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University College Freiburg – Liberal Arts and Sciences

LAS Open Day – June 23, 2023



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Freiburg and its University

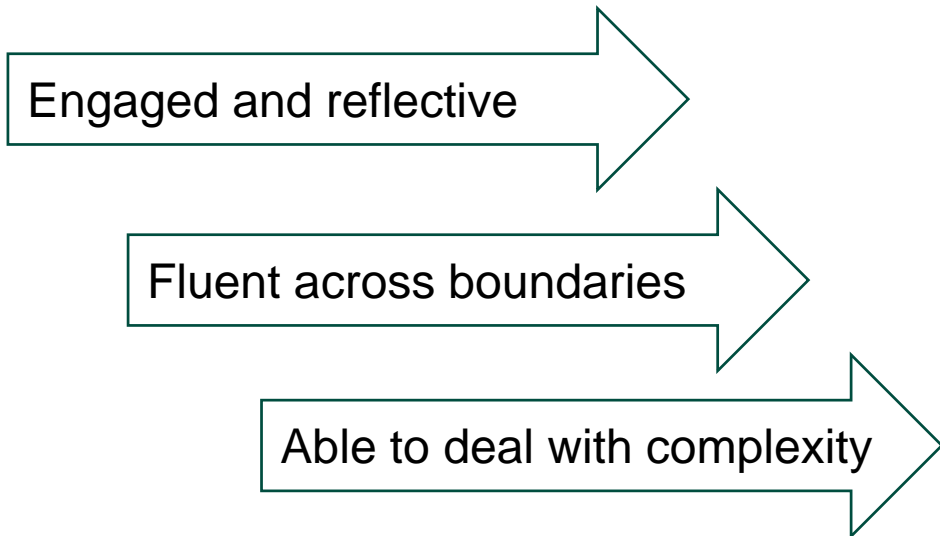
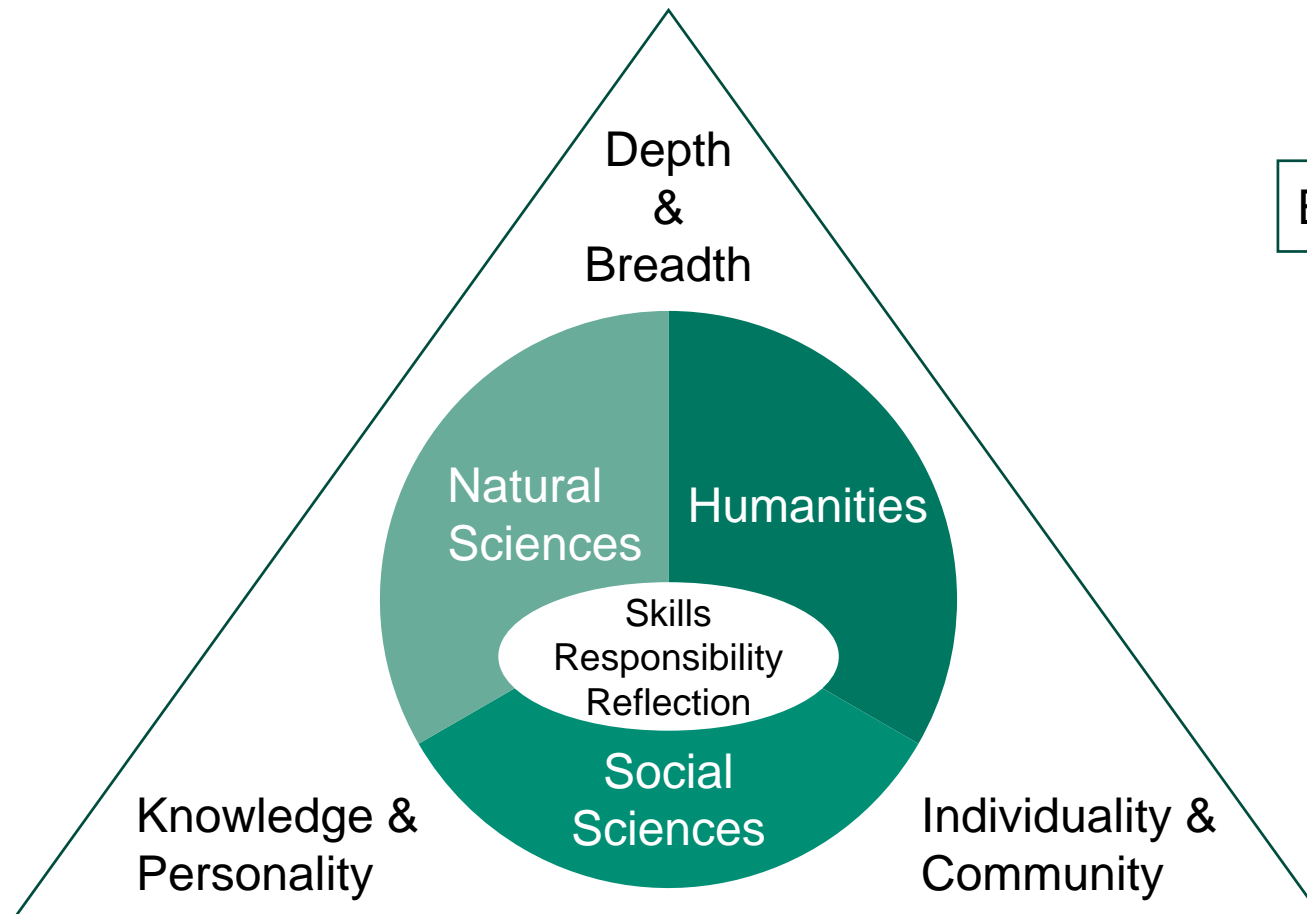




- Founded in 2012 at the University of Freiburg as a central and interfaculty institution
- International, interdisciplinary, innovative teaching and learning offers
- Professorships, teaching and administrative staff
- Liberal Arts and Sciences Bachelor Program (LAS)
- With 300 LAS students, 25% international, from more than 40 countries



What is Liberal Education?



Liberal Arts and Sciences – A Brief Outline



4 Years = 240 ECTS Credits	Electives	64	Choice , e.g. other LAS / Uni Freiburg courses, study abroad, student projects and internships, language courses...
	Major Major Introductions (16) BA/BSc Thesis (12)	120	Depth 1. Culture and History 2. Environmental and Sustainability Sciences 3. Governance 4. Life Sciences
	Core	56	Foundation (1) Academic key skills, (2) Responsibility & Leadership, (3) Reflections on science and knowledge

(1 ECTS credit = 25-30 hours; 1 LAS course = 6 ECTS credits; 5 LAS courses = 30 ECTS credits = 1 semester)

LAS Courses Summer Semester 2023



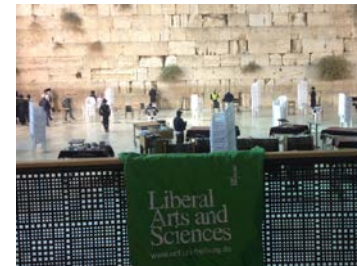
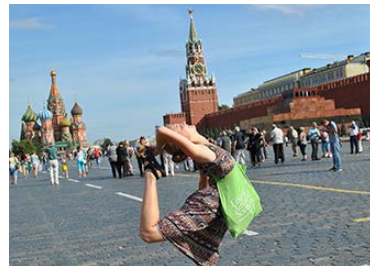
The [LAS Course Catalog](#) includes 40-50 courses per semester. Current examples include:

- Our Earth 101 – A Crash Course in Geoscience
- Science and Practice of Sustainable Gardening
- International Relations and Institutions
- Global Economic Challenges for Public Policy
- Golden Age of Conspiracy and Misinformation
- An Intellectual History of Feminist Thought
- Agility in Leadership
- Human Cognition and Artificial Intelligence





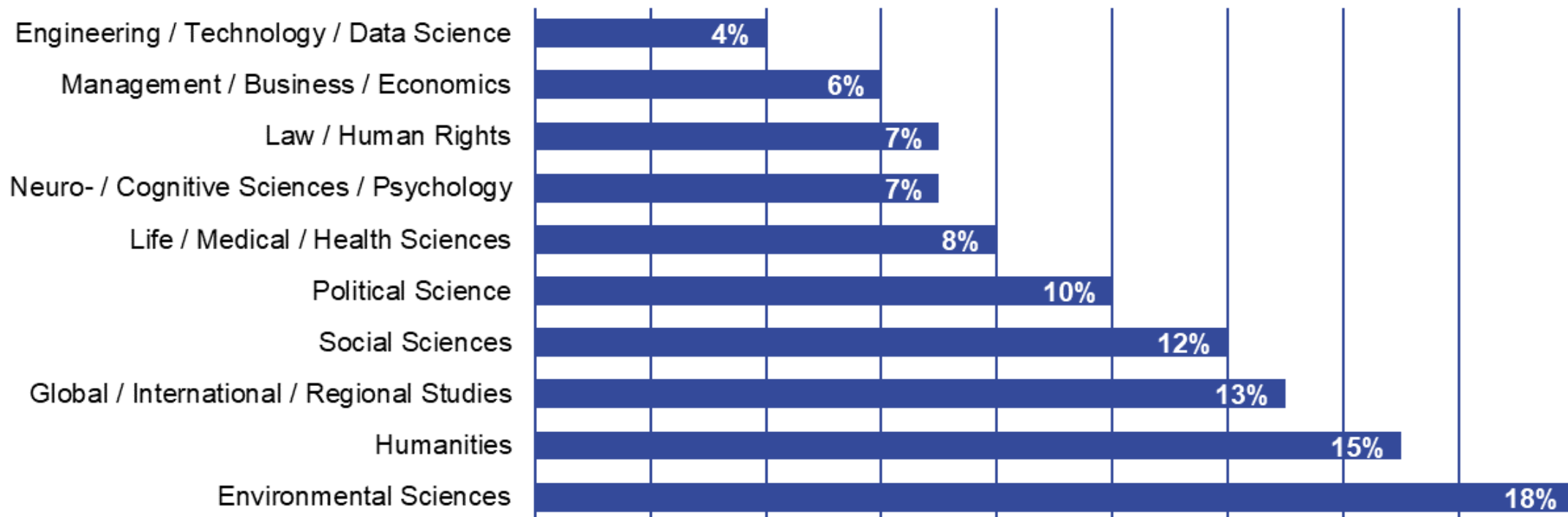
- UCF partners
 - NL UCs: Amsterdam, Groningen, Maastricht (incl. Double Degree), Utrecht
 - University College London, Sciences Po Grenoble, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Uppsala University, University of Warwick, Anglo-American University Prague
 - Global: Yokohama City University, Waseda University,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



After LAS – Graduate Studies



- More than 80% continue with Master / PhD studies
- About 250 distinct programs in a broad range of academic fields (list on the [UCF website](#))



After LAS – Career Paths



Meet Veronika...



- Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Fast track PhD in Bio-Renewable Systems, Penn State University
- Sustainability Consultant engineering industry
- Adjunct Professor at Boise State University

Meet Carl...



- Culture and History
- M.A. Museum Studies University of Amsterdam
- PhD research position UvA and Rautenstrauch-Joest-Museum, Cologne
- LAS Course on “(Post-) Colonial Histories at the Museum” WS 2020/21

Meet Theresa...

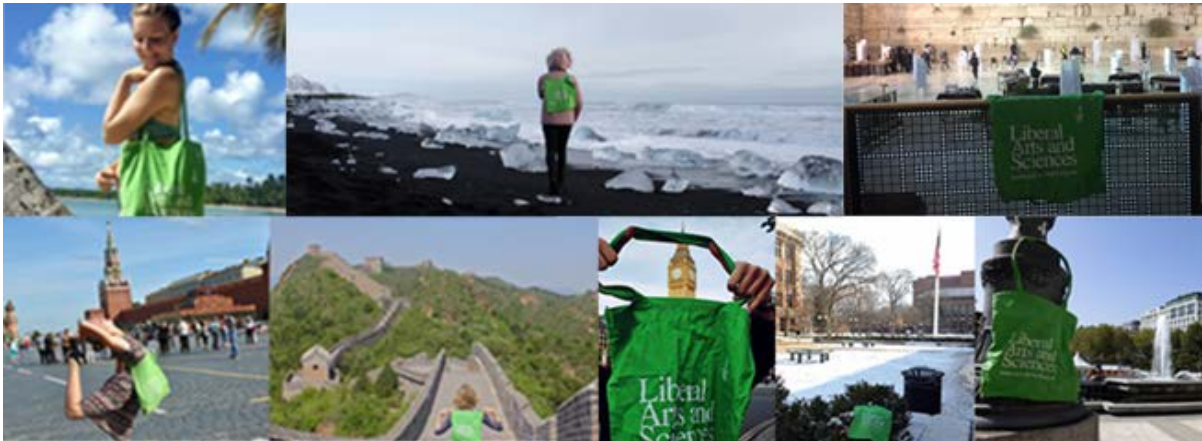


- Life Sciences
- Design Thinking at the Hasso-Plattner-Institut
- M.Sc. Berlin School of Mind and Brain (HU)
- Freelance Coach and Researcher
- Digital Consultant in the IT & Logistics sector

Meet Lennart...



- Governance
- M.Sc. in Management, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- Business Development Manager, IT sector
- University of Freiburg Alumni Ambassador in Spain



Many more insights from LAS students, study abroad stories, and alumni testimonials:

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

Student Council



Student Initiatives



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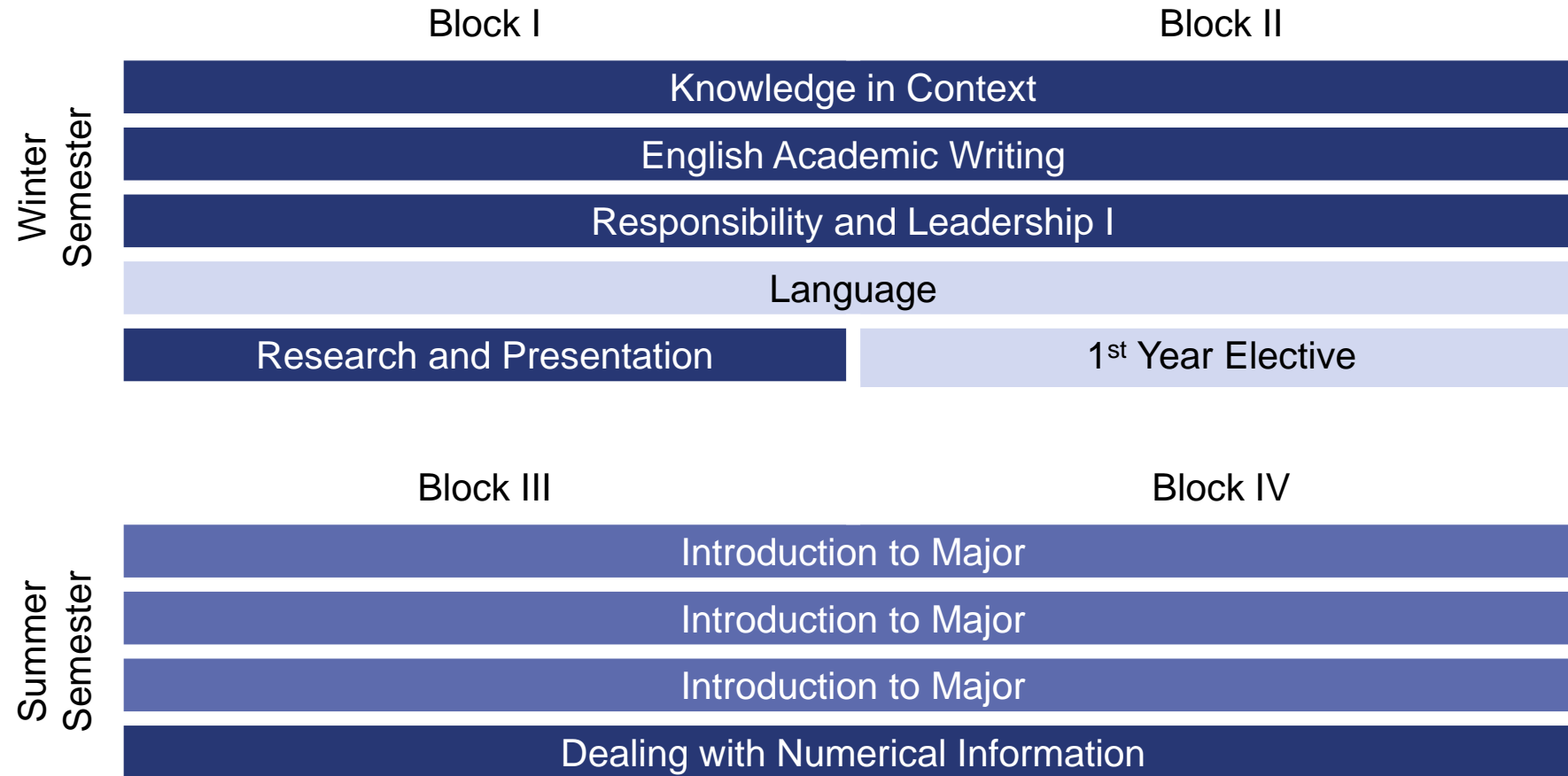
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The Foundational Year







Science and Technology Studies Prof. Dr. Veronika Lipphardt

→ What are the social and historical contexts of knowledge and technology?

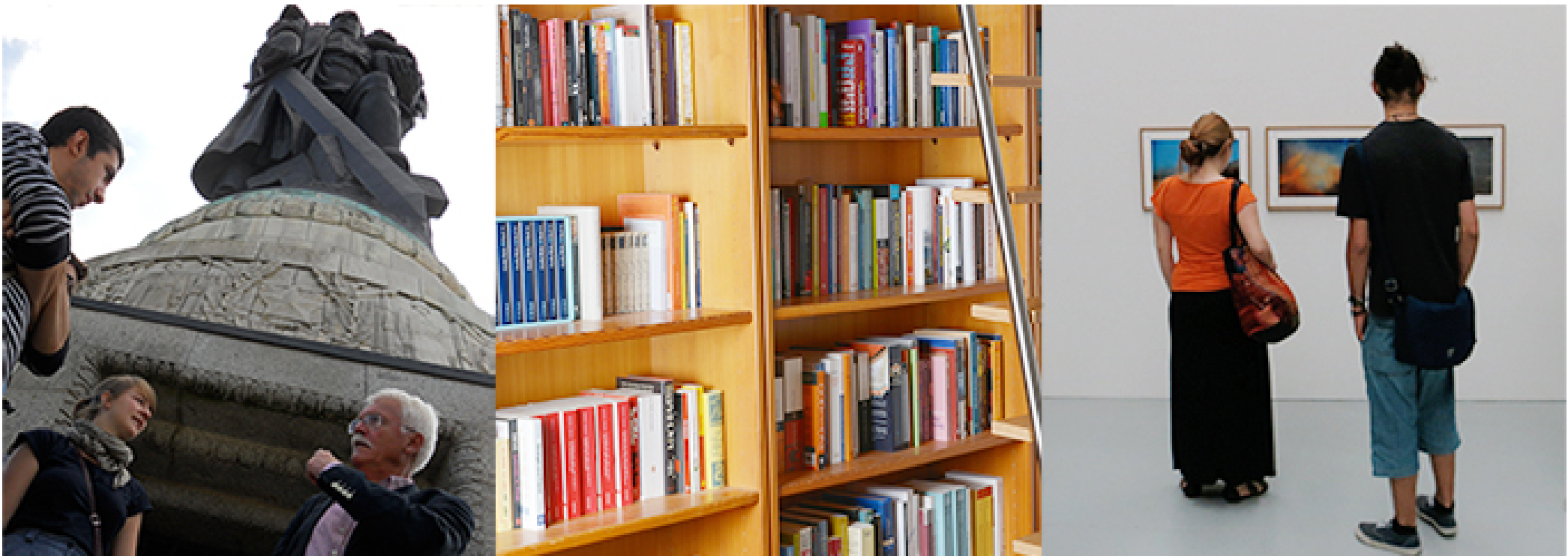
- Living Knowledge
- Advanced Topics in STS
- Science, Technology and Society

Epistemology and Theory of Science Prof. Dr. Frieder Vogelmann

→ What is knowledge? How do scientific practices differ from non- or pseudo-scientific practices?

- Political Epistemology
- Perspectives on Scientific Practices
- Critical Theory

Culture and History



Dr. Ryan Plumley



Dr. Sabine Sané

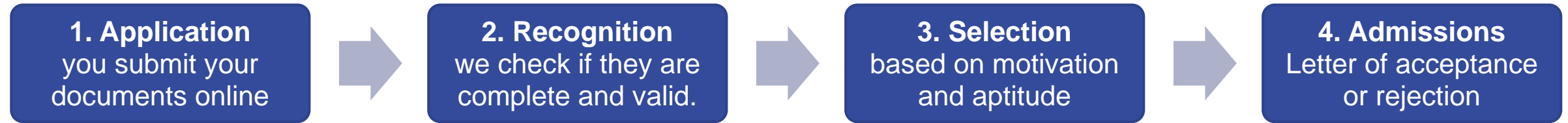


Dr. Mila Mikalay

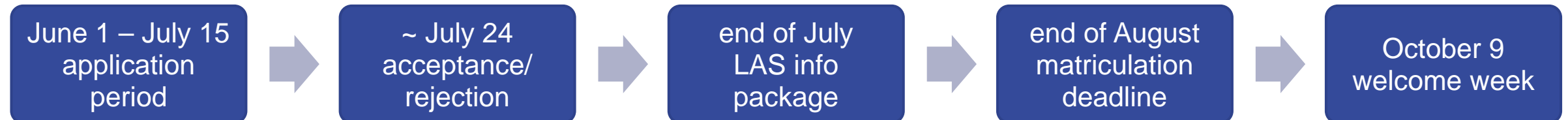


Dr. Simon Büchner

Application & Admissions



- Intake of about 80 students per year with selection based on
 - School diploma(s)
 - Application essay
 - Letter of motivation
 - Minimum B2 English proficiency



Application & Admissions



More...

- Information on documents, requirements, processes...
- Guidelines
- Links and contacts

at: www.ucf.uni-freiburg.de/prospective-students



LAS Application & Admissions

We have an annual intake of about 80 new LAS students. Selection is based on your academic achievements and motivation for studying with us in Freiburg. The LAS application period runs from June 1 – July 15, 2023.

Application documents

For matriculation at the University of Freiburg, you must provide originals of all application documents:

University entrance qualification

B2 English proficiency

Application essay

500 words, in English, answering the following application essay question: "In your opinion, which aspects of today's societies (nationally or internationally) are definitely worth preserving for the future?" (2023)

Please see our [guideline](#) for composing your application essay.

Letter of motivation

Study Orientation Procedure



LAS OSA – The Online Study-Choice Assistant

- LAS staff and student interviews
- Study skills
- Sample LAS assignments
- Program overview
- Study orientation procedure for your LAS application



Dr. Sabine Sané, 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 UCF?
- 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, 8. semester



Lukas, Major Governance, 8. semester



Luisa, Major Life Sciences, 7. semester

Questions?



- Campus Tours at 14:30 and 15:00; meeting point in the UCF Courtyard!
- Q&A Sessions on the “LAS Foundational Year” at 15:00 and 15:30 in Room: 01065

