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 (“Abitur”) 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. Instead, you must submit an application for studies to the University of Freiburg 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. Please be aware, that German is the main subject in all courses at the “Studienkolleg” (College for Foreign Students).

For more information see www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/d_kurse_sk.html

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).

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

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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. The one year preparatory course consists during the first term primarily of German as a foreign language. The second term focuses on the specific subject lessons.

Only students with advanced skills in German (Level B2) may be admitted to the “Studienkolleg” in Heidelberg. Prospective students must demonstrate their skills in German in an assessment examination (placement test).

For all fields of study, the University of Freiburg is able to offer only very few applicants a place 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.

Application deadlines:

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