

School of Business & Economics, Freie Universität Berlin
 Exchange on the **undergraduate** level (Business and Economics)
 Fact Sheet 2022-2023

Name of Institution	Freie Universität Berlin, School of Business & Economics
Faculty Website	http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/index.html
Information for Incoming Students at the School of Business & Economics	https://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/studium-lehre/incoming/index.html

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Film Portrait of Freie Universität Berlin

<https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/bids/fu-studium/video/index.html>

Academic Calendar

Winter Term 2022/23	
Orientation Week	First week of October 2022
Suggested arrival	In time to attend the orientation program
Lecture Period	10. Oct. 2022 – 17. Feb. 2023
Examination Period	middle to the end of Feb. 2023

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Summer Term 2023	
Orientation Week	First week of April 2023
Suggested Arrival	In time to attend the orientation program
Lecture Period	11. Apr. – 21. Jul. 2023
Examination Period	until the end of Jul. 2023
Academic calendar	http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/studienorganisation/termine/index.html

Nomination and Application Process

Nomination process	For the fall term: 1 May For summer term: 1 November Please send us the nomination, if possible, via the Moveonnet system: www.moveonnet.eu/myinstitution/enomination
Application process	Please ask your student/s to register and apply here as soon as possible after you have send the nomination/s: https://fuberlin.moveon4.de/form/57dbbca284fb968f030ec848/eng

Pre-Arrival Requirements

Distributed Campus	Distributed Campus is an online platform, especially designed for exchange students who have already received their letter of admission. It comprises all the information mentioned above in one platform. Students will receive registration details to access the platform at https://distributed-campus.org/dc-root/portal/language/en with their letter of admission. Registration for and use of the platform is required for participation in the exchange program.
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Language Requirements /Language Courses

English Language Requirements	The School of Business Administration and Economics strongly recommends English language skills equivalent to level CEFR B2, TOEFL 90-100, IELTS 6.0-6.5 . A language certificate is not necessary, as we expect that our partner universities guarantee the required language skills.
German Language Requirements	The School of Business Administration and Economics strongly recommends excellent German language skills equivalent to level CEFR B2 for classes taught in German . A language certificate is not necessary, as we expect that our partner universities guarantee the required language skills.
German Language Courses	German language courses which are offered during the semester are free of charge. If students wish to participate in a German language course, they have to take a placement test which will be offered before or during the orientation week. Without this test, exchange students are not eligible to take language classes. Further information is available at https://www.sprachenzentrum.fu-berlin.de/en/sprachangebot/sprachen/deutsch/programmstudierende/index.html Preparatory German language courses: A six-week intensive preparatory German language course (20 x 45 min of instruction per week) will be offered prior to the beginning of each semester. Basic knowledge of German is required. Further information is available at: http://www.sprachenzentrum.fu-berlin.de/en/sprachangebot/sprachen/deutsch/vorkurs_deutsch/index.html

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Academic Information

Language of instruction	<p>The great majority of courses is taught in German. Information on courses, courses in English, language courses, course descriptions etc. is available here: https://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/studium-lehre/incoming/course-information/index.html</p> <p>For undergraduate students, a varying and limited range of courses in English is available in both semesters.</p>
Required Number of Courses / Credits	<p>According to student's individual needs and / or according to home university. A full semester workload are 30 ECTS. Each course has 6 ECTS. 1 ECTS = 30 working hours, including lectures, tutorials, homework, preparations and exams.</p>
Course Catalogue and Course descriptions	<p>Courses offered during the current semester are listed in the course catalogue (Vorlesungsverzeichnis) which is available one month prior to the beginning of the semester at https://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/en/kvv/index.html</p> <p>Course information, courses in English and Liberal arts courses for exchange students: https://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/studium-lehre/incoming/course-information/index.html</p>

Visa Requirements

	<p>Students who are citizens of EU or EEA countries, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Switzerland or the USA do not need a visa in order to enter Germany.</p> <p>Students who are NOT citizens of the countries listed above must apply for a student visa (<i>Visum zu Studienzwecken</i>) at the local German Embassy or a German General Consulate before they come to Germany.</p> <p>We therefore urge those students to apply for a study visa as soon as possible. It will take at least six weeks, sometimes a few months, to process the visa application.</p> <p>The necessary documents concerning the admission to our university will be sent to the student as soon as possible. More information is available at: http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international/studium_fu/einreise_aufenthalt/visum/index.html</p> <p>After arrival in Berlin, every student must apply for a residence permit (see under "Arrival in Berlin").</p>
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Health Insurance

	<p>Exchange students must have comprehensive health insurance valid in Germany for enrollment as a full-time student at Freie Universität Berlin and for obtaining a residence permit.</p> <p>Students who EITHER have the European Health Insurance Card (EU and EEA students only) OR who can provide proof of an adequate comprehensive health insurance valid in Germany (unlimited in case of illness and rescue) may request an</p>
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	<p>insurance waiver. A waiver can be obtained at a German state-regulated health insurance company, not at the university.</p> <p>Since many insurance policies purchased outside Germany require substantial co-payments, have caps or exclude many illnesses it has been increasingly difficult for exchange student to obtain a waiver.</p> <p>We therefore urge all students younger than 30 years to purchase a German student health insurance for about 113 EUR per month. The German student health insurance policies are very comprehensive and automatically accepted by the office granting residence permits.</p> <p>More information is available at http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international/studium_fu/einreise_aufenthalt/krankenversicherung/index.html</p>
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Accommodation / Housing

Students can either organize their own private accommodation (such as student share apartments, so-called WGs) or use the university's housing service ERG.

University housing service ERG	<p>The accommodation service offers a variety of accommodation options, including dorms, shared flats and fully furnished single apartments. All housing options are available from the beginning of September/October or March/April onwards and cost about 300 – 900 EUR per month. For more information, please see the following websites: http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/unterbringung/index.html</p>
Registration deadline	<p>Since there has been a dramatic increase of student housing demand, students wishing to use the accommodation service must apply online as soon as possible and no later than December 15 or June 15 using the link above.</p> <p>Registrations will be on a first come, first served basis.</p>
Alternative Accommodation	<p>http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/unterbringung/optionen/individuell/index.html</p> <p>Student Hotel Berlin: https://www.thestudenthotel.com/berlin/de/ International Student Village Berlin Schlachtensee: https://www.studentendorf.berlin/schlachtensee/</p> <p>Further local information about the city of Berlin can be gathered here: www.berlin.de.</p> <p>Pick-up service is not provided to exchange students upon arrival. We warmly recommend that students use the public transport website: (www.bvg.de/index.php/en/index.html) in order to plan their journey from the airports or the main train station to their respective accommodation.</p>

Arrival in Berlin

Enrollment	<p>Upon arrival in Berlin, we advise students to visit the Student Mobility Office immediately during office hours in order to finalize student enrollment and set up their FU-Computer account. Students need this account in order to enroll for courses and use computers (WIFI) on campus.</p> <p>Students participating in the exchange will be enrolled in the corresponding subject. They will be admitted and enrolled as full-time students only for the duration they</p>
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Social fees/Public transportation	<p>have been nominated for by the Departmental Coordinator at Freie Universität Berlin.</p> <p>Exchange students are exempt from university fees, but they still need to pay the so-called social fees of approx. 270 EUR per semester. These are non-university related fees and pay for the student union as well as for a public transportation ticket for the whole area of Berlin for the entire semester. Students will be asked to pay the fees via PayPal as part of the enrollment process.</p> <p>Once students are enrolled at Freie Universität Berlin, they must apply for a residence permit (<i>Aufenthaltserlaubnis</i>) within three months (except students from EU or EEA countries).</p>
Residence Permit	<p>Students will be provided with detailed information and assistance upon enrollment.</p>

Orientation program

	<p>Orientation takes place 5 to 10 days prior to the lecture period. It is strongly recommended to participate in our orientation program. Students will be provided with essential information about studying at Freie Universität Berlin such as course selection and enrolment, campus tours and how to use libraries and computers. The current orientation program is available online at: http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/information_a-z/orientierung.html</p>
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Transcript of Records

	<p>Exchange students have to fill in a request form listing the courses taken during the exchange term.</p> <p>Detailed information how to obtain a Transcript of records is available at: https://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/studium-lehre/incoming/documents/index.html</p>
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