



ACADEMIC YEAR IN FREIBURG

Program Dates 2026-2027

Arrival in Freiburg / Check-in at train station (<i>Hauptbahnhof</i>)	Tuesday, September 1, 2026
ORIENTATION I: ● Registration, group meetings	Wednesday, Sept. 2 – Tuesday, Sept. 8
ORIENTATION II: ● Language course ● Academic orientation	Monday, September 7 – Friday, October 2 Monday, Sept. 7 and Tuesday, Sept. 8
ORIENTATION III: ● Academic advising	Monday, September 14 – Friday, Sept. 25
ORIENTATION EVENTS & FIELD TRIPS: ● Basel, Freiburg, Alsace, Black Forest	Weekends: September 6, 12, and 20, September 26 and October 3
Free time to travel ... or meet other students during <i>Erstiwoche</i>	Sunday, October 4 – Sunday, October 18 <i>which offers special events for newcomers</i>
WINTERSEMESTER 2026-2027	
Freiburg University, Pädag. Hochschule, and AYF <i>Wintersemester</i> classes begin	Monday, October 19 <i>Duration of Wintersemester: 15 weeks</i>
Alsace History Field Trip	Saturday, October 24
Tentative Registration Deadline	Friday, October 30
<i>Allerheiligen</i> (holiday)	Sunday, November 1
Final Registration Deadline and Deadline to Add a Course	Friday, November 13
AYF Thanksgiving Celebration	Friday, November 27
Pass/Fail Deadline and Deadline to Drop a Course without entry on transcript	Friday, December 11
CER Deadline (Credit Equivalents Request forms due)	Friday, December 18
Holiday break	Thursday, Dec. 24, 2026 – Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2027
Classes resume	Thursday, January 7
Mandatory Group Meeting	Monday, January 11, 4-6 p.m.
<i>Wintersemester</i> classes end	Friday, February 12 (University, PH, AYF)
Academic advising	Feb. 15-26 (exact dates to be finalized)

Deadline for submitting all <i>Wintersemester</i> papers to instructors, copies to AYF	Friday, February 26, 2027
<i>Vorlesungsfreie Zeit</i> a.k.a. <i>Semesterferien</i> (9 weeks)	Saturday, February 13 – Sunday, April 18 (University, PH, AYF)
<i>Ostern</i> (Easter holiday)	Friday – Monday, March 26-29
SOMMERSEMESTER 2027	
Freiburg University, PH, and AYF <i>Sommersemester</i> classes begin	Monday, April 19 <i>Duration of Sommersemester: 13 weeks</i>
Straßburg Field Trip / EU Parliament	Saturday, April 24
Tentative Registration Deadline	Friday, April 30
<i>Tag der Arbeit</i> (holiday)	Saturday, May 1
<i>Christi Himmelfahrt</i> (holiday)	Thursday, May 6
AYF Field Trip to Berlin	Thursday, May 6 – Monday, May 10
Final Registration Deadline and Deadline to Add a Course	Friday, May 14
University break (<i>Pentecost</i>)	Saturday, May 15 – Sunday, May 23
<i>Fronleichnam</i> (holiday)	Thursday, May 27
Pass/Fail Deadline and Deadline to Drop a Course without entry on transcript	Friday, June 4
Mandatory Group Meeting (end-of-year administrative procedures)	June 14-16 (date and time to be finalized)
CER Deadline (Credit Equivalents Request Forms due)	Friday, June 18
Farewell Barbecue	Saturday, July 17
Freiburg University, PH, and AYF <i>Sommersemester</i> classes end	Friday, July 23, 2027
Deadline for submitting all <i>Summersemester</i> papers to instructors, copies to AYF	Friday, August 6, 2027

Notes:

All AYF program participants are firmly expected to arrive in Freiburg on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, which for most participants will mean departing from the U.S. to Frankfurt or Zurich on August 31, 2026. 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 6, 2027,* to allow time to finish your academic work.

NB: Administrative dates may be subject to change; academic deadlines are firmly set. Current as of February 10, 2026. 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>.