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University College Freiburg – Liberal Arts and Sciences

LAS Open Day – May 17, 2024



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Freiburg and its University



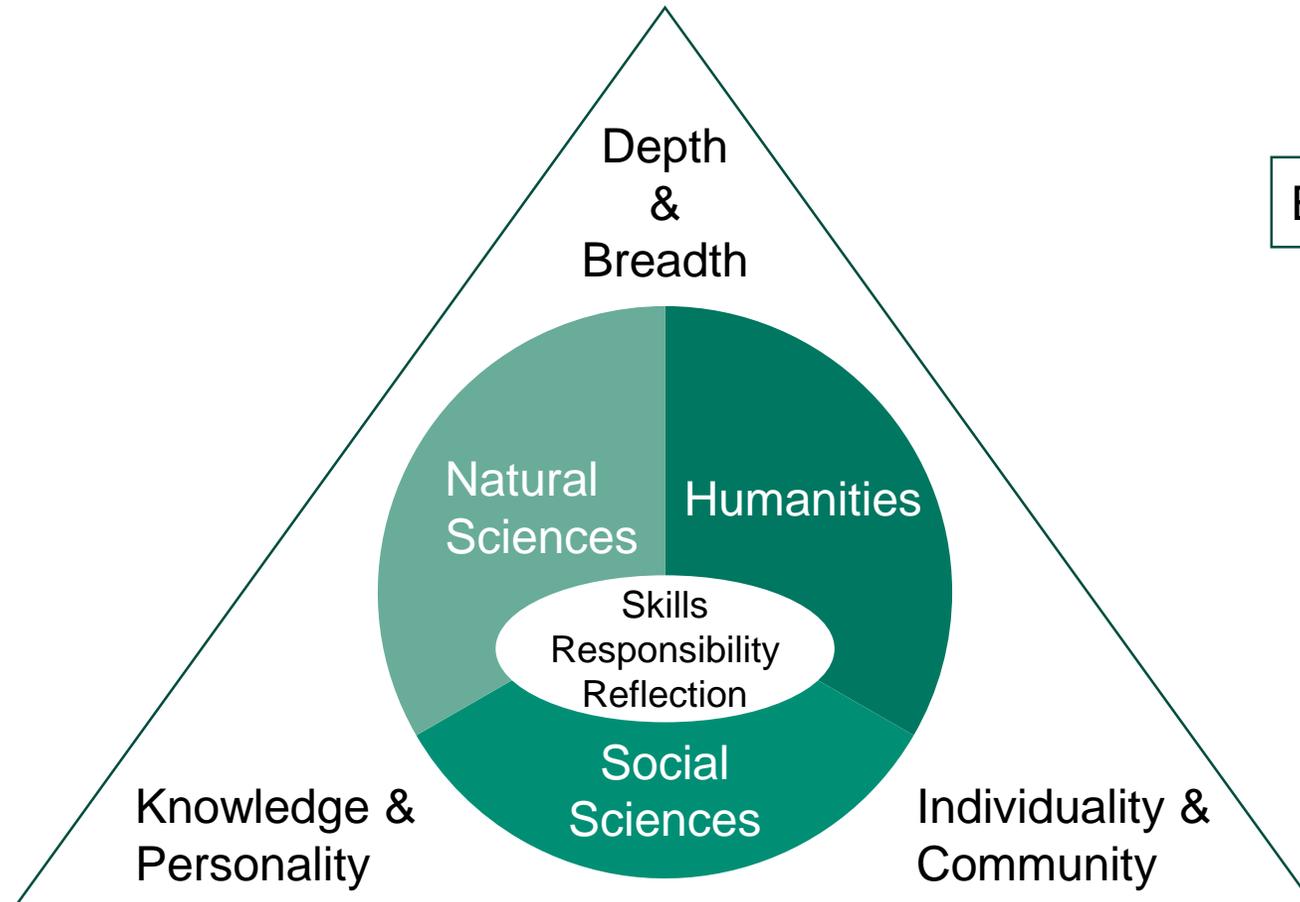
University College Freiburg



- Central and interfaculty institution for international, interdisciplinary teaching and learning offers
- Liberal Arts and Sciences Bachelor Program (LAS)
- Professorships, teaching and administrative staff, teaching import from University and beyond
- ~300 LAS students, ~30% international
- LAS community at a college within a university



What is Liberal Education?



Engaged and reflective

Fluent across boundaries

Able to deal with complexity

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 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Culture and History2. Environmental and Sustainability Sciences3. Governance4. Life Sciences
	Core	56	Foundation (1) Academic key skills, (2) Responsibility & Leadership, (3) Reflections on science and knowledge

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

LAS Courses Summer Semester 2024



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

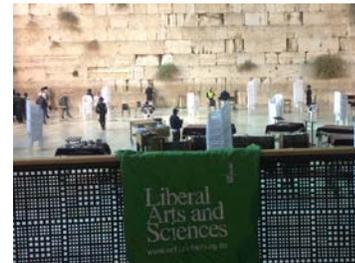
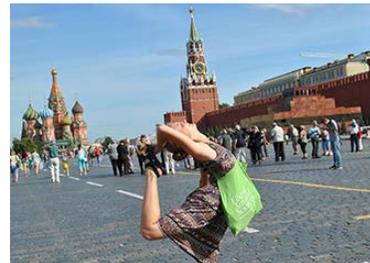
- Pandemics – Determinants and Management
- Psychology of Creativity and Innovation
- Basics of Ecology
- Anthropology of the State: Ethnographic Perspectives
- Introduction to the Philosophy of Science
- Science and Practice of Sustainable Gardening
- Comparative Governments of the Global South
- Sensation and Perception



Study Abroad



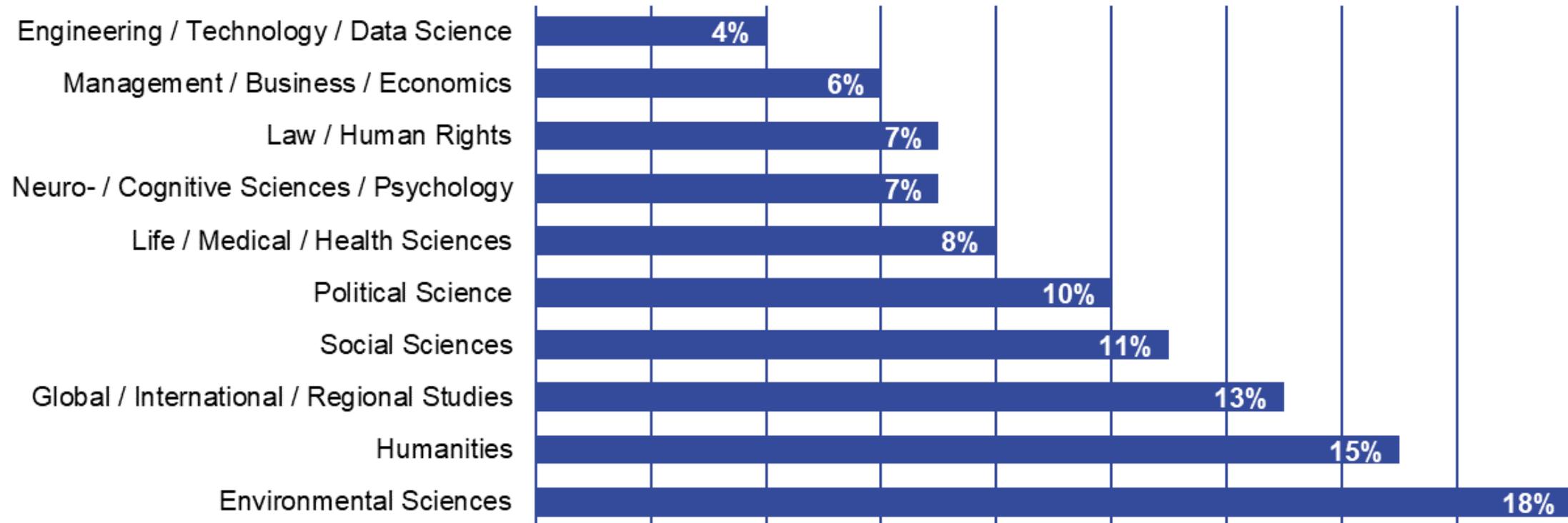
- UCF partners
 - NL UCs: Amsterdam, Groningen, Maastricht (incl. Dual Degree), Utrecht
 - University College London, Anglo-American University Prague, Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts, Sciences Po Grenoble
 - Universities of Madrid, Uppsala, Warwick, Birmingham, Thessaloniki
 - Universities of Yokohama, Waseda
- University Global and Erasmus exchanges, European Networks EUCOR and EPICUR
- Individually organized study abroad as free movers



After LAS – Graduate Studies



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



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...

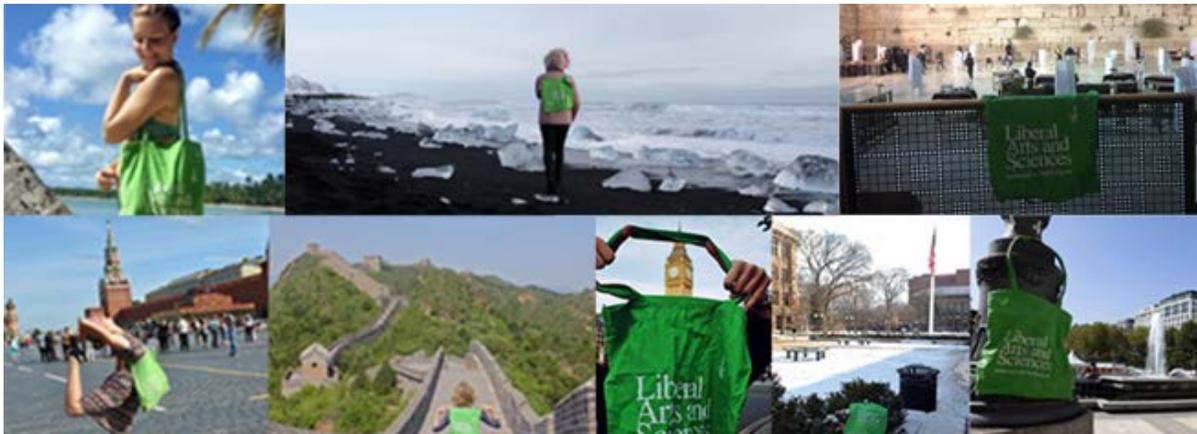


- Governance
- M.Sc. in Management, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- Business Development Manager, IT sector
- University of Freiburg Alumni Ambassador in Spain



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

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



Student Council



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STUDENT
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Student Initiatives



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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

Governance

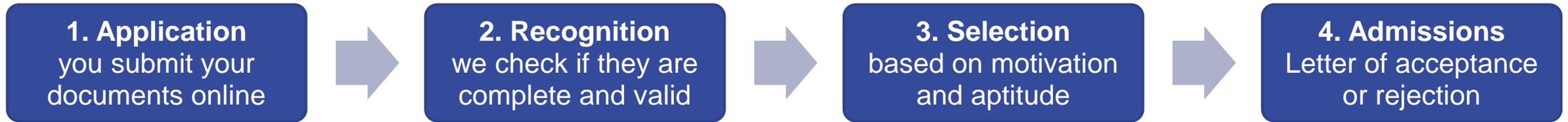


Dr. Mila Mikalay

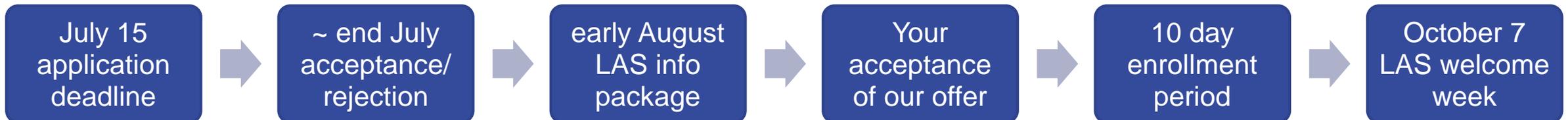


Dr. Simon Büchner

Application & Admissions



- Intake of about 80 students per year with selection based on
 - School diploma(s)
 - Application essay (max. 500 words)
 - Letter of motivation (max. 500 words)
 - English proficiency at minimum B2



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 students. Selection is based on academic achievements and motivation for studying with us in Freiburg. Application period is June 1 – July 15, 2024.

Application Guideline – How to Apply for the LAS Program

Application documents

University entrance qualification

B2 English proficiency

Application essay

500 words, in English, answering the following application essay question (for 2024):

"What is the difference between truth and opinion? Describe a situation from your own life in which this difference made a difference."

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

Letter of motivation

Study Orientation Test



LAS OSA – The Online Study-Choice Assistant

- LAS staff and student interviews
- Study skills
- Sample LAS assignments
- Program overview
- Study orientation test 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

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



Kuznya, 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?



- Q&A Session on the “LAS Foundational Year” at 14:30 in Room: 01 036a
- Campus Tour at 15:00; meeting point in the UCF Courtyard!

