

Summer University

August 2025

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME in the Afternoon

Exercise Courses and Seminars

11 – 22.08.2025

Mon – Fri, 14:15 – 15:45 and 16:00 – 17:30

Participation optional

max. 2 courses = 2 ECTS

Registration online from 6 August



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Overview

Exercise Courses (A1, A2, B1)

Time	Title	Level	Room
14:15-15:45	Phonetik, Grammatik, Wortschatz	A1.1	KG I, HS 1019
14:15-15:45	Phonetik, Grammatik, Wortschatz	A1.2	KG I, HS 1032
14:15-15:45	Phonetik, Grammatik, Wortschatz	A2.1	KG I, HS 1021
14:15-15:45	Phonetik, Grammatik, Wortschatz	A2.2	KG I, HS 1139
14:15-15:45	Lesen, Schreiben, Grammatik	B1	KG I, HS 1132
16:00-17:30	Deutsch im Alltag	A1	KG I, HS 1019
16:00-17:30	Deutsch im Alltag	A2	KG I, HS 1034
16:00-17:30	Phonetik, Grammatik, Wortschatz	B1	KG I, HS 1139

Overview

Seminars in German (B1, B2, C1)

Time	Title	Level	Room
14:15-15:45	Zeitreise durch die deutsche Geschichte	B1/B2/C1	KG I, HS 1134
14:15-15:45	Wirtschaftsstandort Deutschland, Ökostadt Freiburg	B2/C1	KG I, HS 1231
16:00-17:30	Die Geschichte des deutschen Films	B1/B2	Peterhof, R 4

Lecture Series & Seminar in English (B1+)

Time	Title	Level	Room
14:15-15:45	Lecture Series: Germany and Europe in a Globalizing World	B1+ (English)	KG I, HS 1221
16:00-17:30	Seminar: Sustainability in Practice	B1+ (English)	Peterhof, R 2

Course Descriptions

Exercise Courses in German A1/A2

Phonetics, Grammar, Vocabulary (A1.1)

- Language Level: A1.1
- Time: 14:15 – 15:45
- Room: KG I, HS 1019
- Lecturer: Martina Moog

Phonetics, Grammar, Vocabulary (A1.2)

- Language Level: A1.2
- Time: 14:15 – 15:45
- Room: KG I, HS 1032
- Lecturer: Nicola Hoch

Phonetics, Grammar, Vocabulary (A2.1)

- Language Level: A2.1
- Time: 14:15 – 15:45
- Room: KG I, HS 1021
- Lecturer: Beate Gekeler

Phonetics, Grammar, Vocabulary (A2.2)

- Language Level: A2.2
- Time: 14:15 – 15:45
- Room: KG I, HS 1139
- Lecturer: Dr. Joachim Schote

By oral training you can apply and practise the grammar competence which you acquired in the language course. Pronunciation rules are made clear and are actively applied. You will be able to extend your vocabulary with the help of role-play, group or partner work as well as exercises on vocabulary.

Course Descriptions

Exercise Courses in German A1/A2

German in Everyday Life (A1)

- Language Level: A1.1 / A1.2
- Time: 16:00 – 17:30
- Room: KG I, HS 1019
- Lecturer: Martina Moog

German in Everyday Life (A2)

- Language Level: A2
- Time: 16:00 – 17:30
- Room: KG I, HS 1034
- Lecturer: Eva Freischläger

German is not only grammar, but also means of communication. In this course you will learn how to successfully communicate in German. With the help of dialogue exercises, pronunciation and role-playing games you will practise conversation skills which help improving clarity in speech and boosting confidence in everyday situations.

Course Descriptions

Exercise Courses in German B1

Reading, Writing, Grammar (B1)

- Language Level: B1
- Time: 14:15 - 15:45
- Room: KG I, HS 1132
- Lecturer: Gerhard Borchert

In this exercise, the most important structures of German grammar are explained and practised. These topics are introduced by means of analytical presentations or speaking and writing exercises. Participants increasingly write their own texts in which they are expected to use the structures they have learnt. On the last days of the course, more complicated texts are also read with guidance. Continuous feedback would be provided, during which further grammatical structures and vocabulary are clarified according to the needs and abilities of the participants.

Phonetics, Grammar, Vocabulary (B1)

- Language Level: B1
- Time: 16:00 – 17:30
- Room: KG I, HS 1139
- Lecturer: Dr. Joachim Schote

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Course Descriptions

Seminare auf Deutsch B1/B2/C1

Zeitreise durch die deutsche Geschichte (B1/B2/C1)

- Sprachniveau: B1/B2/C1
- Termin: 14:15 - 15:45
- Raum: KG I, HS 1134
- Dozent: Gunnar Jerosch

In diesem Seminar beschäftigen wir uns mit den wichtigsten Ereignissen der vergangenen 100 Jahre. Neben Texten und historischen Fotos können wir auch mit Videos in die Vergangenheit eintauchen und dabei feststellen, wie vergangene Ereignisse auch in der jetzigen Zeit noch präsent sind. So führt die Auseinandersetzung mit der Geschichte zu einem besseren Verständnis dafür, was heute geschieht. Schließlich werden wir auch auf die Geschichte Freiburgs eingehen.

Die Geschichte des deutschen Films (B1/B2)

- Sprachniveau: B1/B2
- Termin: 16:00 – 17:30
- Raum: Peterhof, R 4
- Dozent: Hans Overmann

Der deutsche Film ist geprägt von verschiedenen Epochen und Strömungen, die seine Entwicklung maßgeblich beeinflusst haben. Von den expressionistischen Meisterwerken der 1920er Jahre über die Propagandafilme des Dritten Reiches, das Kino der Nachkriegszeit und den Neuen Deutschen Film der 1960er bis 1980er Jahre bis hin zur Vielfalt heutiger Filmproduktionen hat sich der deutsche Film stetig weiterentwickelt. Dabei spiegeln die Filme nicht nur die gesellschaftlichen und politischen Entwicklungen wider, sondern präg(t)en diese auch maßgeblich mit. Die Geschichte des deutschen Films ist somit ein faszinierendes Spiegelbild der deutschen Kultur und Geschichte.

Anhand ausgewählter Filme werden die einzelnen Filmepochen dargestellt und mit exemplarischen Filmausschnitten unterlegt und analysiert.

Course Descriptions

Seminare auf Deutsch B2/C1

Wirtschaftsstandort Deutschland, Ökostadt Freiburg (B2/C1)

- Sprachniveau: B2/C1
- Termin: 14:15 - 15:45
- Raum: KG I, HS 1231
- Dozent: Dr. Ralf Müller

Die deutsche Wirtschaft gilt als eine der leistungstärksten der Welt. Das Erfolgsmodell der sozialen Marktwirtschaft sicherte dem Land jahrzehntelang Stabilität und Wohlstand. Heute steht die deutsche Wirtschaft vor nie dagewesenen Herausforderungen – eine veränderte geopolitische Situation, der Klimawandel, Turbulenzen im Finanzsystem, demografischer Wandel, Migration – die sie zeitweilig sogar in die Rezession rutschen ließen.

In diesem Spannungsfeld zwischen erfolgreicher Vergangenheit und ungewisser Zukunft steht der Kurs „Wirtschaftsstandort Deutschland“. Nach einer Bestandsaufnahme zur konjunkturellen Lage Deutschlands erfolgt ein historischer Rückblick auf die Wirtschaft der Nachkriegszeit, das Wirtschaftswunder, die deutsche Teilung mit der Entwicklung der sozialen Marktwirtschaft auf der einen und der sozialistischen Planwirtschaft auf der anderen Seite und schließlich die Wiedervereinigung.

Im Hauptteil des Seminars geht es um die Frage, wie die deutsche Wirtschaft versucht, den neuen Herausforderungen gerecht zu werden, wobei der Umbau der sozialen zu einer sozial-ökologischen Marktwirtschaft im Mittelpunkt steht. Konkret behandelt werden Themen wie Fachkräftemangel, Energiepolitik, Mobilität, Modernisierung der Infrastruktur, Digitalisierung und Künstliche Intelligenz sowie soziale Fragen wie das Bürgergeld, eine generationengerechte Rentenpolitik oder die Ansprüche der Generation Z in der Arbeitswelt.

Besondere Aufmerksamkeit wird in diesem Kurs der Green City Freiburg gewidmet, die beim ökologischen Umbau der Wirtschaft schon seit langem eine Vorreiterrolle spielt.

Als Kursmaterialien dienen aktuelle Presseartikel, Podcasts, Videos und Schaubilder.

Course Descriptions

Seminar in English B1/B2/C1

Sustainability in Practice: Insights from Freiburg Green City Initiatives

- Language Level: English B1+
- Time: 16:00 – 17:30
- Room: Peterhof, R 2
- Lecturers: Giulia Sabattoli and Ilaria De Altin

The course offers a comprehensive exploration of sustainability across multiple fields, with Freiburg - a city renowned for its green initiatives - as a living classroom. Students will engage in interactive classroom lessons to build a strong theoretical foundation, covering key sustainability concepts and practices. Through workshops, participants will critically reflect on the impact of their own cities, explore innovative solutions, and develop ideas for sustainable change. Excursions throughout Freiburg will immerse students in real-world applications of sustainability, showcasing best practices in urban planning, sustainable energy, waste management, and community engagement. This experiential course is designed to inspire students to connect theory with practice, using Freiburg successes as a model for their own sustainable futures.

Course Descriptions

Lectures in English B1/B2/C1

Lecture Series: Germany and Europe in a Globalizing World

- Language Level: English B1+
- Time: 14:15 – 15:45
- 1 ECTS only for all 10 lectures
- Room: KG I, HS 1221

11 August

Germany at the Heart of Europe: Historical Legacy, European Unity and Global Challenges

Speaker: Dr. Hermann Rasche

This introductory talk sets out to cover some basics of Germany's and Europe's history. It will familiarize you with important dates, figures, places. It will reflect on Germany's position within the EU and the wider global context, and it intends to address some of the geo-political challenges that lie ahead.

12 August

Populism in the European Union – regionally, nationally, supranationally

Speaker: Ronald Schleeauf

As populist forces gain momentum in Europe and around the world, populism remains a contested concept in political science. This lecture examines the most accepted definitions of populism and compares populist political actors at the regional, national, and supranational levels of governance in Europe.

13 August

The European Union: History, Institutions, Current Challenges

Speaker: Eric R. Schüler M.A.

United in diversity?

The lecture will give an in-depth overview of the European Union. How did the 27 member states of the EU get here? Which roles do the main EU institutions play?

What are the EU's main challenges right now?

Lectures in English

14 August

Infinite Growth on a Finite Planet?

Speaker: Timo Kretschmer

This session would review the recent debate on economic growth and sustainability to look at the question of whether it is possible to achieve economic growth while counteracting the climate catastrophe and ecological breakdown.

15 August

Environmental Justice and the Global South

Speaker: Timo Kretschmer

We will look at how colonial systems have shaped global environmental breakdown and how climate crisis and ecological breakdown more broadly are playing out along colonial lines.

18 August

A Technological Rebirth: The Rise of the Printing Press in the Upper Rhine Region and the Making of Modernity

Speaker: Leonardo Serviddio

This lecture explores one of the most significant technological breakthroughs of 15th century: the invention of the printing press. Originating in the Upper Rhine region during the transitional period between the Middle Ages and the early Renaissance, the printing press revolutionised the production, preservation, and distribution of knowledge for centuries to come. Learn more about its origins, early development, and rapid expansion across Europe and its impact on education, religion, and society at large. By tracing its journey, discover how this innovation laid the foundation for the modern world.

19 August

Crafting Tradition and Innovation: the Evolution of Enterprises in the Black Forest

Speaker: Marco Kupfer

The Romans called the region Silva Nigra - “Black Forest”. Once vast and impassable, the woods became a vital resource as Europe’s demand for timber grew. Traditional crafts like carving and spinning evolved into renowned industries such as clock-making, glassblowing, and precision engineering. “Made im Schwarzwald” came to signify quality. Though some branches declined with globalisation, innovative technology remains a key part of the region’s economy and identity.

Lectures in English

20 August

Freiburg from the Middle Ages to the present

Speaker: Dr. Silvia Sprenger

In this lecture, you will learn about Freiburg's 900-year history. How did the city develop in the Middle Ages, why do the 'Bächle' exist? Why was French also spoken in the 18th century and when was the first female student enrolled? What can be found in the medieval monasteries today and why is the cathedral market so special?

21 August

Freiburg Minster: Past and Present

Speaker: Dr. Silvia Sprenger

In this lecture, you will learn about the most important building in Freiburg. It took over 300 years to build the church in the Middle Ages. Even today, around 20 stonemasons are still working to preserve this special church. From the tower platform you have the best view of the city and the medieval windows still shine beautifully today.

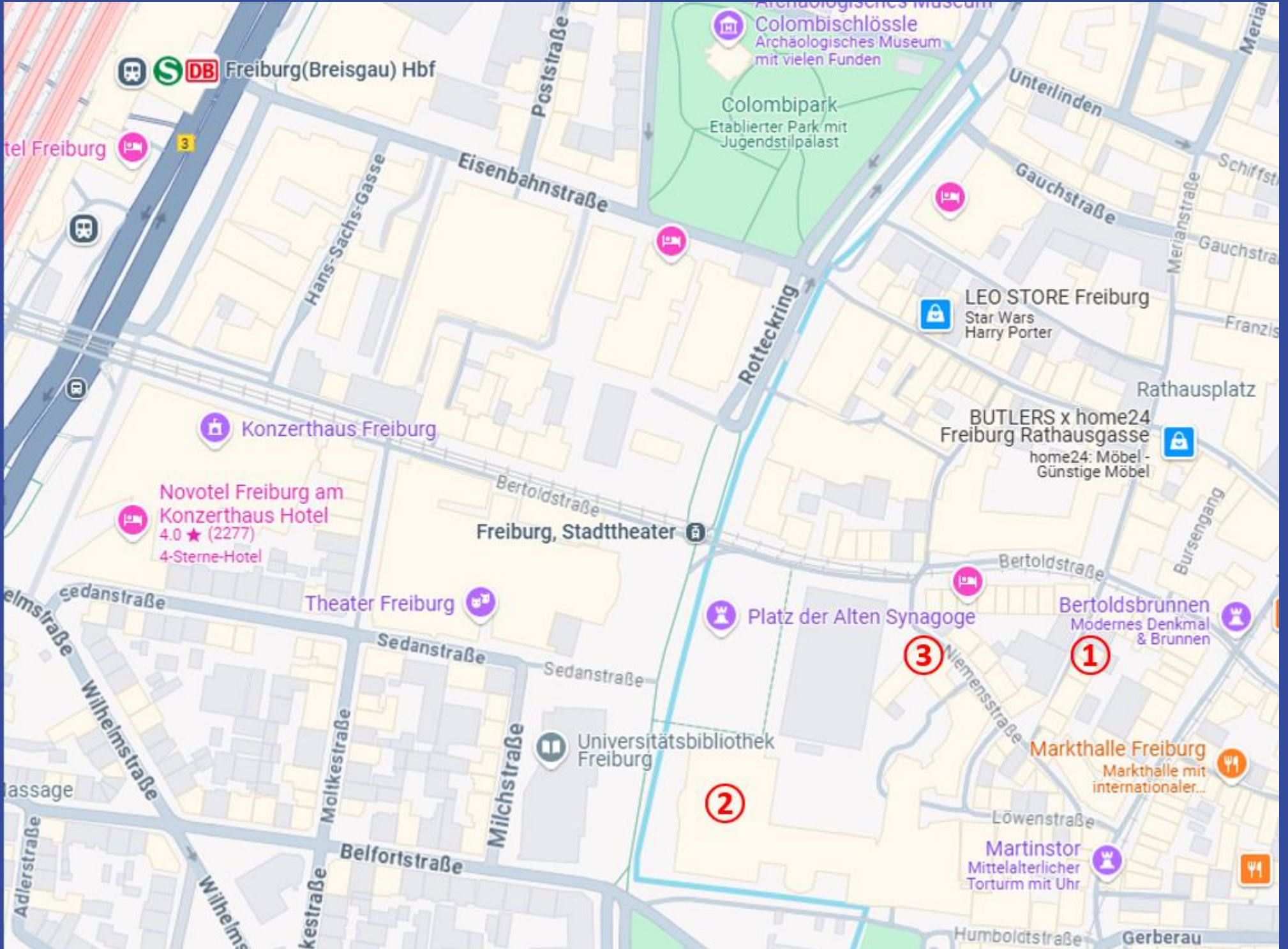
22 August

They all lived in Freiburg - Biographies of some influential global 'shakers and movers'

Speaker: Dr. Hermann Rasche

Did you know that the name 'America' for the New World was coined by an alumnus of Freiburg University? Find out more about the interesting lives of men and women - philosophers, scientists, writers, artists, politicians, nobel prize winners and ...rogues - who were associated with the university, with the city of Freiburg, and with its trans-national hinterland (Alsace, Basle, etc.).

Lageplan / Site Plan



① SLI, Universitätsstraße 5

② KG I

③ Peterhof