

# Liberal Arts and Sciences Application and Admissions 2022

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# University College Freiburg

- Founded in 2012 at the University of Freiburg
- International, interdisciplinary, innovative, and research-based 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



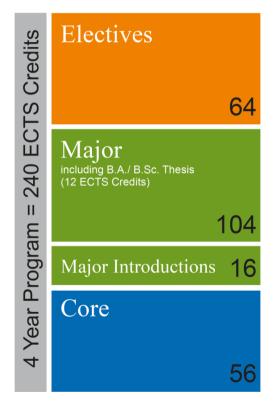








#### LAS – A Brief Outline



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

#### **Depth**

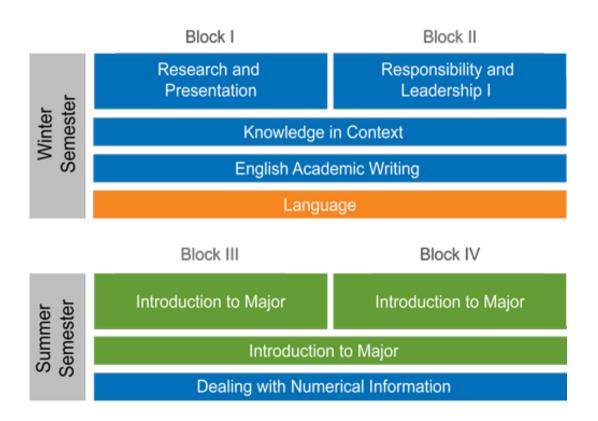
- 1. Culture and History
- 2. Environmental and Sustainability Sciences
- 3. Governance
- 4. Life Sciences

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





#### LAS Foundational Year





## 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 <u>UCF website</u>.











# Study Abroad

- 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
  - Global: Schreyer Honors College, Waseda University, Yale-NUS College, University of Arizona
- University of Freiburg Global and Erasmus exchanges and European University Networks (EUCOR and EPICUR)
- Free movers (individually organized study abroad)







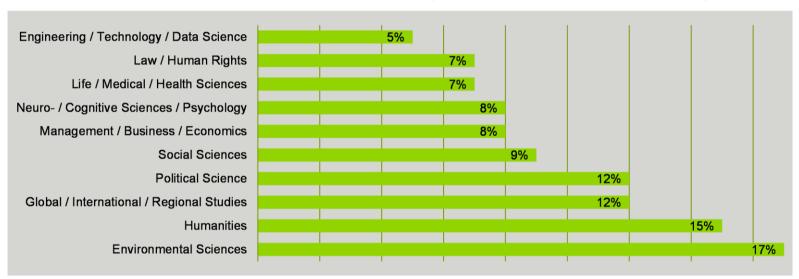






### After LAS – Graduates

~80% continue with Master / PhD studies (full list on the <u>UCF website</u>):



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





## Application & Admissions

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# 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



#### **Process**

- LAS is a selective program
- Selection is based on motivation and aptitude (school diplomas, English proficiency, essay, letter of motivation, selection interview)
- Key dates
  - Application period: June 1 July 15
  - Selection interviews (EU): week of August 1
  - Notification of acceptance / rejection: ~mid-August
- Online application
  - Register at <u>hochschulstart.de</u>: BID (Bewerbungs-ID = Applicant ID) and BAN (Bewerbungs-Authentifizierung = Applicant Authentication Number)
  - Upload to Uni Freiburg application portal: <u>campus.uni-freiburg.de/</u>
- Original application documents for matriculation!





#### **Documents**

- University entrance qualification: school leaving diploma and transcript of grades ("Abitur" or equivalent)
- □ Proof of English proficiency at min. B2 level
- □ Application Essay (250-350 words):

  Is it difficult to be or to become a good world citizen? Why or why not?
- □ Letter of Motivation (max. 650 words)
- □ non-EU only: Curriculum vitae
- Study-orientation test, e.g. Online Study-Choice Assistant



#### **EU Process**

- 1st ranking based on University entrance qualification and application essay
- Selection interviews
  - Invitations ~1 week after the application deadline
  - Letter of motivation as starting point for the interview
- Final ranking based on University entrance qualification and interview
- 4. Notification of acceptance or rejection mid-August



#### Non-EU Process

- Ranking based on University entrance qualification, motivation to study LAS, application essay
- 2. No selection interviews
- 3. Notification of acceptance or rejection mid-August

#### State of Baden-Württemberg Study Fees

- €1,500 per semester (non-EU/EEA students), €650 per semester (2<sup>nd</sup> degree)
- For more information and exemption regulations, see the <u>Uni Student Portal</u>



## LAS Stories







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

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





# 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					



### LAS Core

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

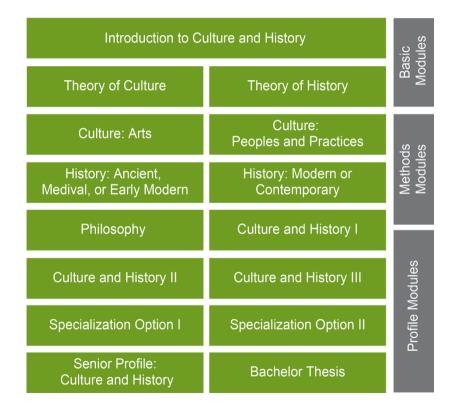
Theory of Science

Advanced Academic Skills

Science in Context

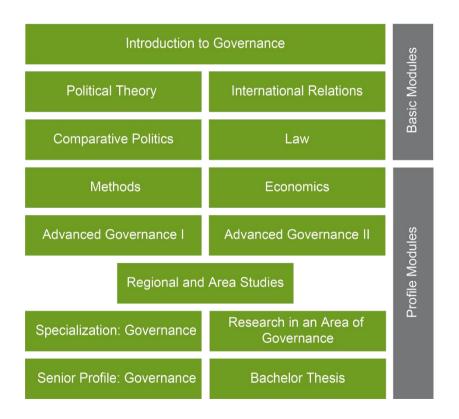


## Modules Culture and History



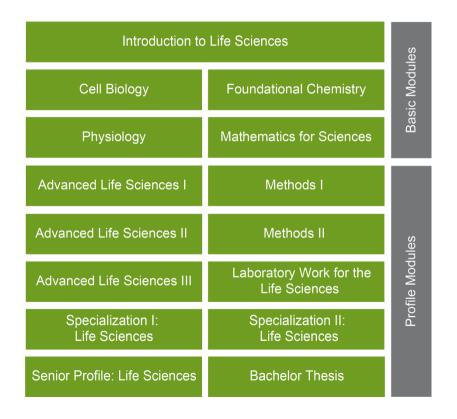


#### Modules Governance





### Modules Life Sciences





## Modules ESS

Introduction to Environmental and Sustainability Sciences			
Ecology and Biodiversity	Environmental Chemistry	salnpo	
Earth System	Mathematics for the Sciences	Basic Modules	
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	Profile N	
Senior Profile: ESS	Bachelor Thesis		