fall Semester:** April 1  
**Spring Semester:** November 1

Course enrollment is carried out on a first-come-first-served basis.  
Application materials can be found on our website.



## For further information, please contact:

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Welcome to FU-BEST, the Freie Universität Berlin European Studies Program! We hope that you will decide to spend one or two semesters with us in the exciting German capital!

## About Berlin

- A dynamic, multicultural, Central European metropolis with 3.6 million inhabitants
- A rich and dramatic past, spanning many centuries and the ups and downs of German history
- A spectacular diversity of cultural offerings, featuring countless museums and world-renowned orchestras, opera houses, and theaters
- Ample recreational opportunity in parks, forests, and at the area's many lakes
- A first-class public transportation network, plus convenient access to various destinations in Germany and throughout (Central) Europe
- A vibrant, creative, and student-oriented city



## About Freie Universität Berlin

- Freie Universität Berlin ranks among the major German and international universities and was awarded the designation “university of excellence” several consecutive times in the Excellence Initiative jointly sponsored by the German federal government and the governments of the federal states.
- The students, instructors, and researchers at Freie Universität include a large number of award winners, who hold distinctions including prestigious academic awards, individual honors, and prizes for theses and dissertations.
- The university campus is located in the charming and mostly residential southwestern section of Berlin. Using Berlin's superb public transportation network, it is within easy reach of the city's downtown areas.
- Freie Universität Berlin is a fully accredited institution, permitting full transfer of credits earned to participants' home institutions and, where possible, the use of students' home financial aid packages.

## About FU-BEST

FU-BEST is an intensive, academic semester program, introducing participants to Berlin, Germany, and Europe. Our goal is to create an international community of mindful and responsible global citizens who actively shape a better future. We achieve this by connecting diverse students from all backgrounds, providing first-rate innovative, accessible and sustainable education, and furthering personal and academic growth.

- Academic calendar consisting of two North American-style Fall (September-December) and Spring (February-May) semesters
- Participants can enroll in one or two semesters

- Mandatory enrollment in German language is offered as intensive double-course track at all levels. A single-course Beginner section is also available.
- A menu of subject courses taught in English or German by expert faculty, covering such topics and disciplines as cultural studies, art history, literature, the European Union, German and European history, German and European politics, architecture, film studies, music history, business, economics, philosophy, and environmental studies
- Local field trips, also as an integral component of many of the courses, in accordance with the program's “extended classroom” concept
- A one-week excursion inside Germany and/or to neighboring countries (included in the semester's Program Fee)
- A two-month internship option after the conclusion of the Spring semester
- Fees include: Program Fee, Tuition Fee, Housing Fee, Insurance Fee, Application & Technology Fee (please see [www.fubest.org](http://www.fubest.org) for current rates).
- The Program Fee includes Welcome and Farewell events, Orientation Days, several concerts/operas, a museum pass, local public transportation, a full-week offsite excursion, and course materials.
- Housing can be arranged in two different apartment-style options or a homestay. Participants may also opt out of program housing and arrange their own.

