

Liberal Arts and Sciences

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg / University College Freiburg (UCF)
Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science



4 Year Program = 240 ECTS Credits	Electives	In the Electives, students can undertake courses and projects to further shape their learning profile and/or use these credits for courses taken on a semester or year abroad.
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	Major <small>(including BA/BS Thesis (12 ECTS Credits))</small>	The LAS Majors provide an in-depth education in an interdisciplinary academic field. At the end of their first year, students choose between four Majors: 1. Culture and History 2. Governance 3. Life Sciences 4. Environmental and Sustainability Sciences
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	Core	The Core is shared by all LAS students. It encompasses basic and advanced academic skills, Reflections on Knowledge and Sciences, and a curriculum on Responsibility and Leadership.
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General

Liberal Arts and Sciences in Freiburg

The **four-year Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS)** is an English-taught interdisciplinary undergraduate program and an alternative to disciplinary study programs.

We understand LAS education as a process of intellectual discovery and personal development in an interdisciplinary and international learning community. LAS reaches across academic fields and includes discipline-oriented academic training in a dedicated Major. LAS at UCF enables students to learn broadly about the human and the non-human world, to systematically develop their capacity for high-level academic work, and to gradually unfold their own interests and abilities in ways suited to their aspirations.

Interdisciplinarity:

At UCF, the key to an interdisciplinary, choice-driven education is understanding what (scientific) knowledge is, how it is produced, and how knowledge and society interact. This is reflected in the LAS curriculum and in two professorships established specifically for the program: Epistemology and Theory of Science ([Prof. F. Vogelmann](#)) and Science and Technology Studies ([Prof. V. Lipphardt](#)).

Internationality:

Internationality is an important aspect of the Liberal Arts and Sciences program. This shows in the curriculum, in the UCF staff, and in the student body. More than 25% of LAS students are international; incoming exchange students further enrich internationality at UCF. LAS students are encouraged to spend part of their studies abroad, and about 80% of all LAS students do so.

Quick Facts

Application period: June 1 – July 15

Degree: Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Sciences (depending on choice of Major)

Begin of Course: October

Duration: 8 Semesters

Total number of Credits: 240

Specifics: interdisciplinary, English-taught undergraduate program

Tuition: Registration fee of appr. 150 Eur per semester for all students. State of Baden-Württemberg tuition fees for non-EU students (1,500 Eur per semester) and for students seeking a second Bachelor degree (650 Eur per semester). For more information, please see the [University Student Portal](#) >

Departments: interdisciplinary initiative



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Program

The LAS curriculum

The Liberal Arts and Sciences curriculum combines academic breadth and depth and provides students with choice and development opportunities within a structured framework and interdisciplinary learning community.

The **Core** (66 ECTS credits) is a distinctive feature of the Freiburg LAS program: It fosters students' academic and personal development by offering a range of courses on reflections of science and

knowledge as well as on responsibility and leadership. Furthermore, students are intensively trained in general academic key skills (for research, analysis, presentation, and writing). In order to put these skills into context and to exemplify the necessity and complexity of interdisciplinary thought and action, the first year of the program focusses on contemporary societal challenges (such as Global Inequality, Public Health, Environmental Issues).

The Major (104 + 16 ECTS credits) constitutes the students' training in a specific academic field. It aims to provide sufficient depth to make admission into disciplinary M.A. or M.Sc. programs possible. After their first year of studies, students choose one of the following Majors:

1. [Culture and History](#)
2. [Governance](#)
3. [Life Sciences](#)
4. [Environmental and Sustainability Sciences](#)

In their [Electives](#) (56 ECTS credits), students can take courses outside of their Major, visit courses at other departments of the University of Freiburg and EUCOR, attend language classes, undertake independent projects, and/or use these credits for courses taken during a semester or year abroad.

This arrangement combines interdisciplinarity with scientific rigor, creating space for individual exploration while maintaining a firm academic base. The LAS Course Catalog, the Module Handbook, and the official Rules and Regulations are available [here](#).

The LAS program stands for

- Problem-oriented learning: Real-world problems and their complexity are the starting point of teaching and learning in the LAS program.
- Project-based learning: Students often work together in groups or teams and thereby combine knowledge acquisition with social and organizational skills.
- Independent enquiry: LAS students learn how to develop questions of their own and how to reach learning goals efficiently.
- Research-oriented learning: Especially the Majors are taught with a view to current research problems and horizons.
- Shared responsibility: In their different roles, lecturers and students are jointly responsible for teaching and learning success.
- Small group learning: Throughout the LAS program, most courses are restricted to a maximum of 20 participants.
- Internationality of staff and students including [study abroad opportunities](#) and a [dual degree option](#) in Liberal Arts and Sciences with University College Maastricht

Our target group is students with intellectual curiosity and responsibility, who are looking for breadth and depth in their academic training. The LAS program is selective. The grade- and interview-based selection emphasizes academic achievements and personal motivation.

Join us at our [Open Days](#): We warmly invite you to our live and online Open Days, where you can get to know UCF staff and LAS students better and ask all your questions.

University College Freiburg

University College Freiburg (UCF)

[University College Freiburg \(UCF\)](#) was founded in 2012 at the University of Freiburg and is situated in the historical buildings of the [Alte Universität](#). Here, the Artes Liberales were taught centuries ago as a cornerstone of university education. Today, the Alte Universität is home to exciting new explorations in higher education. UCF promotes and administers international, interdisciplinary teaching activities and houses high profile projects, like the Bachelor program in [Liberal Arts and Sciences](#).

Sozialwissenschaften

Politikwissenschaften