

IMRE STUDY GUIDE

INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM, THE UNIVERSITY AND
LIFE IN FREIBERG (AND GERMANY)

Valuable information for new students of the MBA IMRE Study Program IMRE.

Elaborated by the staff of the IMRE Office.



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1. MBA IMRE Programme

You can find us in the internet. Our web page provides you with all relevant information and news:

<http://tu-freiberg.de/fakult6/imre>

1.1 Dean of the MBA Program IMRE (Studiendekan)

As of July 2016 Prof. Dr. rer. pol Magnus Fröhling is the dean of the MBA IMRE Program. His office is located in building of the Faculty of Economics, especially International Resource Management, Schlossplatz 1, second floor, room 2.208.



1.2 Program Office Team

You can contact the IMRE TEAM by email at imre@bwl.tu-freiberg.de or personally in the IMRE Office (Belinda Kaden, *Schlossplatz 1*, room 2.210).

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The IMRE Office is located in the building of the Faculty of Economics, especially International Resource Management, Schlossplatz 1, room 2.210.

Opening Hours:

Monday 10:00 - 12:00 o'clock

Thursday 10:00 - 12:00 o'clock

Opening hours are subject to change. Please stick to the opening hours. For an appointment send an email to Belinda Kaden (Belinda.Kaden@bwl.tu-freiberg.de).

2. About the IMRE Study Programme

2.1 MBA IMRE Study Regulations

The IMRE Study Regulations are contained in an official document in German only issued by the Rector Office and available on the University website:

<http://tu-freiberg.de/fakult6/pruefungsausschuss/dokumente>
<Studien- und Prüfungsordnungen>

<Fakultät 6>

<International Management of Resources and Environment / IMRE (Masterstudiengang)>

<IMRE Studien- und Prüfungsordnung, version 2016>

The Regulations contain details about admission to the MBA IMRE Programme (no more relevant to accepted and registered students), about the organization of the study programme, a recommended timetable of courses for the four semesters, a list of all modules and courses, registration for examinations, passing and failing examinations, second and third chances for re-sit, preparing and completing a Master's Thesis and, finally, graduation.

The most Important details of the regulations are available in English on the IMRE Website <http://tu-freiberg.de/fakult6/imre/prospective-students/program/regulations>, and an inofficial translation of the IMRE Study regulations will be published in OPAL.

2.2 MBA IMRE Module Manual (Modulhandbuch)

All courses of the MBA IMRE Study Programme are compiled in Modules of unequal size. Many of them account for three or six credit points. To complete the program, 120 credits need to be obtained. The module manual contains detailed information about the teaching contents of each course, examination requirements and the procedures for passing modules. The procedures differ by module. The Module Manual is written in English and students are requested to take note of it. It can be found under the following link:

<http://tu-freiberg.de/fakult6/pruefungsausschuss/dokumente>

<Studien- und Prüfungsordnungen>

<Fakultät 6>

<International Management of Resources and Environment / IMRE (Masterstudiengang)>

<IMRE Modulhandbuch, version 2016>

2.3 Semester Schedule

The schedule for each semester is published on the IMRE Website at:

2.4 IMRE Committees

- IMRE Study Committee

The IMRE Study Committee is responsible for the regulations of the course and for all matters concerning the organization and the further development of the program. Members are three Professors, the program coordinator and three student representatives. The members are elected by the faculty council ("Fakultätsrat"). The chairman of the IMRE Study Committee is the dean of the MBA IMRE Study Programme.

- IMRE Examination Committee

The IMRE Examination Committee is responsible for all matters concerning exams, and other performances of the students during their studies, e.g. the transfer of grades, credits and records from other universities. Members are five Professors, two research associates and two student representatives. The members are elected by the faculty council ("Fakultätsrat"). The chairman of the Examination's Committee is the dean of the MBA IMRE Study Programme.

2.5 Examination Regulations

Here are some general notes. For more details about the examination regulations, please consult the Study and Examination Order and the Module Manual. In order to participate in any examination, you have to register for it. Registration will be possible during a period of three weeks during the semester in the registration system. Even though not all courses end with a written examination, you always have to register for all courses for which you want to obtain a grade (including free electives). As a rule, if you do not register for an examination in this time you will not be able to take the exam. For some courses, you have to complete preconditions before you are allowed to participate in the examination. After the grades of the written examinations are announced, students receive an opportunity to make an appointment and review their examination papers.

2.6 Registration (Immatrikulation)

Registration must be done personally at the Students' Office, Akademiestraße 6 (Frau Heim, Frau Ruppert).

Opening Hours of the Students' Office:

Monday to Thursday 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Friday closed

The following documents have to be presented for registration:

- Proof of payment of contribution to the → Studentenwerk (see → payment of semester fees)
- Passport with valid student's visa (no tourist visa!)
- Originals of certifications of previous education
- Photo (if not submitted with your application)
- Proof of medical insurance (see → insurance)
- *Zulassungsbescheid* (admission letter)
- (missing documents as requested on the admission letter)

Re-registration, suspension for a term, change of the course of studies and change of the university Every term you have to re-register yourself, even for terms of suspension. **These are such as suspension for a term, change of the course of studies and change of the university** subject to the provisions of the Matriculation Regulations of TU Freiberg.

Re-registration deadlines:

for winter term **June 15 to August 31, every year**

for summer term **December 15, 2015 to February 29**

<http://tu-freiberg.de/studium/rund-ums-studium/rueckmeldung>

The **re-registration** is carried out by paying the term fee. Please use the issued pre-print as a **pay-in slip** (Students' Office, self-service terminal). The **name** and the **matriculation number** (as purpose – "*Verwendungszweck*") need to be **indicated necessarily**. The payment has to be proven with the Students Office.

Students having a → **student ID** should use the card at the → **self-service terminal** for → **re-registration** and further services.

Re-registration is also done within the self-service system at the following website:

<https://sbweb2.tu-freiberg.de/qisserver/rds?state=user&type=0>

2.7 Payment of Semester Fees

You have to pay 84 € per term as your contribution to the → Studentenwerk.

1. First time: you will get the necessary document in the → Students office

The money shall be paid to the following account:

Empfänger (receiver):	Hauptkasse Sachsen, 01099 Dresden
Bank:	Ostsächsische SK Dresden
IBAN:	DE09 8505 0300 3155 8250 05
BIC:	OSDDDE81XXX
Betrag (amount):	84,00 €
Kunden-Referenznummer:	PK-Nr.: 7095.0106.2140-S
Verwendungszweck:	First Name and Name, application no.

If you do not have an account yet, you can pay the amount cash at any bank (or ask someone to do it for you, and give him the money cash as this saves transfer fees).

2. For every following term: You can re-register at the → self- service terminals and pay with credit card or use the Internet in case you have a login from the computer centre.

3. Information Regarding Library, Lecture Halls and Computer Pool

3.1 Library

The university's library is located on the campus in Agricolastrasse 10.

Opening hours

Mon – Fr 7 am – 12 pm.

Sat & Sun 10 am – 10 pm.

The information and registration desk is open on Monday to Friday between 7 am and 8 pm, and on Saturday between 10 am and 6 pm. For the rest of the time you can use the self-serving terminal on the ground floor. You need a → student ID to borrow the books. For that, you first have to register with your → student ID at the library.

To search for books, you can either use computer terminals in the library or the online catalogue of the university website.

<http://tu-freiberg.de/ub>

You can find computers with Internet access on the first floor. A password is not required. Like many other buildings, the library offers wireless LAN to registered members of the university.

3.2 Lecture Halls

A List of Rooms / Lecture Halls can be found at:

http://tu-freiberg.de/sites/default/files/media/imre-2221/current_students/list_of_rooms_and_lecture_halls.pdf

3.3 Computer Pool

The main computer pool of the faculty is located in *Schlossplatz 1*. Another one can be found in "Rammler-Bau". Opening hours are subject to change. You will need a login and a password (usually the same you also use to access your university email account).

4. After Your Arrival

You will need to take care of the following tasks as soon as possible after your arrival in Freiberg. If you have a mentor or German-speaking friend, we advise you to ask her/him for help during these formalities. More information about mentor (buddy) programme can be found on the website:

<http://tu-freiberg.de/en/international/buddy-programme>

- 1) Sign your housing contract
- 2) Register at the Bürgerbüro (Municipal Registration Office) within 2 weeks (bring your passport and housing contract)
- 3) Open a bank account
- 4) Pay the semester fee (84 €)
- 5) Get documents from your health insurance company

- 6) Register at the Zulassungsbüro (Admissions Office) located at Akademiestr. 6 → registration
- 7) Apply at the Ausländerbehörde (Immigration Office) for a residence permit

4.1 Housing Contract

Residing in a Dormitory

If you have decided to live in a dormitory room provided by the Studentenwerk, you will have to sign the housing contract there. You will find the Housing Office of Student Services (Abteilung Studentisches Wohnen) at Agricolastr. 14–16 in Room 105 on the main floor. The students' dormitories are located next to Neue Mensa (canteen).

If you receive the keys to your room from your mentor, you should sign the contract within the first week after your arrival. If you pick up the keys personally, be prepared to sign the contract immediately. In order to sign the contract, bring the following with you:

Rent money for the first month (only EURO cash), Money for the deposit, which is the equivalent of 2 months of rent (only EURO cash), Letter of admission to studies (Bescheid über Zulassung zum Studium), Letter of room assignment from Student Services (Bescheid vom Studentenwerk über Zimmerzuteilung), Passport.

If you do not bring blankets and bedding with you, you can buy new or borrow clean but used ones from Studentenwerk (Student Services). It will be cheaper to buy new blankets in a shop, than to buy from Studentenwerk.

Studentenwerk Freiberg

Department *Studentisches Wohnen* (Agricolastrasse 14/16) responsible for all questions regarding accommodation.

<https://studentenwerk-freiberg.de/freiberg/wohnen/kontakte/>

Opening hours:

Monday	10 to 12 pm and 1.30 to 3 pm
Tuesday	10 to 12 pm and 1.30 to 4 pm
Wednesday	10 to 12 pm and 1.30 to 3 pm
Thursday	10 to 12 pm and 1.30 to 4.30 pm

Friday to Sunday closed

Residing in a Shared Flat or Private Room

If you decide to live in a shared flat or single private room, you will find offers posted on bulletin boards in the Neue Mensa, the Library or the main administration building. Please note that a deposit of 2–3 monthly rents is often required. Other costs like telephone, internet access, heating, electricity, water and a fee for a real estate agent can occur. You may buy very reasonably priced furniture at the very beginning of the semester from other students (watch the bulletin boards!), from

shops with used furniture (e.g. in the Burg- or Fischerstraße) or contact the Student Services Office (Studentenwerk).

Important: Wherever you decide to live, once your housing contract/lease is signed, keep it at hand – it is an essential document required for your registration at the city hall, your visit to the immigration office and for any German bank to open your bank account.

Every year we have a very limited number of rooms in the dormitory. Very important is that you contact the International Center of the University, who will help you to find a room, either in the dormitory or in shared apartments in the city. You can contact the International Center at the following link: <http://tu-freiberg.de/international/unterkunft> or write an email at: accommodation-assistance@iuz.tu-freiberg.de.

Private Rental Companies in Freiberg

- Wohnpark Gently.de (single apartments from 165 Euro plus utilities; the website is available only in German language)
- Städtische Wohnungsgesellschaft Freiberg mbH
- Wohnungsgenossenschaft Freiberg eG
- Wirtschafts- und Immobilienservice Freiberg (WIS)

In addition, we recommend this website to find a flat on the private rental market in Freiberg:

<http://www.wg-gesucht.de/en/wg-zimmer-in-Freiberg.42.0.0.0.html>

You can also look in the following facebook group for room/flat offers:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/freibergcircle/?fref=ts>

Note that most prices given by private landlords are quoted without such services as heating, water and electricity. This rental pricing without services is called "*Kaltmiete*".

4.2 Residents' Registration

As your present address is now in Freiberg you will have to register in the *Bürgerbüro*. The office is located in at Obermarkt.

http://www.freiberg.de/freiberg/content.nsf/docname/Webseite_0451C6433C2AC403C12575D30032CF4C?OpenDocument

Opening Hours:

Monday	9 am – 12:30 pm
Tuesday	9 am – 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm – 6 pm
Wednesday	closed
Thursday	9 am – 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm – 6 pm
Friday	9 am – 12:30 pm
Saturday	9 am – 12:30 pm

You will need your passport with visa and the dormitory contract. You will get the "Anmeldebestätigung", which is necessary for your → residence permit and for other issues.

4.3 Residence Permit (*Aufenthaltsbewilligung*)

In order to extend your visa you will have to show up at the *Ausländerbehörde* of the *Landratsamt* Freiberg (district office Freiberg) within 3 months, which is located in an industrial area outside of Freiberg:

Am Rotvorwerk 3
09500 Freiberg
EMail: auslaenderbehoerde@landkreis-mittelsachsen.de
Phone: (03731) 7993640 Fax: (03731) 7993637

You can get there with the bus line F, which starts from the bus terminal every 30 minutes. You will leave the bus at the bus stop "Industriegebiet Nord/Autohaus". The walking distance from the bus stop to the *Ausländerbehörde* is about 100m. Alternatively you can get there by bike. It is a 10 minute ride by bike from "Häusersteig", which is at the outskirts of Freiberg.

Opening Hours:

Monday	closed
Tuesday	9 – 12 pm, 1 – 6 pm
Wednesday	closed
Thursday	9 – 12 pm, 1 – 6 pm
Friday	9 – 12 pm

You will have to bring with you the following documents:

- passport with visa
- university registration documents
- dormitory contract
- proof of medical insurance
- *Anmeldebestätigung* obtained from → resident's registration
- document on how the studies are going to be paid (by scholarship, parents, savings/account statement etc.)
- 2 passport photos
- also, bring money: non-Europeans have to pay 60 € in the first year to extend the visa, later only 30 €; European Union members should ask/get a "Freizügigkeitsbescheinigung" and don't have to pay a fee.

Language skills of employees of the *Ausländerbehörde* are limited. It is best to bring your Mentor for translation.

Information Sheet - Residence Permit for Students:

<http://tu-freiberg.de/international/nach-der-ankunft>

Ausländerbehörde

= public authority for foreigners, responsible for extension of visa → residence permit

4.4 Bank Account

The best experiences were made either with “Sparkasse” or “Deutsche Bank”. Both are located at the *Postplatz*. “Sparkasse” has many offices everywhere in Germany. Opening hours vary between 3 pm and 6 pm. ATMs are accessible all the time. In case you have to do more than just withdrawing money or checking your balance, you always have to return to the Sparkasse office in Freiberg. Deutsche Bank has several offices in the major cities of Germany. Opening hours vary between 2 pm and 6 pm. ATMs are accessible all the time. You can manage your account from any office in Germany.

Please keep in mind that most bank in Germany close in the early afternoon on Friday and remain closed during Saturday and Sunday (ATMs remain accessible).

For opening a bank account you will need the *Anmeldebestätigung* → resident’s registration, your passport with a valid visa, and the *Immatrikulationsbescheinigung* (certificate that you are a student).

You will have to present your *Immatrikulationsbescheinigung* for each term in order to get an account without being charged fees.

Many banks offer Internet banking (Online banking). You probably have to ask for a form to activate it and get your login. Some banks are pure Internet banks and don’t have offices (e.g. DKB). Because of low costs in this case, they can do tempting offers according to account conditions. Keep in mind though, in case of problems you won’t have an employee of the bank you could walk to and meet in person.

Automatic Teller Machine (Cash Machine)

ATMs are located on several places in Freiberg. In the → students restaurant one is available run by the bank called “Sparkasse”. Please note that fees occur when you use your bank card at an automatic teller machine from another bank. There are three major partnerships of banks in Germany: Cash Group, CashPool and the Sparkasse group. Within a group you can use your bank card without a fee.

Cash Group: Advance Bank, Berliner Bank, Comdirect Bank, Commerzbank, DAB Bank, Deutsche Bank, Dresdner Bank, Hypovereinsbank, Norisbank, Oldenburgische Landesbank, Postbank, Vereins- und Westbank

CashPool: BBBank eG, Citibank Privatkunden AG & Co. KGaA, GE Money Bank, National-Bank AG, Santander Consumer Bank, SEB AG, Sparda-Banken, Südwestbank, Wüstenrot, Anton Hafner Bankgeschäft, Bankhaus Bauer, Bankhaus Gebr. Martin AG, Bankhaus J.Faisst OHG, Bankhaus Ludwig Sperrer KG, Bankhaus Max Flessa KG, Bank Schilling & Co. AG, Bankverein Werther, Berenberg Bank, Conrad Hinrich Donner Bank AG, Fürstlich Castell'sche Bank Credit-Casse KGaA, Gabler-Saliter Bankgeschäft, Merkur Bank KGaA, PAX-Bank, readybank ag, Steyler Bank GmbH

Sparkasse group: a consortium of all Sparkasse banks in Germany

4.5 Insurance

1. Medical Insurance – **for private activities**. There are different medical insurance companies, the student rate will range between 65 and 75 € per month (e.g. “Techniker Krankenkasse”, Poststraße 11 (<http://www.tk.de/tk/faq/s-english/students-from-abroad/199676>)). You will get the

proof of medical insurance there (*Bestätigung*). If you do not have a bank account yet you will have to pay for 3 or 6 months in advance cash.

There are public and private insurance companies in Germany. It is recommended to buy insurance from a public insurance company (e.g. AOK, TK, BKK, Barmer, ikk ...). It is also helpful to contact an insurance broker in advance to find the best offer. Do not sign a contract without the attendance of a German speaking person. Please make sure that your contract is valid all the time. Costs for uninsured persons can be extremely high.

2. Accidents students suffer from in causal conjunction with studying at the university are covered by the university insurance. Please read the following remarks.

Remarks concerning insurance coverage for students of the TU Bergakademie Freiberg

Insurance coverage in case of accidents: Students are insured without contributions in the framework of the legal compensation insurance in case of accidents with bodily harms.

The authority responsible for the legal compensation insurance at universities and colleges in Saxony is:

UnfallKasse Sachsen
Postfach 42
01651 Meißen
Tel.: (03521) 724-0
E-Mail: ukssek@t-online.de

The name and the address of the authority responsible for the legal compensation insurance has to be indicated at the emergency physician or the doctor providing first aid. Further (later) consequences of the accident are to be handled using the address above as well.

The insurance covers all accidents students suffer from in causal conjunction with studying at the Freiberg University of Mining and Technology. That means the student's activity can be assigned to the university's organisational area of responsibility. This organisational area of responsibility comprises of directive and control rights regarding performance, time, place, form, and duration of the activity.

Private activities are not insured!

Each accident has to be reported by the student or a commissioner (witness) either to the Faculty / or the Institute or to the Department 2 (Students' Office).

5. Mentors (Buddy)

A goal of the university is to assign a mentor to every international student. A mentor (buddy) will be either a German or International student who speaks at least English and sometimes French, Spanish or Russian. It can be a current student of IMRE or someone studying a different course. The mentor is familiar with the student's society, will pick you up, show you the surroundings and important places, and will help you in all negotiations and required procedures within your first weeks in Freiberg. If you do not speak German, the person will help you e.g. in negotiations with the → Studentenwerk. The mentor is the first person to ask for help regarding daily life in Freiberg and Germany. Any specific questions regarding the MBA program IMRE will be answered by the → program coordinator in the → IMRE Office, not by the mentor as long as this person is not a current student of IMRE.

6. Life in Freiberg

6.1 Canteen

The canteen called “Neue Mensa” (https://studentenwerk-freiberg.de/freiberg/essen-trinken/speiseplaene/?no_cache=1&L=1) with integrated cafeteria provides meals, snacks and drinks to students and employees of the university. The building is next to the dormitories. You can select from several dishes with at least one of them being vegetarian. Food is served in the canteen between 11.45 am to 2 pm from Monday to Friday. Small dishes, snacks and drinks are offered in the cafeteria between 7 am and 8 pm from Monday to Thursday and between 7 am and 2:30 pm on Friday. The canteen and cafeteria are closed during the weekend. For students the price for a full dish ranges from 1.50 € up to 4 €. You can deposit money on your → student ID on terminals in the canteen, and pay with it for your food and drinks later. Additionally, purchases with your student ID are slightly cheaper than with coins or bank notes. Occasionally, the *Studentenrat* or *AKAS* offer a brunch on Sundays in the building of “Neue Mensa” (many cafés and pubs offer brunch every weekend).

6.2 Restaurants

Freiberg offers a great variety of different restaurants. Most of the restaurants (*Gaststätte*) will offer typical German and Saxon meals, while others serve Italian, Greek, Chinese, Asian, Russian, Turkish Indian and Oriental meals. Most of them can be found in the centre of the town or close to it. Prices will differ a lot. The lowest are app. 2 to 3 € (Turkish, e.g. Döner, Chinese, Asian), whilst most of them are in a medium range of app. 5 to 9 €. Very good restaurants are (short selection) “Weinhaus Blasius”, “Le Bambou”, “Pfeffersack” and the cozy “Kartoffelhaus”, which offers a great variety of meals only made of potatoes. Prices will start at 6 to 7 € and can reach up to 15 to 20 € per meal. A Mc Donald’s restaurant can be found in the shopping centre “Häuersteig” outside Freiberg.

6.3 Shops

Are usually open from 8 or 9 a.m. to 6 or 8 p.m. from Monday to Friday and on Saturday from 8 or 9 a.m.– 12, 2 or 4 p.m. **Shops and stores are closed on Sundays!** No shop will be opened during holidays. In an emergency case you can shop at a gas station (e.g. ARAL, Leipziger Straße) but this will be more expensive. Some shops are open until 10 pm such as Kaufland or REWE.

Some locations of supermarkets:

- Kaufland: biggest supermarket, close to downtown
open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. during the week
- Penny: located in Gerberpassage at the Untermarkt (close to Campus)
open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Aldi: located at Leipziger Strasse (close to Campus)
open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- REWE: located at Friedeburger Strasse
open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Edeka: located at Eherne Schlange 4

Open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- Bio-shop: Korngasse 5
Open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Second-Hand-shops are located in Fischerstrasse.

Another big shopping centre “Häuersteig” is located on the outskirts of Freiberg. There you will find another Kaufland and a great variety of other stores. It can be reached by bus.

Various smaller shops are located in the centre of Freiberg around Obermarkt and Untermarkt.

Shops offering Asian food, ingredients, spices, cheap telephone cards and other things can be found in the town centre, e.g. in Weingasse (Asia center). Saigon Minimarket in Dresden right next to the main station offers a big variety of ingredients for Asian food.

Shops offering ingredients for African food can be found in Dresden, e.g. Africa Nova in Dresden Neustadt, Tieckstraße 9.

Ingredients for Arabic food can be found in a new shop in Fischerstraße and Burgstraße, Freiberg or at the mosque in Winklerstraße 12.

Cheap clothes can be purchased at AWG (Petersstrasse).

Every Thursday a public market is held at Obermarkt. There will also be the Christmas Market in December.

Dresden, Chemnitz and Leipzig offer a great variety of different stores and shops.

6.4 Bars, cafés and pubs

Most of them are located in the centre of the town at *Obermarkt* and *Untermarkt*, especially in *Meißner Gasse* Freibergs so called alley of pubs. There you will find a great variety of interesting places to go, like the stylish “Central Lokal”, the Irish Pub “Miners” and some others. Another interesting pub is located just around the corner of *Untermarkt* in *Kreuzgasse 7*. The pub “Kreuzgasse 7” offers a cosy and romantic atmosphere and is very popular among students and citizens. There is also a Fair Trade Café which is located in *Thielestraße 5*. Two student’s clubs are also offered for nightlife activity. One is called “EAC” and is part of the *Neue Mensa* building; the other one is called “Alte Mensa” and is on the street between *Obermarkt* and the Albertpark. Both don’t just offer drinks and snacks, but also a diverse cultural program. During the summer an area very close to the dormitory is prepared with sand. The “City Beach” offers a place to play Volleyball and have a drink in beach chairs.

The best known clubs in Freiberg are “Tivoli” (close to Lessingstraße), “StadtClub” (Obermarkt).

6.5 Students’ clubs

One of them, the “ErdAlchimistenClub” or EAC is located on the campus in the building of the *Neue Mensa* → student’s restaurant. The entrance is on the side of the building facing Winklerstraße.

The other called “Alte Mensa” including the bar “Abgang” is located in Petersstrasse 5 in the building *Alte Mensa*. Both offer a great variety of beers and drinks at fair prices. Concerts, parties and other events are accomplished there.

6.6 Movies

Movies on Monday: the students are invited to join the movie club every Monday at 8:00pm in Audimax (Winklerstraße). The cost of the entrance is 2,50 €.

Kinopolis [Chemnitzer Straße 133, phone: (03731) 67 68 69]: Freiberg's movie theatre. The cost of the entrance for students is 5 to 7 €. <http://www.kinopolis.de/fr/showtimes/week/0.php>

Mov(i)e it!: a group of IMRE students organizes up to three events per semester in which they will show controversial movies or documentaries in English language from the field of people, planet & profit. The shown movies will be open for discussion afterwards. Sometimes special guests are invited with profound knowledge in the topic.

6.7 Begegnungsraum (meeting room)

It's located in the building of "Neue Mensa" on the side of the building facing *Winklerstrasse*. Here the International Students Association (AKAS) is meeting regular, and many activities are offered. It is a good opportunity to get into contact with other international and German students.

6.8 Book stores

There is one book store (*Akademische Buchhandlung*) on the campus, located in Merbachstraße. Other book stores can be found in the town's centre. Additionally, online book companies often offer delivery in Germany free of charge.

6.9 Domestic Waste

Most if not all communities in Germany ask their citizen to separate waste. Different garbage cans are provided to separate in to fractions of paper/pulp, glass, organic waste, plastics and residual waste. Most cans and bottles for drinks are sold with deposit (German: *Pfand*) which will be refunded when you return those to the → shops.

6.10 Drinking Water

Tap water in Germany has drinking water quality and can be consumed without boiling. Bottled water usually contains gas in the Eastern part of Germany. If you are looking for bottled water without gas, you have to search for "*stilles Wasser*" or "*ohne Kohlensäure*".

6.11 Sport

The university offers in the → *Universitätssportzentrum* a great variety of indoor and outdoor activities that contribute to the physical and mental health of the students. It is also useful for integration into the student's community and social life in Germany.

Some of the sports offered are: soccer, swimming, badminton, spinning, squash, tennis, ping-pong, volleyball, basketball, callanetics, aerobics, climbing, jogging, chess, relaxation training, karate, Ballet, salsa, etc.

The registration for each course is at the beginning of the semester and costs 10 – 20 € per semester, depending on the chosen course.

Besides the offer of the → *Universitätssportzentrum* there is also the possibility to use the offers of the private gyms (Fitness Studio). There are some studios in Freiberg, differing in prices, equipment and target groups. There are also bowling centres (Altstadtbowling, Meißner Gasse 19; Strike, next to cinema "Kinopolis").

Competitions in different disciplines are offered during the semester. Bigger tournaments are also organized for soccer, basketball and volleyball.

University Sport Centre (Universitätssportzentrum)

The sport's centre of the university is located at Chemnitzer Straße 50. You also can find information from the sport's centre at a board in the canteen or in the Internet.

<http://tu-freiberg.de/sport/sportangebote>

If you got injured during a sport activity of the sport's centre, please contact the office with medical certificate within 3 work days at the following telephone number: (03731) 201109. This is important to inform the insurer and claim services later on.

Johannisbad

Freiberg's new public swimming pool *Johannisbad* is, located in *Johann-Sebastian-Bach-Straße*, just next to Lessingstraße.

<http://www.johannisbad-freiberg.de/>

Special prices for students are offered. Another nice place is the open air bath *Soldatenteich* at the outskirts of Freiberg (1 € for the whole day).

<http://www.camping-freiberg.de/waldbad-freiberg.html>

6.12 Telephone

There are a lot of offers and various kinds of contracts from different companies. Please note that making a contract with a German cell phone company can be very expensive in the end; minimum contract periods for mobile phone contracts are often 2 years. Please take sufficient advice from an experienced person. The best and cheapest alternative to make calls is to use a telephone card for international calls or to use Internet telephone services. Be also aware that Germany has a very well developed landline telephone network and provider often offer a quite cheap flat fee as long as you stay in the landline network.

Mobile offers for student's overview:

<http://www.verivox.de/handytarife/studenten/>

Emergency telephone numbers are: 110 Police
 112 Fire Service
 112 Ambulance

Emergency telephone numbers can be called even without a credit.

6.13 Post office

The main Post Office from Deutsche Post AG is located at *Postplatz*, close to the town's centre.

Opening hours

Monday to Friday 9 am – 6.30 p.m.

Saturday 9 am – 12 am

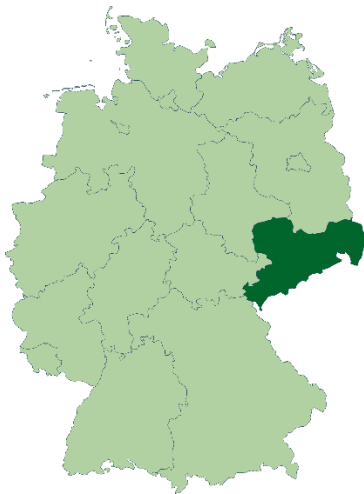
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Letter boxes are yellow and can be found on several places in Freiberg.

6.14 Violence against foreigners

The presence of foreign students has been crucial and very important for the academic life of the university since its founding in 1765. Foreign students are highly welcome. With over 15 % foreign students the proportion is much higher than the average at German universities (11 %). The inhabitants of Freiberg are used to foreigners and are welcoming them. There are a lot of initiatives that are trying to facilitate the integration into German society and to enable the intercultural exchange. Nevertheless, there is a minority of xenophobic people. There were no incidents in the last years. In case of emergency you can reach the police by calling 110.

7. About Saxony and Freiberg



Largest cities [\[edit\]](#)

The largest cities in Saxony according to the 31 December 2013 estimate.^[4]

Rank	City	Population
1	Leipzig	531,582
2	Dresden	530,754
3	Chemnitz	242,022
4	Zwickau	91,564
5	Plauen	63,967
6	Görlitz	54,042
7	Freiberg	40,268

7.1 Dresden (Capital of Saxony)



"Florence of the North" is how Dresden has been called. A southern city in the North, a Baroque metropolis. The city experienced its golden age in the first half of the 18th century under the rule of Augustus the Strong, Elector of Saxony and King of Poland. The "Zwinger", the cathedral, the Baroque "Königstraße", "Pillnitz" Palace and not least the countless art treasures of the museums and priceless wealth of the "Green Vault" treasure chamber all testify to this era.

In the 19th century painters, sculptors, authors and musicians - representatives of the early romantics - met here. Dresden was an innovative economic location and one of the richest cities in Germany. Today one can discover the largest villa quarter in the country. The district around Martin-Luther-Platz emerged at the turn of the century with an alternative city culture, with its own theatre, modern music and pubs. The picturesque and architecturally interesting "Hellerau" Garden City provides a worthwhile detour.

Destroyed in the firestorms of the 13th February 1945 and then reconstructed as a large socialist city, Dresden today has a new appearance. The second reconstruction of Dresden is in full swing. By 2006 at the latest, in time for the city's 800 year jubilee, Dresden should have been restored to what it was - a large city with a pulsating centre and probably the most beautiful city in Germany.

In the heart of Dresden, the Royal Palace is being reconstructed. Directly opposite the palace is the "Taschenbergpalais", which was rebuilt after being reduced to just its outer walls in the war. The economic life of Dresden is also flourishing again: tourism, an innovative computer industry and consumer goods are important sectors. Dresden is also a popular location for conferences and conventions.

Dresden is also home to modern art: opera, drama and operettas can be seen in new and interesting productions. The whole city is filled with music - in front of historic buildings, in concert halls, in parks and pedestrian zones - from small chamber orchestras or hundred-voiced choirs. A fixed element of Dresden's cultural life has developed in the "Elbhangfest" festival in June, which has chosen the picturesque landscape between "Loschwitz" and "Pillnitz" as its setting.

Dresden's university is called "Technische Universität Dresden".

You can get to Dresden by train. There is at least one train per hour leaving to Dresden. The trip takes about 45 minutes; a return ticket costs around 15 €, but there are special group and weekend offers. You can also take the bus, which operates less frequently, is a little cheaper and takes a little longer to get to Dresden. The third option is called "Mitfahrgelegenheit" (often called *Mitfahrer* amongst foreign students). Car drivers going from Freiberg to Dresden often offer a seat on Internet platforms. They will leave contact details so people can call or write them and arrange for a pick up and drop. Keep in mind that Germans are in most cases very punctual people and also expect that from other people. The price varies between 2 and 3 € in one direction. Even though driver and passenger don't know each other, it can be considered a safe way to travel in Germany.

7.2 Leipzig



Leipzig is situated in the middle of the extensive Leipzig lowlands, and hence at the heart of the central German economic zone. Known as an important centre of East-West trade, Leipzig is also developing into a major banking city with over 100 banks represented here. The infrastructure comprising rapid transport links, Leipzig/Halle Airport, a cargo-handling centre, and an extensive telecommunication glass-fibre network, as well as modern office blocks, commercial premises and housing, puts Leipzig in an ideal position as it is transformed into the service capital of the future.

It was also the place where the famous cantor J.S. Bach spent his most important years. In his memory, the Bach Festival is commemorated every year around Ascension Day.

Music and opera in Leipzig also flourished in connection with other great composers such as Richard Wagner (who was born in Leipzig) Felix Mendelssohn and Robert Schumann.

Mendelssohn House is the only residence of composer Felix Mendelssohn still in existence. It is the place where he also died. Nowadays it is a museum containing exhibits such as his original furniture.

A prime venue for Leipzig visitors looking for action in the evenings and also in search of a little nostalgia is the Moritzbastei, a youth and student club extending three storeys underground. This club is famous for the theatre performances and the Jazz Festival that are celebrated there.

The Market Square is an attractive backdrop for open-air events in the summer. A host of temporary restaurants and bars with their own unique atmosphere. Here can be found an attractive array of shops, and about 30 restaurants and bars.

Rock concerts, discos and other events for youngsters are held regularly at clubs and event centres in almost every borough of the city.

Every year in October, the *Lachmesse*, a comedy festival attracts comedians and theatre troupes from all over Germany and even abroad to Leipzig, and has now become the largest international event of its kind. Later on in the same month, film-makers and fans from all over the world meet up at the International Leipzig Festival of Documentary and Animated Film. Featuring hundreds of films and also hosting workshops and the like, the festival has been firmly inscribed on the film sector's calendar ever since it began back in 1957.

In November and May every year, Leipzig hosts Europe's biggest pub festival – Honky Tonk. Over 100 bands perform at almost as many venues, ranging from fashionable pubs to top restaurants.

The university in Leipzig is called “Universität Leipzig”.

In order to get to Leipzig, you can take the train and go via the city of Chemnitz or → Dresden. The journey will take you roughly 2 hours and costs 44 € (look at → Dresden for other options).

7.3 Erzgebirge (Ore Mountains)



The Erzgebirge is known for its wood crafted christmas decoration (e.g. nut crackers) and toys, its skiing resorts and for its hiking landscapes. Erzgebirge means „ore mountains“, even though, there is no more mining in this area as of now. Annaberg-Buchholz is a well-known town in the Erzgebirge, worth a trip and quite similar to Freiberg in history and flair. The border to Czech Republic runs through the Erzgebirge. Large parts of the Erzgebirge are covered with wood and invite for daily tours in every season. A train is running between Freiberg and the village Holzgau in the Erzgebirge.

7.4 Freiberg



<http://www.freiberg-service.de/en.html>

Freiberg is Saxony’s oldest and most important mining city. The heritage of mining, especially silver mining, is present wherever you go. The city offers an interesting cityscape with a great influence of the wealth developed during the mining period. Nevertheless, the times have changed and nowadays Freiberg is very active in renewable energies such as photovoltaic, solar thermal energy, geothermal energy, bio diesel etc. and was able to attract various renowned companies investing here. Moreover, one of the world’s biggest factories for wafer production is located in Freiberg. The university is fostering the research in these areas and there are many cooperation relationships between industry and the university.

The streets of Freiberg remind a picturesque Romanesque 16th century town with cobbled streets and beautiful old houses. Two highlights are the Upper Market (*Obermarkt*) with Otto “the Wealthy” proudly looking at the 15th century town hall and the splendid patrician houses as well as the Lower

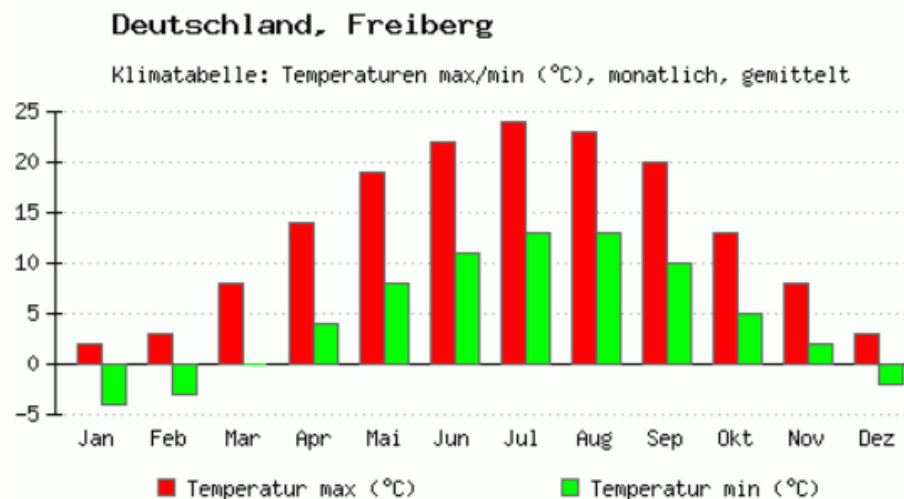
Market (*Untermarkt*) with a late gothic cathedral (*Freiberger Dom*) dominating the skyline. There are several things that make this cathedral so very precious. First of all there is the famous *Silbermann* organ which is constructed of pure silver. An organ concert is an absolute must for a Freiberg tourist. Further art treasures of this cathedral are the Romanesque Golden Arch (*Goldene Pforte*), the Burial Chapel (*Begräbniskapelle*) and the Tulip Pulpit (*Tulpenkanzel*).

Freiberg also offers interesting museums and collections. Besides others, there are the City and Mining Museum (*Stadt- und Bergbaumuseum*) and the Mineralogical Collection of the TU Bergakademie Freiberg - the latter one is even world famous and thus a definite must. With the donation of a Swiss entrepreneur some years ago, the new collections called *terra mineralia* is the world's biggest and most important, which is presented in the renovated *Schloss Freudenstein* in the centre of Freiberg as of late autumn 2008. The visit of both mineral collections (*terra mineralia* & university collection) is free for students of the TU Bergakademie Freiberg.

What made Freiberg rich and famous is silver mining. Today nobody digs for silver any longer, but the "Rich Colliery" (Reiche Zeche), which is the oldest, biggest and last complete mine of Saxony, can be visited by the public. Entering the world of a miner by lift dressed in miner's gear, riding on a train and crawling around tiny little aisles is an unforgettable and unique experience. Another mine that can be visited is the Old Elizabeth (Alte Elisabeth), which is also an important example of the mining culture Freiberg bears. A guided tour takes between 45 minutes and can go up to several hours, depending on the fitness and wishes of the visitors. Students should form a group and make an appointment for a tour. It will be free for students of the TU Bergakademie Freiberg.

7.4.1 Climate

The climate here is quite typical for Central Europe. The temperatures can vary from 20 – 35 °C in the summer and from plus 5 - minus 20 °C during the winter. Medium to heavy snowfall during the winter is usual. During spring and fall, sometimes also in the summer, heavy rain and storms can occur. There are no earthquakes and thunderstorms.



7.4.2 Freiburger Eierschecke

Well-known sweet cake typical for Freiberg, can be bought at all bakeries in Freiberg. You should try it. This kind of cake is unknown out of Freiberg, but you will find other forms of "Eierschecke" all over Germany. By the way, Germans like sweets and cakes for tea time (actually *coffee time* or *Kaffeetrinken*).



7.4.3 Religion

In the state Saxony around 21% belong to the Evangelic Church and 4% to the Catholic Church. The rest has either another confession or is not member of any church.

In Freiberg a mosque can be found at present in the basement of the building Winklerstraße 12.

Freiberg offers protestant, catholic and Mormon churches.