

Welcome Package

Information for Refugees at Universities in Freiburg

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1. Information Centers and Counseling Services

Course Guidance and Counseling Services

Every university has its own course guidance and counseling services which will support you with any question concerning studying at that particular institution. Follow this link to find the contact information of the coordinators for refugees at the institutions of higher education in the administrative region Freiburg:

https://www.swfr.de/fileadmin/downloads/internationales/coordinators_refugees_unis_ar_freiburg.pdf

Other counseling services in Freiburg:

→ Uni für Alle (University for everyone)

- weekly consultation hours: Information and support regarding applications: Monday 10 – 12am and Thursday 12am-2pm, Schreiberstraße 20, 79098 Freiburg
- Email: unifueralle.freiburg@gmx.de

→ Educational Counseling: Garantiefonds Hochschule

- Financial support for language classes (B1- C2) and internships, course guidance and counseling service, support with recognition of certificates, study preparation and application.
- Contact: JMD der Caritas Freiburg-Stadt e.V., Immentalstr. 16, 79104 Freiburg
Bianca Steiger, Phone: (0761) 31 91 649, email: bildungsberatung@caritas-freiburg.de

→ Youth Migration Services (JMD)

- Individual support, professional advice, group and educational courses for young people with a migration background aged between 12 and 27.
- Consultation hours: Tuesday 2-5pm, Wednesday and Thursday 10-12am and 2-4pm.
- Contact: Phone: 0761 13782-17, email: jugendmigrationsdienst@caritas-freiburg.de

→ Advisory services for adult immigrants and families (MBE)

Support and advice for adult immigrants and families concerning integration classes, German classes and recognition of certificates. Consultation available in English, French and Arabic.

Contact: <http://www.migrationsberatung-freiburg.de/>

There are different counseling centers. For example:

MBE Diakonisches Werk Freiburg, Ferdinand-Weiß-Str. 9, 79106 Freiburg

Dilek Gezer, Phone: 0761/891538, email: migration@diakonie-freiburg.de

Counseling hours: Tuesday 2-4pm and Thursday 10-12am

→ **Wegweiser Bildung**

- Counseling services concerning educational opportunities in Freiburg. Consultation is being offered in Arabic twice a month. Consultation hours: Tuesday 10am-1pm and 2pm-6pm, Wednesday 2pm-5pm, Thursday 3-7pm, Friday 2-5pm.
- Münsterplatz 17, Entrance Stadtbibliothek, 79098 Freiburg, Telefon 0761 / 201-2020
Email: webi@bildungsberatung-freiburg.de, www.freiburg.de/webi

Legal Advice

→ **Legal advice at SAGA**

Free legal advice for refugees. Consultation hours: Wednesday 2-7pm, Friday 3-8pm (Adlerstr. 12, 79098 Freiburg)

Tel.: 0761-2088408, Email: saga@rasthaus-freiburg.org

www.saga.rasthaus-freiburg.org

→ **Refugee Law Clinic Freiburg**

Free legal advice for refugees. Consultation hours: Monday 12am-2pm (Belfortstr. 24, 79098 Freiburg) and Wednesday 5-7pm (Wiesentalstraße 21, 79115 Freiburg).

Psychological Counseling

→ **Psychological Counseling for migrants in Freiburg (PAMF)**

Psychotherapeutic treatment for traumatized Refugees (English, Arabic, Persian, Dari, French, Spanish, Italian)

Contact: Dr. Gehad Mazarweh, Tel.: 0761 - 70 95 44 and Angelika Rees,

Tel.: 07821 - 98 24 32

→ **Psychological Counseling**

Advice by telephone: Monday, Tuesday and Friday 10–12am, Wednesday 2-4pm.

Consultation hours: Monday and Friday 10–12am (Holzmarkt 8, 79098 Freiburg)

Contact: Tel. (07 61) 368 94-0, Email: spdi@spdi-freiburg.de

2. Use of the canteens and cafeterias

Registered guest students and participants in language courses organized by the university have the option of eating in the cafeterias at reduced rates. You can get the Mensa card for refugees at the Service points of the cafeterias. It is valid for one semester. Please bring a confirmation of your language course or guest student program and your residents permit.

3. Tickets for the local transportation system

Sozialticket

You can apply for the reduced „Sozialticket“, if you receive social security benefits. It is only valid for the city of Freiburg. You have to apply for the “Sozialticket” at “Jobcenter” or “Amt für Migration und Integration”. They will send you an authorization ticket with which you can buy the reduced “Sozialticket” at VAG Customer Service Centre pluspunkt in Salzstraße or at the VAG Service point at the central station.

“Regiokarte” + connecting ticket

If you live outside of Freiburg you can buy the “Regiokarte” and a connecting ticket which will come out a lot cheaper than the Baden-Württemberg Ticket for example.

4. Bikes for Refugees

There is the opportunity for refugees to buy cheap used bikes. The „Fahrradwerkstatt“ in Gundelfingen sells used bikes to refugees for 20 Euro and offers support with repairing bikes.

Fahrradwerkstatt Gundelfingen: Gartenweg 6, open on Saturdays, 10-12am.

You can also buy used and cheap bikes at „Fahrradscheune“ in Littenweiler (Schaitweg 25a) and online at www.gebraucht-fahrrad-freiburg.de.

Bike Bridge offers courses for female refugees who want to learn riding a bike. Follow this link for more information: <https://bikebridge.org/>

5. Buddy-Programs and Guest student programs

You are interested in Studying in Germany but you do not fulfill the requirements yet? You would like to get to know the university, visit lectures and improve your German language skills? Participants of Buddy-Programs and Guest student programs can meet other students and make friends. At most of the programs every participant is matched with a „Buddy“, a regular, matriculated student of the university.

→ Uni für Alle (University for everyone) at the University of Freiburg

- Email: unifueralle.freiburg@gmx.de
- Follow this link for more information: <https://unifueralle.iimdo.com/english/>

→ PH für alle (University of Education)

Email: sozref@ph-freiburg.de

→ Guest student program KH (Carholic University of applied sciences)

Contact: Naomi Hiroe-Helbing (Tel.: 0761/2001506) gasthoererprogramm@kh-freiburg.de

6. ERASMUS+ ONLINE LINGUISTIC SUPPORT (OLS)

The Studierendenwerk Freiburg (SWFR) offers free licenses for the language platform OLS of the EU! Through the platform you can attend one-year online language course from language level A1 up to C1 including an assessment test and online tutorials (e.g. German, English, French, Italian). If you are interested feel free to contact us at refugees@swfr.de.

For more information follow this link:

https://www.swfr.de/fileadmin/downloads/internationales/fags_studies_for_refugees_online_version.pdf

7. Test for Academic Studies: TestAS

With the Test for Foreign Students (TestAS), you can realistically assess your chances of completing your degree program successfully. The TestAS is a standardized exam which allows universities to compare the scholastic aptitude of their prospective students. If you are a registered refugee, the test is free of charges. TestAS is offered in German, English and Arabic. The **University of Education in Freiburg** is a testing center for TestAS. The best way to prepare for the test is to become familiar with the TestAS format. You will find sample questions on the TestAS website: <https://refugees.testas.de/en/>. Moreover **Garantiefonds**

Hochschule offers preparation seminars for TestAS. Email: bildungsberatung@caritas-freiburg.de

8. Leisure facilities for refugees in Freiburg

→ International Club

The [International Club Freiburg](#) offers various opportunities to meet other students and to socialize in an intercultural environment. The International Club is a platform for all current and prospective students from around the world, who are interested in making new friends and learning about different cultures. The club offers various events such as:

- A [Buddy-Program](#), which will ease your way into making Freiburg your new home
- A [tandem program](#), which will help you find a partner to practice a foreign language
- The "Walking Dialogues" offer an interactive way to learn German
- Small scale intercultural meetings and events at the Hofcafé located in the Herderbau

→ Zusammen leben e.V.

zusammen leben e.V. (living together) is a non-profit organization based in Freiburg that wants to create spaces of encounter and communality between refugees, migrants and people from Freiburg. They offer an international lunch at „Strandcafé“ (Grethergelände, Adlerstraße 12) every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12am to 2 pm.

→ Über den Tellerrand

“Über den Tellerrand” is a non-profit organization that promotes exchange between refugees, migrants and people from Freiburg through cooking events. More information:

<https://ueberdentellerrand.org/freiburg>

→ Buddy-Program “Start with a friend”

“Start with a friend” is a non-profit organization that establishes contact between refugees and locals in Freiburg. Every participant is matched with a local from Freiburg as his or her “Buddy”. Follow this link for detailed information:

<https://en.startwithafriend.de/tandem/>

→ Database: „Leisure and educational facilities for immigrants in Freiburg”

This database gives an overview over educational offers for immigrants in Freiburg. Here you can find all offers regarding education for immigrants and refugees for example formal and non-formal offers to improve your German language skills.

<https://www.freiburg.de/pb/,Lde/1063899.html>

Detailed Information for refugees who want to study in the administrative Region Freiburg: <https://www.swfr.de/internationales/refugees-welcome/>