

University College Freiburg – Liberal Arts and Sciences

LAS Open Day – June 3, 2022





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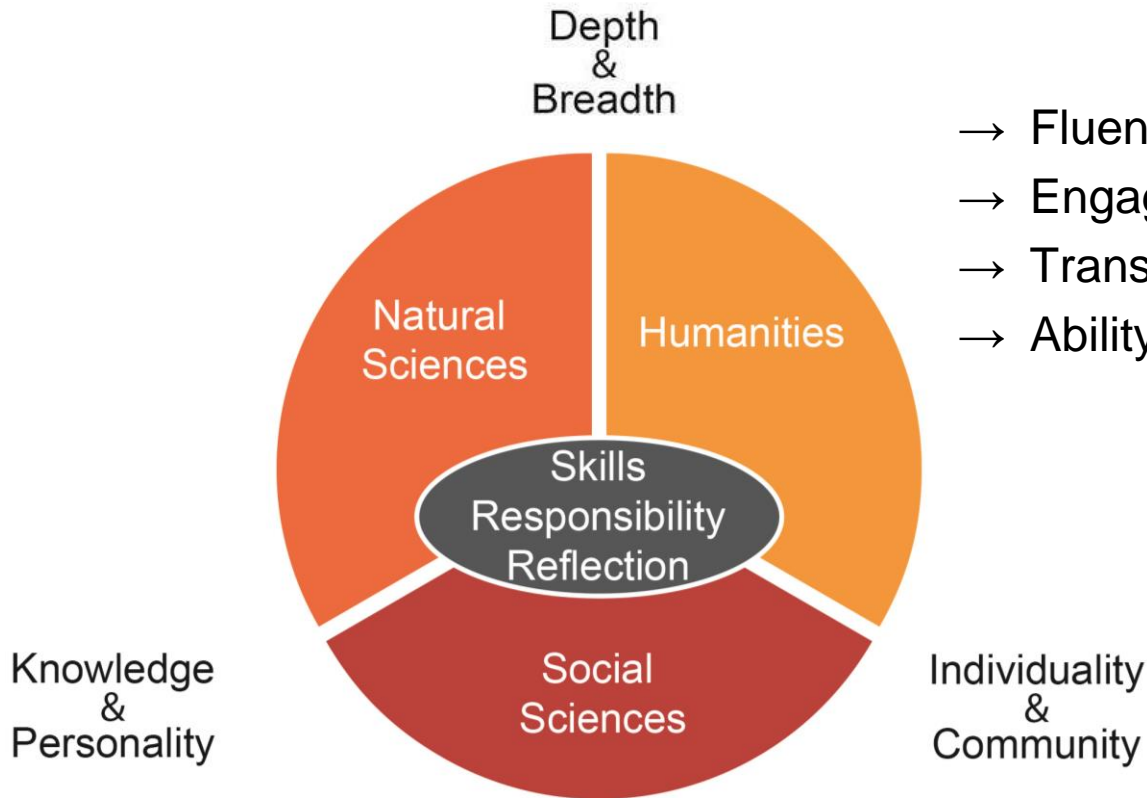
University College Freiburg

- Founded in 2012 at the University of Freiburg
- International, interdisciplinary, innovative teaching and learning
- Liberal Arts and Sciences Bachelor Program (LAS)
- 300 LAS students, 25% international, from more than 40 countries
- International LAS teaching staff at UCF





Liberal Education



- Fluency across boundaries
- Engagement and reflection
- Transferrable skills
- Ability to deal with complexity



LAS – A Brief Outline

4 Year Program = 240 ECTS Credits

Electives

64

Major

including B.A. / B.Sc. Thesis
(12 ECTS Credits)

104

Major Introductions 16

Core

56

Choice e.g. other LAS / university / language courses, study abroad, projects, internships...

Depth

1. Culture and History
2. Environmental and Sustainability Sciences
3. Governance
4. Life Sciences

Foundation (1) Academic key skills,
(2) Responsibility & Leadership, (3) Reflections on science and knowledge



Courses Summer Semester 2022

We offer 40-50 courses per semester. 2022 examples include:

- Urban Forests and Human Health
- Emerging Infectious Diseases
- Ideology Critique in Critical Theory
- Who Am I? A Multidisciplinary Expedition of Human Identity
- Our Earth 101 – A Crash Course in Geosciences
- Research on International Organizations and Foreign Policy
- Neuroscience: From Brain to Behaviour

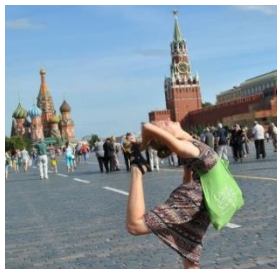
All course catalogs are available on the [UCF website](#).





Study Abroad

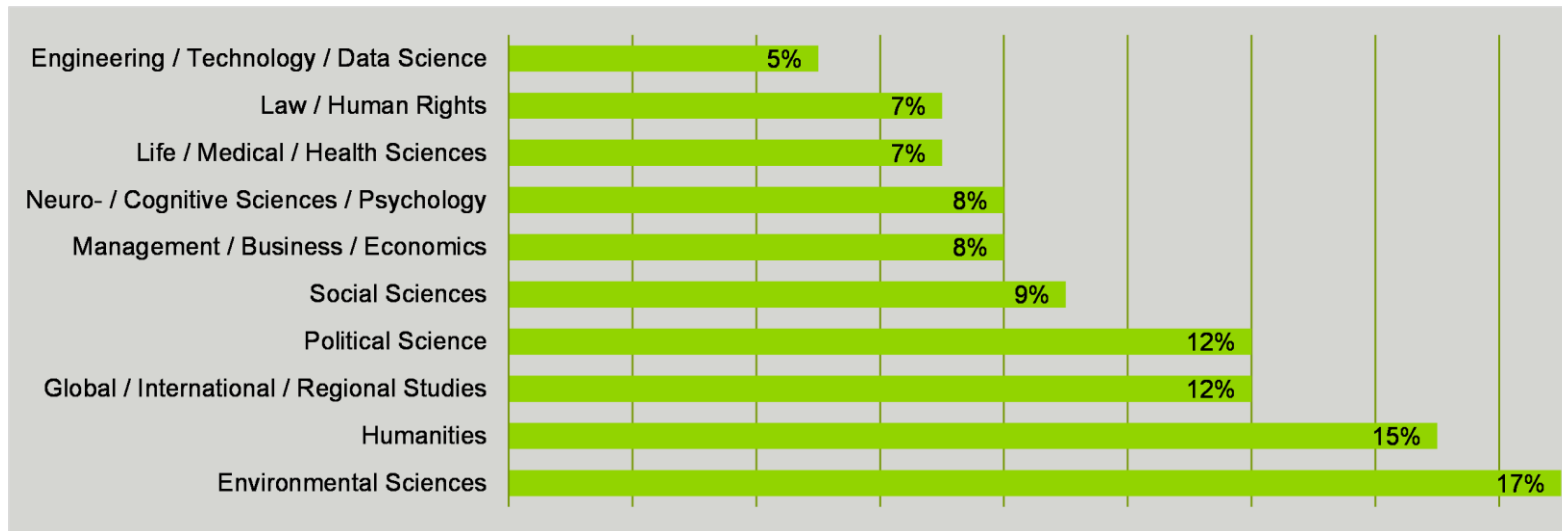
- UCF partners
 - NL UCs: Amsterdam, Groningen, Maastricht (incl. Double Degree), Utrecht
 - UC London, Sciences Po Grenoble, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Uppsala University, University of Warwick, Anglo American University Prague
 - Global: Yokohama City University, Waseda University, Yale-NUS College, University of Arizona
- University of Freiburg Global and Erasmus exchanges
- European University Networks (EUCOR and EPICUR)
- Individually organized study abroad as free movers





After LAS – Graduates

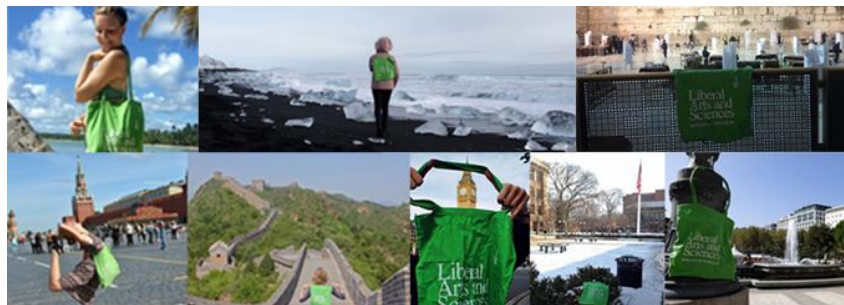
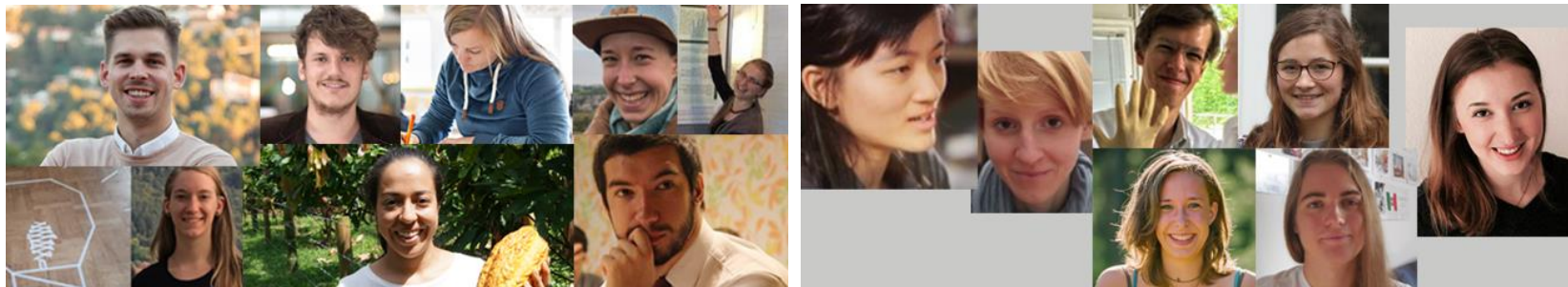
~80% continue with Master / PhD studies (full list on the [UCF website](#)):



Careers in international and governmental institutions, cultural and social organizations, private sector, research institutions...



LAS Stories



More insights from current LAS students, alumni and study abroad stories:

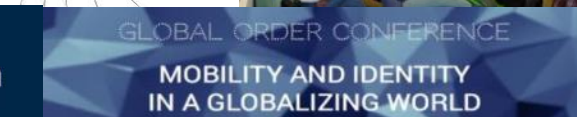
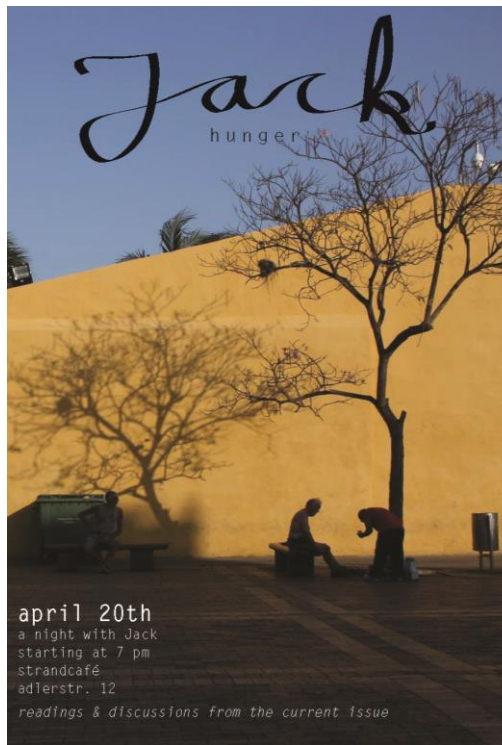
www.ucf.uni-freiburg.de/prospective-students/las-stories

UCF Student Council





Student Initiatives





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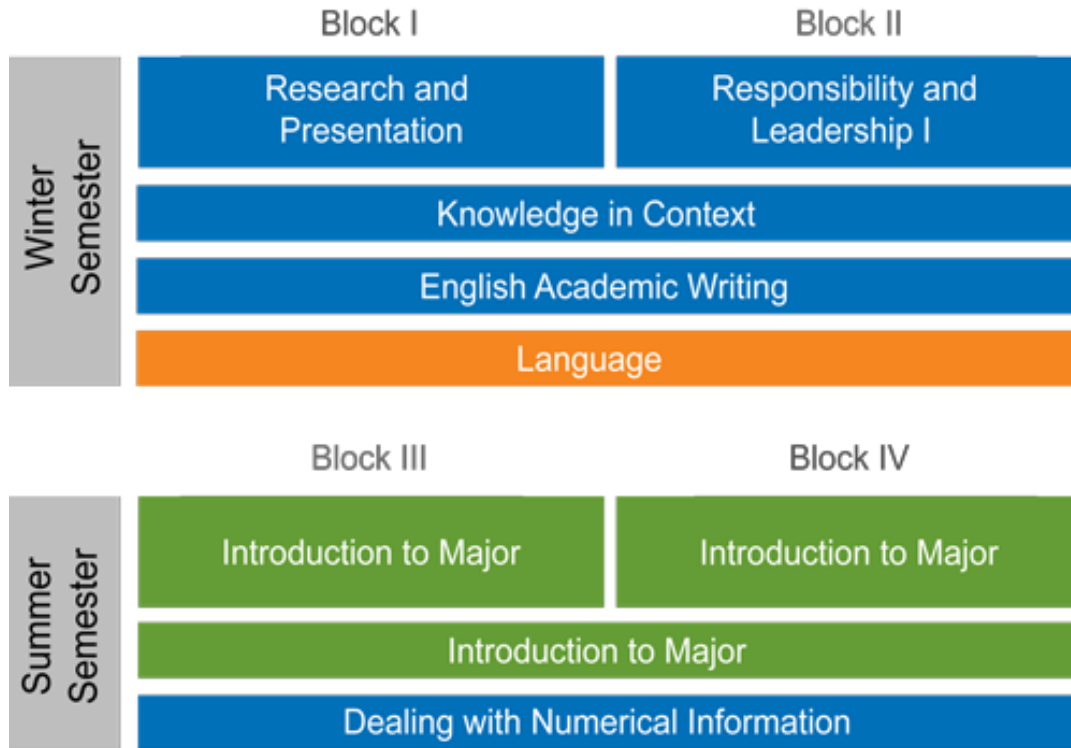
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LAS Foundational Year







Reflections on Science and Knowledge

Science and Technology Studies Prof. Dr. Veronika Lipphardt	Epistemology and Theory of Science Prof. Dr. Frieder Vogelmann
<p>→ What are the social and historical contexts of knowledge and technology?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Living Knowledge▪ Advanced Topics in STS▪ Science, Technology and Society	<p>→ What is knowledge? How do scientific practices differ from non- or pseudo-scientific practices?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Political Epistemology▪ Perspectives on Scientific Practices▪ Critical Theory



Dr. Mila Mikalay



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Culture & History



Dr. Ryan Plumley



Environmental & Sustainability Sciences



Dr. Sabine Sané



Dr. Simon Büchner



Application & Admissions

- LAS is a selective program.
- Selection is based on motivation and aptitude (school diplomas, English proficiency, essay, letter of motivation, selection interview)
- Online application procedure
 - Application period: June 1 – July 15
 - Online A&A sessions on June 24, July 1 and 8
 - Selection interviews (EU): week of August 1-4
 - Notification of acceptance / rejection: ~mid-August
- Detailed information is available on the [UCF website](#), including the [LAS Online Study-Choice Assistant](#)



Study Orientation Test

LAS Online Study-Choice Assistant (OSA)

- Staff and student interviews
- Study skills and quiz
- Sample LAS tasks
- Program overview
- Study orientation test for your LAS application



Dr. Sabine Sand, Major Environmental & Sustainability Sciences



Dr. Simon J. Büchner, Major Life Sciences



Dr. Mila Mikalay, Major Governance



Dr. Ryan Plumley, Major Culture & History

Insights from students

- 1 Why did you choose LAS at UoF?
- 2 What did you find challenging and/or unexpected when you started LAS?
- 3 What is the strongest point in the LAS program?
- 4 What are typical misconceptions of LAS?
- 5 What advice would you give to future LAS students?



Kutayba, Major Culture and History, 6 semester



Teodora, Major Environmental and Sustainability Sciences, 6 semester



Lukas, Major Governance, 6 semester



Luisa, Major Life Sciences, 7 semester



4 Basic Steps

1. Application

You register, upload, and submit your application online.



2. Recognition

We check if they are complete and valid.



3. Selection

based on grades, essay, interview, letter of motivation...



4. Admissions

Letter of acceptance or rejection



Questions?



Liberal Arts and Sciences

Welcome to our Q&A sessions 2022



A Typical Week in Year 1

Schedule Block I Winter Semester 2020/21 for 1st-Year Students					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:00-10:00				Knowledge in Context	
10:00-12:00	Knowledge in Context	English Academic Writing	Responsibility & Leadership	English Academic Writing	
12:00-14:00	Responsibility & Leadership				
14:00-16:00	Research & Presentation				
16:00-18:00		Research & Presentation		Research & Presentation	
18:00-20:00					



1. Academic Key Skills	2. Reflections on Science and Knowledge	3. Responsibility and Leadership
Research and Presentations	Theory of Knowledge	Responsibility and Leadership I
English Academic Writing	Knowledge in Context	Responsibility and Leadership II
Dealing with Numerical Information	Theory of Science	
Advanced Academic Skills	Science in Context	

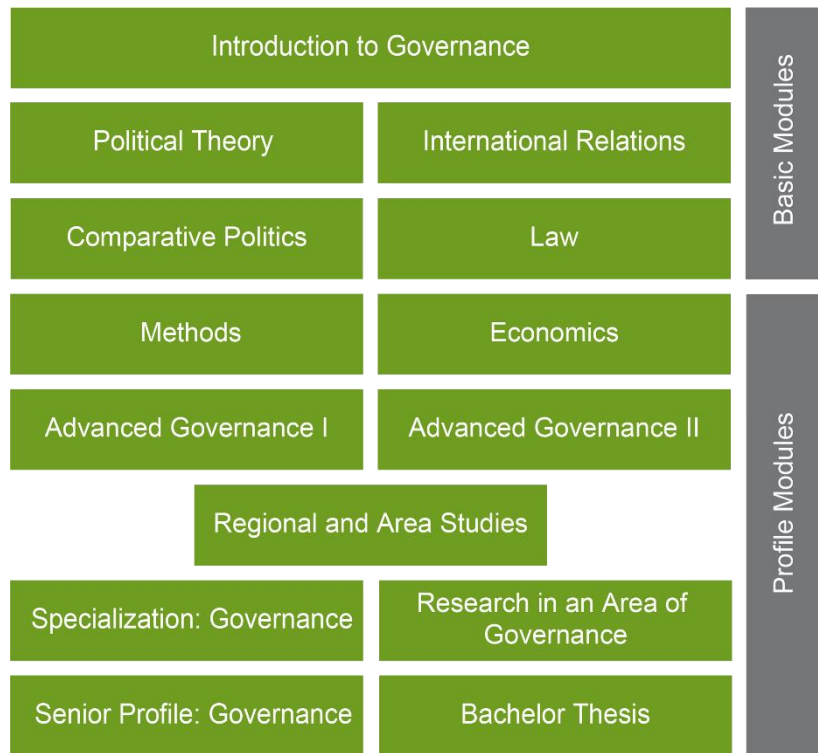


Modules Culture and History

Introduction to Culture and History		Basic Modules
Theory of Culture	Theory of History	
Culture: Arts	Culture: Peoples and Practices	Methods Modules
History: Ancient, Medieval, or Early Modern	History: Modern or Contemporary	
Philosophy	Culture and History I	Profile Modules
Culture and History II	Culture and History III	
Specialization Option I	Specialization Option II	
Senior Profile: Culture and History	Bachelor Thesis	



Modules Governance





Modules Life Sciences

Introduction to Life Sciences		Basic Modules
Cell Biology	Foundational Chemistry	
Physiology	Mathematics for Sciences	
Advanced Life Sciences I	Methods I	
Advanced Life Sciences II	Methods II	Profile Modules
Advanced Life Sciences III	Laboratory Work for the Life Sciences	
Specialization I: Life Sciences	Specialization II: Life Sciences	
Senior Profile: Life Sciences	Bachelor Thesis	



Modules ESS

Introduction to Environmental and Sustainability Sciences		Basic Modules
Ecology and Biodiversity	Environmental Chemistry	
Earth System	Mathematics for the Sciences	
Methods of Observing Nature	Sustainability Sciences	
Humans and Environment I	Humans and Environment II	
Methods I	Methods II	Profile Modules
Specialization I: ESS	Specialization II: ESS	
Senior Profile: ESS	Bachelor Thesis	