

Barrier-free living

The Studierendenwerk offers barrier-free accommodations in their student dormitories for a variety of needs. You can find information at <https://www.swfr.de/en/residence/student-residence/live-barrier-free>

Support in everyday life

Information on help in the household, with shopping, and care can be obtained from the Arbeiterwohlfahrt Freiburg (www.awo-freiburg.de), Caritas (www.caritas-freiburg.de) or the Arbeitskreis für Menschen mit und ohne Behinderung e.V. (Working Group for People with and without Disabilities; www.akbn.de) – among others. You can find a detailed overview of disability-specific support and leisure offers on the homepage of the city of Freiburg: www.freiburg.de (Leben in Freiburg).

ID card for severely disabled persons

The determination of a disability is issued by the competent district office, Department of Severe Disability Law SGB IX, on application. Further information at: www.versorgung.lkbh.de

Mobility training for visually impaired and blind students

An orientation and mobility training is a good way for blind and visually impaired students to quickly and safely find their way around a new city. If prescribed by a doctor, the costs can be covered by the health insurance companies. Further information at: www.bsvsb.org

Use of public transport

In addition to the severely disabled person's ID card, a supplementary sheet with a token can be applied for at the responsible pension office, which, depending on the disability, enables reduced-price or free transportation on local public transport. On the homepage of the Freiburger Verkehrs AG, you can find an overview of accessible stops: www.vag-freiburg.de/service-infos/barrierefreiheit

General information about studying at the University of Freiburg can be found in the brochure "Study Guide for Newcomers" available at the Student Service Center or at https://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/student-services/beginning-students?set_language=en

Detailed information on the topic of "Studying with a Disability or Chronic Illness" as well as further links / addresses and current event information can be found at: www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/beratung/studieren-mit-behinderung-oder-chronischer-erkrankung

Contacts

Advising for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses

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studienberatung@service.uni-freiburg.de
Mon-Thu 9 am – 4.30 pm, Fri 9 am – 12 pm

Academic advising and orientation

Central Academic Advising Office (ZSB)
Student Service Center
Sedanstr. 6, 79098 Freiburg
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Application

Student Service Center (SCS), Sedanstr. 6, 79098 Freiburg
https://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/application?set_language=en

Student Services, Registration Office

Admission, matriculation, re-registration, leave of absence
Applications in cases of hardship, shortening of waiting periods
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Studying with a Disability or Chronic Illness in Freiburg

Information for prospective and current students



Orientation

Starting a degree program, exploring a foreign city, successfully mastering everyday study and exam situations: this is the challenge all first-year students face. For students with disabilities/ chronic illnesses, the path from matriculation to successful completion of their studies involves greater effort and the overcoming of a wider variety of barriers. You should therefore plan your studies carefully and start making the appropriate preparations early on.

Academic orientation

The Central Academic Advising Office at the **Student Service Center** supports you in making decisions about your choice of study and career, on considerations about changing subjects or universities, and on personal or organizational difficulties that may arise in the course of your studies. Here you will find all important information on degree programs and prerequisites as well as subject combinations: https://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/counseling?set_language=en

For specific information on the program structure, examination regulations, and working methods, the **departmental academic advisors** in the individual subjects are the right people to contact. You can find the contacts in the list of degree programs directly at the respective program: https://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/program-offerings/all-degree-programs?set_language=en

The online offer **OSA** (Online Study Choice Assistant) provides a useful supplement in choosing the right field of study: https://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/counseling/osa?set_language=en

Prospective students with disabilities are advised to make an appointment with the **Representative for Students with a Disability/ Chronic Illness** before taking up their studies in order to receive advice on the possibilities of compensating for disadvantages in their studies, questions regarding accessibility or other contact points within and outside the university.

Applying

Applying via the University's own admission procedures

Students with disabilities/chronic illnesses may submit a hardship application in addition to their application for admission (application to be considered under the quota for cases of extreme hardship in the allocation of study places). In this case, applicants must provide evidence of special circumstances that make it absolutely necessary for them to immediately begin studying the chosen degree program.

In addition, an application for a shortened waiting period may be submitted upon presentation of appropriate proof. The Registration Office in the Student Service Center provides information on the specific requirements and the proofs required for a hardship application or an application for a shortened waiting period. Application via the Dialog-Oriented Service Procedure (DoSV): https://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/application/bts/dialog-oriented-service-procedure?set_language=en

Applying via hochschulstart.de

Applicants for the fields of Human Medicine, Pharmacy or Dentistry may submit special applications in addition to the application for admission to improve their chances of admission. These include:

- Application to be admitted at one's first-choice institution
- Hardship application for immediate admission
- Application for disadvantage compensation to improve the average grade / shorten the waiting period.

For information on how to apply, please visit: https://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/application/bts/university-admissions-foundation?set_language=en or contact www.hochschulstart.de directly.

Studying

Disadvantage compensation in pass/fail and graded assessments

The right to disadvantage compensation is statutory. If certain pass/fail or graded assessments cannot be completed in the required form due to a disability or chronic illness, students may apply for a modification according to their individual limitation. Disadvantage compensation is not a benefit.

The modified form of the pass/fail or graded assessment must allow for an equivalent record of academic achievement.

Possible forms of disadvantage compensation in pass/fail or graded assessments may include:

- Time extensions for exams, term papers
- Written instead of oral examination or vice versa
- Replacement of compulsory attendance by other coursework
- Consideration of periods of illness or limited ability to work in assessing examination periods or pass/fail assessments.

Please note: Disadvantage compensation in pass/fail or graded assessments is always agreed upon on an individual basis and must be applied for in writing in each individual case, including the submission of appropriate evidence, if necessary! Therefore, please contact the teachers or the staff of your responsible examination office as early as possible.

The University of Freiburg's Representative for Students with a Disability/Chronic Illness offers advice on questions regarding disadvantage compensation during your studies, support with the application, and mediation in case of conflict.

Further information on disadvantage compensation and legal foundations can be found online at: www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/de/beratung/studieren-mit-behinderung-oder-chronischer-erkrankung/nachteilsausgleich

Integration assistance

Some students can only complete a degree program with technical support or personal assistance and with special financial effort. Within the framework of integration assistance, various services for participation in social life are financed if the student's own financial means or income are not sufficient and if no other service providers are responsible for providing them such services. The respective social assistance office is responsible for granting integration assistance, i.e. for students residing in Freiburg, the Office for Social Affairs and Seniors. Information at: www.freiburg.de (Rathaus und Bürgerservice / Ämter A-Z)

Technical aids pool

The University of Freiburg lends technical devices for hearing and visually impaired students until their own technical aids are available or for testing before purchasing them. Information can be found at: www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/de/beratung/studieren-mit-behinderung-oder-chronischer-erkrankung/hilfsmittelpool

Study Assistants

Study assistants are usually fellow students who assist students with disabilities/chronic illnesses in managing their daily student life. This includes, among other things: Taking notes in courses, preparing study literature for the visually impaired/blind, assisting with library use. It is possible to apply for integration support to cover the costs for a study assistant. Students usually look for their personal assistants themselves, e.g. via the job agency of the Studierendenwerk: <https://www.swfr.de/en/money/studijob>

Electronic workstations for blind and visually impaired students

The University Library Freiburg has special electronic workstations for visually impaired and blind students. Information about equipment, location, occupancy and responsible contact persons can be found at: <https://www.ub.uni-freiburg.de/en/>

Induction loops

A number of lecture halls at the University of Freiburg are equipped with induction loops. Here you can find the complete overview: www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/de/beratung/studieren-mit-behinderung-oder-chronischer-erkrankung/liste-induktionsanlagen-und-transmitter

Living

Advising services of the Studierendenwerk Freiburg-Schwarzwald

The social advisors are also representatives of the Studierendenwerk for students with disabilities. They advise on social and legal issues such as insurance, housing, and finances and know the addresses of other counseling centers or important contact persons in government offices and authorities. Legal advice and psychological counseling are also part of the comprehensive services offered by the Infopoint. Further information is available at: <https://www.swfr.de/en/social-services/info-point>