Admission to the “Studienkolleg” (College for Foreign Students)

Students who possess a secondary school-leaving certificate (sometimes in connection with an entrance examination for an institution of higher education in the student’s native country) which is not equivalent to the German school-leaving certificate must take the “Prüfung zur Feststellung der Hochschulreife” (Assessment Examination for Institutions of Higher Education) and have the possibility of preparing for their studies in a one year preparatory course at the “Studienkolleg” (College for Foreign Students) at the University of Heidelberg. It is not possible to apply directly for a course. Thus, you must submit an application for studies to the Freiburg University even if you need to take a preparatory course (in Heidelberg) before commencing your studies.

The “Studienkolleg” (College for Foreign Students) offers

- T courses for all fields of study in mathematics or the natural sciences,
- M courses for medicine, pharmacy, biology, and related fields,
- W courses for all fields in economics and the social sciences, and
- S/G courses for all fields in the humanities, including German language and literature and history.

- Students who wish to study psychology or law have the option of taking the S course instead of the W course.
- German is the main subject in all courses at the “Studienkolleg” (College for Foreign Students).
- More information about the courses and their exam subjects please find here: www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/d_kurse_sk.html

The Studienkolleg is situated in Heidelberg, 190 km from Freiburg.

In contrast to the university, the “Studienkolleg” is structured more or less like school. Students learn in a set class and must be present at class sessions. As a rule, the weekly workload is 32 hours.

Only students with advanced skills in German may be admitted to the “Studienkolleg” (College for Foreign Students) in Heidelberg. Prospective students must demonstrate their skills in German in an assessment examination (placement test). An additional prerequisite for admission to the “Studienkolleg” is a reserved
spot in a degree program at the Freiburg University. In fields with restrictive admissions the Freiburg University is able to offer only very few applicants a spot at the “Studienkolleg” in Heidelberg. Admission to the courses at the “Studienkolleg” in Heidelberg is in general very selective, regardless of whether the course is for a field with restrictive admissions or not. Applicants with a reserved spot for full-time studies at the Freiburg University are enrolled as students at the University of Heidelberg for the duration of their preparatory course.

Applicants may also elect to prepare for the “Feststellungsprüfung” (Assessment Examination for Institutions of Higher Education) on their own. However, the Freiburg University only allows direct candidates to take the examination if they are able to demonstrate in a consultation prior to the examination with the “Studienkolleg” in Heidelberg or the Student Service Center - International Admissions and Services of the Freiburg University that they have spent a significant amount of time and energy preparing for the examination on their own. As with admission to a preparatory course, registration for the “Feststellungsprüfung” is only possible in conjunction with a letter of acceptance (reserved spot) for full-time studies at the Freiburg University. A passing grade on the “Assessment Examination for Institutions of Higher Education” entitles the applicant to study only in a certain field. A restriction to certain fields of study on the applicant’s secondary school-leaving certificate generally may not be cancelled or extended by participation in a preparatory course or by the “Feststellungsprüfung”. This means that applicants may only take a “Feststellungsprüfung” for fields of study which correspond to those in which they earned their secondary school-leaving certificate (e.g. scientific section/science naturelles).

Application deadlines:

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