Short-Term Studies as a Free Mover

What are short-term studies?
International applicants who began their studies abroad and wish to study temporarily in Freiburg to gain additional qualifications or a specialization may be granted short-term admission for up to two semesters.

Prerequisites for Admission
1) Matriculation at home university
In order to receive admission for short-term studies at the University of Freiburg without the possibility to earn a formal degree, you must have already studied for several semesters at your home university and still be enrolled there (your certificate of enrollment serves as evidence). In addition, the field of study you enroll in at the University of Freiburg must be related to your field of study at your home university.

2) German language skills
The language of instruction at the University of Freiburg is German, with the exception of a few master’s and postgraduate programs held in English or French. It is thus very important that you acquire good skills in German before leaving your home country. Please submit certificates providing evidence of your German language skills. As an applicant for short-term studies, you do not need to take the DSH language examination.

3) Transferring credits back to your home university
If you enroll as a short-term student at the University of Freiburg, you will be allowed to take most of the courses and examinations in your field of study, but you cannot earn a degree. Please check to make sure the credits you earn at the University of Freiburg will be honored at your home university upon your return.

Applying
Necessary documents for your application:
- completed application for admission
- certified copies of your secondary school-leaving certificate (e.g., high school diploma, baccalauréat, Attestat, etc.)
- evidence that you have taken a university entrance examination in your home country, if applicable, and transcripts from your previous studies
- certified copies of your language certificates
- a current certificate of enrollment from your home university

Note:
You must submit certified copies of all documents and, if they are not in German, English, French, Italian, or Spanish, certified copies of the translations with your application for admission. At matriculation you will be asked to present the original documents.

Application Deadlines
For the summer semester: 15 March.
For the winter semester: 15 September.
If you are applying from abroad, we recommend that you submit your application by the general application deadlines on 15 January (summer semester) or 15 July (winter semester) instead of by the dates listed above. For organizational reasons, it is wise to apply early so that you have enough time to plan your stay in Freiburg (visa, flight, room, etc.).

Please send your application to the address listed below.

We will send out your letter of acceptance roughly four weeks after we have received your application. All applicants who are admitted to studies receive detailed information on enrollment dates and the documents they need to bring with them in their letter of acceptance.

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