University College Freiburg – Liberal Arts and Sciences

LAS Open Day – April 12, 2019
Paul Sterzel – Managing Director
Freiburg and its University
Liberal Education

- Fluency across boundaries
- Engagement and reflection
- Transferrable skills
- Ability to deal with complexity
Choice e.g. other LAS / university / language courses, study abroad, student projects

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

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

Thorsten Leiendecker, M.A.
Reflections on Science and Knowledge

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
PD Dr. Tobias Henschen

→ What is (scientific) knowledge? How do we achieve it? How do we know what we know?
  - Models Across Disciplines
  - Perspectives on Science
  - International Trade
Culture & History

Dr. Ryan Plumley
Earth & Environmental Sciences

Dr. Sabine Sané
Governance

Dr. Liudmila Mikaleyeva
Life Sciences

Dr. Simon Büchner
Questions?

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Courses Summer Semester 2019

- Living Knowledge: An Introduction to Qualitative Research
- International Justice and Ethical Leadership by Design
- Beer and Wine as Crafts
- Psychological Foundations for Responsible Citizen- and Leadership
- Understanding the Causes of Brexit: Britain and Europe Since 1945
- Imagined Spaces: Self and Place in the 21st Century
- Energy Technology
- Ecology – From Genetic Adaptations to Communities
- International Relations and Institutions
- Comparative Politics
- Genetics and Epigenetics
- Global Health – Emerging Infectious Disease

→ LAS Course Catalog on the UCF website
Study Abroad

- **UCF Erasmus exchanges**
  - NL UCs: Amsterdam, Groningen, Maastricht (incl. Double Degree), Utrecht
  - University College London, Sciences Po Grenoble, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Uppsala University, University of Warwick

- **UCF Partners:** Schreyer Honors College, Waseda University, Yale-NUS College

- **Uni Freiburg Global and Erasmus exchanges**

- **Free movers** (individually organized study abroad)
After LAS – Graduates

- 170 alumni in 3 graduating cohorts since 2016
- Intern-, traineeships, employment
  - International organizations, e.g. United Nations, Human Rights Watch
  - Governmental institutions, e.g. Bavarian Parliament, European Parliament, Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
  - Cultural and social organizations, e.g. theater, Caritas, museum, cultural and educational management
  - National and international businesses (e.g. commerce, tech, publishing) and (social) entrepreneurships
  - Research institutions, e.g. Universities, Fraunhofer, Think Tanks
- About 85% of LAS graduates continue with Master / PhD studies; full list on the UCF website
After LAS – Graduate Studies

- City Design and Social Science, M.Sc., London School of Economics (C&H)
- Museum Studies, M.A., University of Amsterdam (C&H)
- Soziologie, M.A., Universität Freiburg (C&H)
- Biorenewable Systems, PhD, Penn State University (EES)
- Environmental Engineering, M.Sc., Hamburg University of Technology (EES)
- Umweltwissenschaften, M.Sc., Universität Freiburg (EES)
- Comparative Social Policy, M.Sc. / PhD, University of Oxford (GOV)
- Humangeographie – Global Studies, M.A., Universität Tübingen (GOV)
- Law, LLM, University of Edinburgh (GOV)
- Politikwissenschaft, M.A., LMU München (GOV)
- Artificial Intelligence, M.Sc., Maastricht University (LS)
- Cognitive Computation, PhD, Universität Freiburg (LS)
- Molecular Medicine, M.Sc., Charité Berlin (LS)
Key dates 2019

- Application period: June 1 – July 15
- Interviews: July 29 – August 2 (for EU Applicants only)
- Welcome Week: October 14; LAS classes: October 21

Contacts and questions

- EU → UCF: application@ucf.uni-freiburg.de
- Non-EU → IAS: international@service.uni-freiburg.de
  (recognition of non-German high school diplomas)
Application Procedure

1. Online registration at the Student Service Center (SCS): 
   www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/application/bts

2. Complete LAS application
   - LAS application form
   - University entrance qualification (“Abitur” or equivalent)
   - English proficiency at min. B2 level
   - Letter of motivation (max 1,000 words)
   - Curriculum vitae (non-EU only)
   - “Study orientation test” (for matriculation), e.g. the LAS
     Online Study-Choice Assistant
LAS Online Study-Choice Assistant

- LAS impressions and people
- Study skills
- Sample tasks
- Program overview
- Study orientation test
3. Complete application by surface mail!

4. Preliminary ranking based on GPA of your University entrance qualification

5. Selection Interviews (July 29 – August 2)
   - Invitations about 1 week after the application deadline
   - Interviews at UCF with letter of motivation as starting point

6. Final ranking based on your “Selection Score” (University entrance qualification and interview score)

7. Letter of acceptance or rejection mid-August
Non-EU Citizens

3. Complete application
   → Upload all application documents
   → LAS application form by surface mail
   → Original application documents for matriculation!

4. Ranking based on University entrance qualification and motivation to study LAS at UCF; no Selection Interviews

5. Letter of acceptance or rejection mid-August

State of Baden-Württemberg Study Fees (as of 2017/18)
- €1,500 per semester (non-EU/EEA students), €650 per semester (2nd degree)
- For more information and exemption regulations, see the Uni Student Portal
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| 2:30   | **Information Market**  
|        | 2:30 – 5:00  
|        | ▪ LAS Majors and Core  
|        | ▪ Application and Admissions  
|        | ▪ Exchange Programs  
|        | ▪ Studying LAS at UCF with LAS students and UCF staff  
|        | Alte Uni, 1st Floor                                                 |
| 3:00   | **Campus Tour**  
|        | Meeting: Alte Uni, Court Yard                                       |
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|        | Meeting: Alte Uni, Court Yard                                       |
|        | **Q&A Foundational Year**  
|        | Lecturers and Students  
|        | Alte Uni, 1st Floor, R 01072                                         |
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OPEN DAYS 2019
APRIL 12th & JUNE 7th
# A Typical Week in Year 1

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LAS Foundational Year

**Block I**
- Research and Presentation
- English for Academic Purposes
- Theory of Knowledge
- Responsibility and Leadership I

**Block II**
- Written Expression
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**Block III**
- Dealing with Numerical Information
- Introduction to Major
- Knowledge in Context

**Block IV**
- Introduction to Major
- Introduction to Major