



# ACADEMIC YEAR IN FREIBURG

## Program Dates 2027-2028

Arrival in Freiburg / Check-in at train station ( <i>Hauptbahnhof</i> )	Wednesday, September 1, 2027
ORIENTATION I: ● Registration, group meetings	Thursday, Sept. 2 – Tuesday, Sept. 8
ORIENTATION II: ● Language course ● Academic orientation	Tuesday, September 7 – Monday, October 4 Monday, Sept. 6 and Tuesday, Sept. 7
ORIENTATION III: ● Academic advising	Monday, September 13 – Friday, Sept. 24
ORIENTATION EVENTS & FIELD TRIPS: ● Basel, Freiburg, Alsace, Black Forest	Sunday, Sept. 5, Sunday, Sept. 12, Sunday, Sept. 19, and Saturday Sept. 25
Free time to travel ... or meet other students during <i>Erstiwoche</i>	Tuesday, October 5 – Sunday, October 17 <i>which offers special events for newcomers</i>
<b>WINTERSEMESTER 2027-2028</b>	
Freiburg University, Pädag. Hochschule, and AYF <i>Wintersemester</i> classes begin	Monday, October 18 <i>Duration of Wintersemester: 15 weeks</i>
Alsace History Field Trip	Saturday, October 23
Tentative Registration Deadline	Friday, October 25
<i>Allerheiligen</i> (holiday)	Monday, November 1
Final Registration Deadline and Deadline to Add a Course	Friday, November 12
AYF Thanksgiving Celebration	Friday, November 26
Pass/Fail Deadline and Deadline to Drop a Course without entry on transcript	Friday, December 10
CER Deadline (Credit Equivalents Request forms due)	Friday, December 17
Holiday break	Fri., Dec. 24, 2027 – Thursday, Jan. 6, 2028
Classes resume	Friday, January 7
Mandatory Group Meeting	Tuesday, January 11, 4-6 p.m.
<i>Wintersemester</i> classes end	Friday, February 11 (University, PH, AYF)
Academic advising	Feb. 14-25 (exact dates to be finalized)

Deadline for submitting all <i>Wintersemester</i> papers to instructors, copies to AYF	Friday, February 25, 2028
<i>Vorlesungsfreie Zeit</i> a.k.a. <i>Semesterferien</i> Break (10 weeks)	Saturday, February 12 – Sunday, April 23 (University, PH, AYF)
<i>Ostern</i> (holiday)	Friday – Monday, April 14-17
<b>SOMMERSEMESTER 2028</b>	
Freiburg University, PH, and AYF <i>Sommersemester</i> classes begin	Monday, April 24 <i>Duration of Sommersemester: 13 weeks</i>
Straßburg Field Trip / EU Parliament	Saturday, April 29
<i>Tag der Arbeit</i> (holiday)	Monday, May 1
Tentative Registration Deadline	Friday, May 5
Final Registration Deadline and Deadline to Add a Course	Friday, May 19
<i>Christi Himmelfahrt</i> (holiday)	Thursday, May 25
AYF Field Trip to Berlin	Thursday, May 25 – Monday, May 29
Pass/Fail Deadline and Deadline to Drop a Course without entry on transcript	Friday, June 2
University break (Pentecost)	Saturday, June 3 – Sunday, June 11
<i>Fronleichnam</i> (holiday)	Thursday, June 15
Mandatory Group Meeting (end-of-year administrative procedures)	June 20-22 (date and time to be finalized)
CER Deadline (Credit Equivalents Request Forms due)	Friday, June 23
Farewell Barbecue	Saturday, July 22
Freiburg University, PH, and AYF <i>Sommersemester</i> classes end	Friday, July 28, 2028
Deadline for submitting all <i>Sommersemester</i> papers to instructors, copies to AYF	Friday, August 11, 2028

#### Notes:

All AYF program participants are firmly expected to arrive in Freiburg on Wednesday, September 1, 2027, which for most participants will mean departing from the U.S. to Frankfurt or Zurich on August 31, 2027. 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 11, 2028,* to allow time to finish your academic work.

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

**Current as of April 3, 2025. To verify semester start and end dates, please consult:**

**<https://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/de/fristen-und-veranstaltungen/semester-und-vorlesungszeiten/semester-und-vorlesungszeiten-folder> - or contact the program office.**