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For the dates of the specific semester you will be spending at Freie Universität Berlin, please see:
the elected student government as well as paying for the public contributions of currently approximately 300 € per semester. These ever, all students pay the so-called “semester fees and contributions” of currently approximately 300 € per semester. These are mandatory related fees and go to the student union, the elected student government as well as paying for the public transportation ticket for the entire semester. Students will be asked to pay the fee after arrival in Berlin as part of their enrollment process.

What are the German language requirements to study at Freie Universität Berlin?
Depending on the exchange agreement or the conditions of the external scholarship agency, a certain level of German language skills may be required. Generally, in order to follow and successfully complete courses, German language skills equivalent to at least, preferably B2 (CEFR), are recommended.

What is the language of instruction at Freie Universität Berlin?
The main language of instruction is German. However, some departments regularly offer courses taught in English. Their availability may vary and cannot be guaranteed. As the courses change each semester, please consult the online course-catalogue for an overview of courses taught in English. The online course-catalogue is generally available about three months prior to the beginning of the semester.

For more information, please see: www.fu-berlin.de/de/stud/What are the German language requirements to study at Freie Universität Berlin?
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Freie Universität Berlin

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 nearly 30,000 students and 4,000 staff. As an “International Network University,” we connect students and scholars through a unique global alliance of strategic academic partnerships, joint research projects, and international liaison offices. Our global outreach and strategy make us a leading destination for international research and Germany’s most popular university amongst international desir- able candidates.

We are one of Europe’s most innovative universities in the natural sciences and among Europe’s leading universities of excellence. Freie Universität Berlin is one of eleven Universities of Excellence in Germany. We are the University of the European Union, the European University of the New Millennium. The university’s academic excellence, its multi-disciplinary character, and its international orientation are unique in Germany.

Berlin is one of the most exciting cities in Europe. As Germany’s capital and cultural metropolis, it attracts people from around the world. Cultural, political, and economic life.

You can also come to Freie Universität Berlin within the framework of a winter course from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) or the German-American Fulbright Commission.

How to come to Freie Universität for an Exchange

Freie Universität Berlin attracts a high number of exchange students from all over the world. For this reason, we have created a specific section of our website for international students. We have categorized our international students according to the specific exchange agreement – to have obtained a certain level of German language proficiency.

The European Union’s Erasmus Program gives students the opportunity to spend part of their studies at another university in Europe. You can spend one or two semesters at Freie Universität Berlin, in addition to our Erasmus agreements with over 700 universities worldwide. For further information, please contact your home institution’s international office.

The intensive pre-semester language courses take place in the six weeks leading up to the semester start. The course fee for exchange students is €600 Euro (1,350 Euro for all other students). Outside of our regular exchange programs, we also offer individual study programs and special programs designed for students who cannot apply to Freie Universität Berlin directly, they have to be co-registered by their home university first. Application procedures, deadlines, and formalities are on our partner universities’ international offices.

This is a simplified admission and enrollment procedure for international students the opportunity to spend some time at Freie Universität Berlin. In addition to our Erasmus partnerships within Europe, Freie Universität Berlin offers medical studies at the Medical School Charité – University Medicine Berlin. For further information, please see: www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international/studium_fu/ausbildung_und_beruf/medizin.

For international students pursuing degree studies in Freie Universität Berlin, the normal admissions procedures apply. For more information, please see: www.fu-berlin.de/de/studieren/international/studium_fu.

The opportunity to take courses about Berlin, its history, and contemporary Berlin (and Germany more generally), gives you more confidence regarding your spoken and written (academic) German.

The university’s Language Center and its department for German as a Foreign Language offer courses for exchange students and central institutes.

Improve your German

The university’s Language Center, and its department for German as a Foreign Language offer courses for exchange students prior to and during the semester, as well as pro- viding a self-learning center, where students can develop their language skills independently. You can also register for a language tandem, where you will be matched with a native German-speaker and can meet up regularly to hone your language skills in an informal setting.

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For more information on the various programs of the Lan- guage Center and course registration, please see: www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/sprachen-deutsch/sprachcenter/deutsch/