



ACADEMIC YEAR IN FREIBURG

Program Dates 2025-2026

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| Arrival in Freiburg / Check-in at train station (<i>Hauptbahnhof</i>) | Monday, September 1, 2025 |
| ORIENTATION I: ● Registration, group meetings | Tuesday, Sept. 2 – Wednesday, Sept. 10 |
| ORIENTATION II: ● Language course ● Academic orientation | Monday, September 8 – Friday, October 2 Tuesday, Sept. 9 and Wednesday, Sept. 10 |
| ORIENTATION III: ● Academic advising | Monday, September 15 – Friday, Sept. 26 |
| ORIENTATION EVENTS & FIELD TRIPS: ● Basel, Freiburg, Alsace, Black Forest | Sunday, Sept. 7, Saturday, Sept. 13, Sunday, Sept. 21, and October 3 |
| Free time to travel ... or meet other students during <i>Erstiwoche</i> | Saturday, October 4 – Sunday, October 12 <i>which offers special events for newcomers</i> |
| WINTERSEMESTER 2025-2026 | |
| Freiburg University, Pädag. Hochschule, and AYF <i>Wintersemester</i> classes begin | Monday, October 13 <i>Duration of Wintersemester: 15 weeks</i> |
| Alsace History Field Trip | Saturday, October 18 |
| Tentative Registration Deadline | Friday, October 24 |
| <i>Allerheiligen</i> (holiday) | Saturday, November 1 |
| Final Registration Deadline and Deadline to Add a Course | Friday, November 7 |
| AYF Thanksgiving Celebration | Friday, November 28 |
| Pass/Fail Deadline and Deadline to Drop a Course without entry on transcript | Friday, December 5 |
| CER Deadline (Credit Equivalent Request forms due) | Friday, December 12 |
| Holiday break | Sat., Dec. 20, 2025 – Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026 |
| Classes resume | Wednesday, January 7 |
| Mandatory Group Meeting | Thursday, January 8, 4-6 p.m. |
| <i>Wintersemester</i> classes end | Friday, February 6 (University, PH, AYF) |
| Academic advising | Feb. 9-20 (exact dates to be finalized) |

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| Deadline for submitting all <i>Wintersemester</i> papers to instructors, copies to AYF | Friday, February 20, 2026 |
| <i>Vorlesungsfreie Zeit</i> a.k.a. <i>Semesterferien</i> Break (10 weeks) | Saturday, February 7 – Sunday, April 19 (University, PH, AYF) |
| <i>Ostern</i> (holiday) | Friday – Monday, April 3-6 |
| SOMMERSEMESTER 2026 | |
| Freiburg University, PH, and AYF <i>Sommersemester</i> classes begin | Monday, April 20 <i>Duration of Sommersemester: 13 weeks</i> |
| Straßburg Field Trip / EU Parliament | Saturday, April 25 |
| Tentative Registration Deadline | Thursday, April 30 |
| <i>Tag der Arbeit</i> (holiday) | Friday, May 1 |
| Final Registration Deadline and Deadline to Add a Course | Wednesday, May 13 |
| <i>Christi Himmelfahrt</i> (holiday) | Thursday, May 14 |
| AYF Field Trip to Berlin | Thursday, May 14-18 |
| University break (Pentecost) | Saturday, Mai 23 – Sunday, Mai 31 |
| <i>Fronleichnam</i> (holiday) | Thursday, June 4 |
| Pass/Fail Deadline and Deadline to Drop a Course without entry on transcript | Friday, June 5 |
| Mandatory Group Meeting (end-of-year administrative procedures) | June 15-17 (date and time to be finalized) |
| CER Deadline (Credit Equivalents Request Forms due) | Friday, June 19 |
| Farewell Barbecue | Saturday, July 18 |
| Freiburg University, PH, and AYF <i>Sommersemester</i> classes end | Friday, July 24, 2026 |
| Deadline for submitting all <i>Summersemester</i> papers to instructors, copies to AYF | Friday, August 7, 2026 |

Notes:

All AYF program participants are firmly expected to arrive in Freiburg on Monday, September 1, 2025, which for most participants will mean departing from the U.S. to Frankfurt or Zurich on August 31, 2025. The first orientation event will be held on the evening of September 1. Additional details concerning arrival, and the orientation schedule will be made available via email.

You should *book your flight home for a date no earlier than two weeks after the end of the Sommersemester, i.e., August 7, 2026, to allow time to finish your academic work.*

NB: Administrative dates may be subject to change; academic deadlines are firmly set.