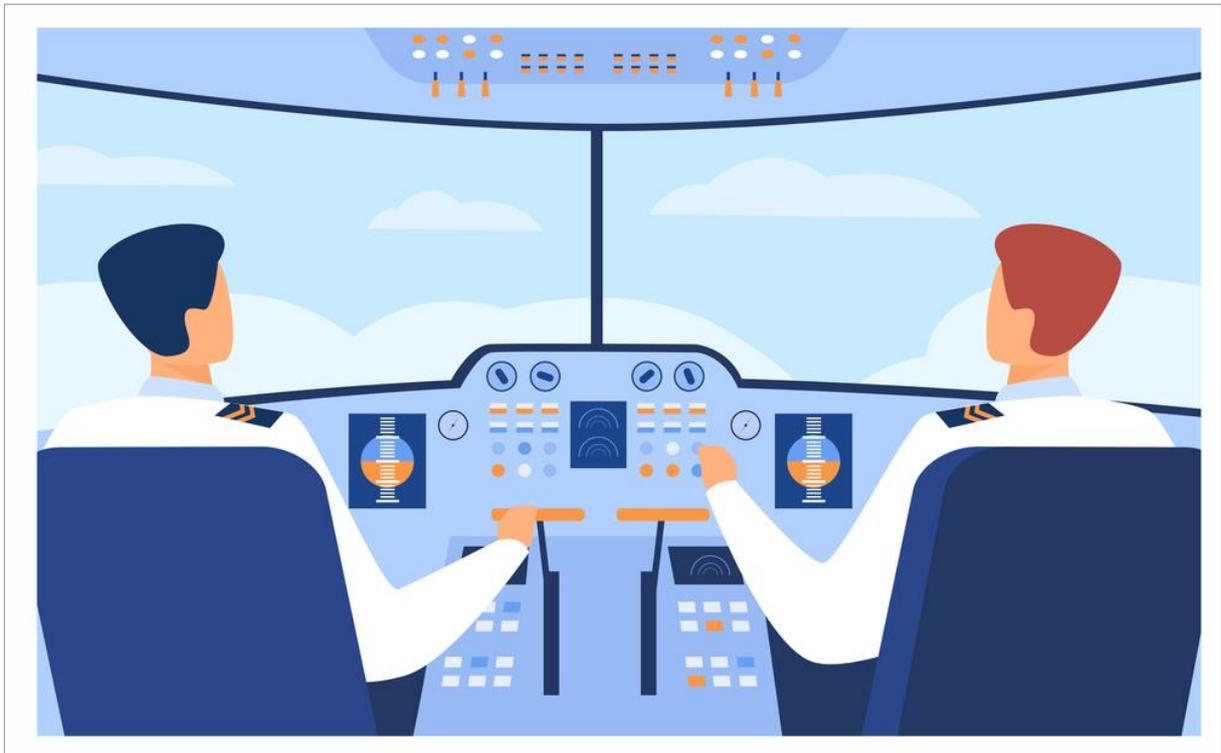


Before arrival – Travel and study preparations



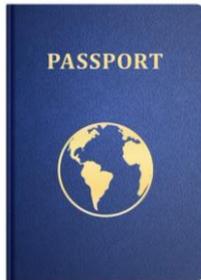
Whether you will be studying for an exchange semester or you are aiming for a degree at TU Bergakademie Freiberg, the application process is now behind you and new exciting and interesting experiences lie ahead of you. Congratulations to your admission!

We hope that the following information proves to be helpful in preparing your travel and studies in Freiberg. We look forward to welcoming you.

The International Office Team

Visa required?

With a few exceptions for certain countries, students from outside the European Union need a student visa. Please inquire with the German Embassy for the immigration regulations regarding your country or check [the Federal Foreign Office website](https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de)



[auswaertiges-amt.de](https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de) → About us → German Missions Abroad

Enrolment with a tourist visa is not possible!

Check if your country requires visa or not on the [website of the Federal Foreign Office auswaertiges-amt.de](https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de).

We would recommend applying for your visa as soon as possible. Processing times vary and can take long. For all visa inquiries and applications contact your local German Embassy, High Commission or Diplomatic Mission.

Accommodation



Living on campus – dormitories

Look for accommodation as early as possible. One option is to apply for a room in one of the dormitories provided by the Student Services Office ("Studentenwerk Freiberg"). Please read the information about the rooms offered and fill in the online form:

studentenwerk-freiberg.de/freiberg/housing/online-application/en/

You will receive a confirmation e-mail, that your application has been received. However, this does not mean, that you will receive a room. You will need to wait for the room offer by the Studentenwerk. (please note that with the room offer, you will probably be asked to transfer the deposit of 300 € in order to secure your room). The Studentenwerk is an institution independent from the university, which is why the International Office cannot give you more information about the status of your application. Please direct your inquiries directly to the Studentenwerk. There is only a limited number of rooms available in the student dorms. Therefore, please keep in mind, that sending an application does not mean that you will receive a room.

Living outside of the campus

If you cannot get a room in the student dorms, or if you simply prefer to live off campus, there are several options for a place on the private housing market, mainly in shared flats (WG = Wohngemeinschaft). For your search, you may use the information provided at our website:

tu-freiberg.de/en/international/accommodation#ph

At this website, you can also find short-term accommodation, if you want to start your search for a private accommodation on site (and you arrive well before the semester starts).

If you need further help for accommodation search, you can send an e-mail to:

accommodation-assistance@iuz.tu-freiberg.de

Confirmation letter for accommodation for visa application / appointment

In case you did not receive a room in the student dorms, but need to provide a confirmation letter for accommodation, please send an email to accommodation-assistance@iuz.tu-freiberg.de and ask for a confirmation letter. Please provide your name, application number, and study programme. The letter will give a confirmation, that the International Office will provide assistance to new international students in searching for accommodation. However, the letter will not confirm any rooms or apartments. Please only request the confirmation letter in case you need it for your visa application.



Buddy Programme

As a special service for new arriving international students the International Office and students of TU Bergakademie Freiberg offer the Buddy programme – a volunteer system of students caring for new students. A buddy will help you to get familiar with Freiberg, the university and campus life. A buddy can be of great help to you by, e.g.:

- meeting you at the train station,
- collecting the keys to your room in the student dorms,
- helping you during first formalities at the university, in the city hall and at the foreign authority (Ausländerbehörde) if necessary.

Since our buddies are volunteers, this service is free of charge. Please register for the buddy programme at least four weeks prior to your arrival at our website:

tu-freiberg.de/en/international/buddy-programme

CHECKLIST TRAVEL PREPARATIONS

- Check the expiration date on your passport. Renew your passport if it is only valid for 6 more months.
- Make sure to get information on study visa and immigration regulations regarding your nationality.
- Make all necessary travel arrangements: take care of travel insurance (please note that a travel insurance covers only the travelling and is not sufficient for enrolment).
- Organise your own accommodation.
- Register for the Orientation days and the Buddy programme
- Get all necessary vaccinations ahead of time, prepare specific medications (for example: if you require regular medication) and ask your doctor for a copy of your healthcare file (if applicable).
- Get information about your new home town, the TUBAF and Germany. This kind of information will help you find your way in your new surroundings.
- Make sure you have access to adequate funding and that these are sufficient to finance your studies in Germany.

Orientation events and information about your study programme

At the beginning of a semester the orientation days will take place. You will be given important information about...

- your study programme and the course schedule
- formalities after your arrival in Freiberg, e.g. enrolment, city registration, opening a bank account, health insurance, residence permit
- studying in Freiberg: important dates during the semester, language courses, German culture and lecturers' expectations of students
- services and contact persons for international students at TU Bergakademie
- online services for students and our e-learning platform OPAL

During the orientation days you will get to know your fellow students and your new home Freiberg. The detailed schedule you will find at our website:

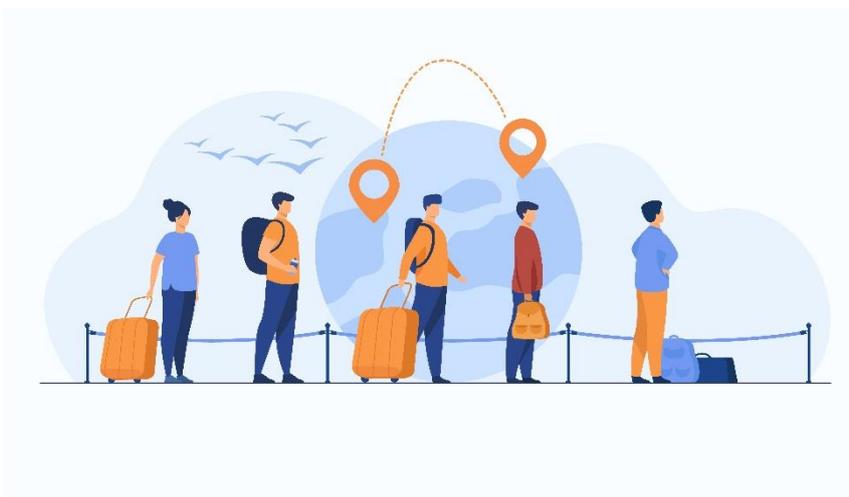
tu-freiberg.de/en/international/orientation-days

Please register for the orientation days in advance at the above-mentioned website and please make sure you arrive in time to participate in it.

Travelling – How to get to Freiberg?

The closest airport to Freiberg is Dresden (DRS). The airport Halle-Leipzig (LEJ) is also located close to Freiberg. The airport with the most international connections in Germany would be Frankfurt/Main (FRA). The closest international airports are Berlin Tegel Airport (TXL) and Berlin Schönefeld Airport (SXF). If you plan on arriving by plane, you would still need to arrange a connecting train to Freiberg. Unfortunately, we cannot pick you up from the airport. Germany has a very good train infrastructure. You can find information on train connections and ticket prices on the following link: www.bahn.de → choose your language.

It is also possible to travel by bus (<https://www.busradar.com/>): you can travel to Dresden or Chemnitz; from there you need to take a train to Freiberg.



Please note: When searching for the train connection, please make sure that you are travelling to Freiberg (Sachs). **Freiberg** is sometimes mixed up with **Freiburg**, so be sure, that your ticket shows Freiberg (Sachsen, Saxony).

CHECKLIST REQUIREMENTS WHEN TRAVELLING TO FREIBERG

- Valid photo ID/Passport and Visa
- Admission letter from the Admissions Office
- Proof of financial resources for your expenses in Germany
- Passport photos
- Additionally for students of the EU: Valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)
- An adequate amount of cash in € (ca. 500€): depending on your bank institute, you may not be able to access your account for a few days upon arriving in Germany. The cash will help you pay for initial costs like rent, enrolment, food etc. Please note that there is no possibility for currency exchange in Freiberg.
- Suitable clothing: Freiberg is located in a moderate climate of Europe. There are four distinct seasons. Therefore, please bring warm clothes for winter, but also clothes that can be layered for spring and fall and summer clothes for when it gets hot. Please also consider bringing traditional clothing from your home country for cultural festivals held by the university.
- Personal items, for example: medication, camera and photocopies of important documents (credit card, passport).

After the arrival

Welcome Point

To ensure a good start on campus and to settle in smoothly in your new home town. The International Office offers a Welcome Point as your first contact point after your arrival. You will receive your “Welcome folder” here, which contains important information regarding the beginning of your studies. The Welcome Point is located at Akademiestraße 6 in room EG.20. You can find the office hours at our website:



tu-freiberg.de/en/international/welcome-point

Emergency phone number

At the beginning of the semester, the International Office offers an emergency phone number for newly arriving international students. They can contact the International Office, in case there is a delay in their arrival and they are unable to reach their buddy: +49 (0)176 76428076. Please use this number only in emergencies!

Further information

You find further information at our website in the section “*Arrival in Freiberg*” with the sub-sections “*Before arrival*” and “*After arrival*”.



The screenshot shows the website for TU Bergakademie Freiberg. The header includes the university logo and name, along with a search bar and language options. The main navigation menu lists: University, Studies, Research, Economy, International, and Campus Life. Below the menu is a large image of a map of Freiberg with two fingers pointing to specific locations. The main content area is titled "Arrival in Freiberg" and "Before arrival". It features a sidebar with a dropdown menu for "Before arrival" and a list of links: Living expenses, Insurances, Accommodation, Visa, Buddy programme, Travelling to Freiberg, and After arrival. The main content area includes a "View" button, a "File browser" button, and a "Gruppe bearbeiten" button. Below this is a navigation link: "Navigation: Back to International Students". The main text reads: "Preparing your study stay in Freiberg. You have successfully applied at TU Bergakademie Freiberg and would now like to prepare the move to Freiberg in the best possible way. The information in the 'Before Arrival' section can help you with this:". A list of links follows: Living expenses, Health insurance, accident and liability insurance, Accommodation, Visa for the entry to Germany, Buddy programme for the support of new international students, and Travelling to Freiberg. On the right side, there is a "Get to know TU BAF" section with a photo of a student and links: See the Campus tour, Infoblock bearbeiten, Contact, Team International Centre, Map – Locations of the International Centre, and Infoblock bearbeiten.

Screenshot of the website “Before arrival” – tu-freiberg.de/en/international/before-arrival

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