

# Pre-Course for Prospective Refugee Students with an Emphasis on Natural Sciences and Engineering

What is a pre-course?

- ✓ a German course in the mornings (B2 + C1 + preparation for the DSH)
- ✓ field-specific courses in the afternoons
- ✓ DSH examination

What prerequisites do I need to meet?

- ✓ direct higher education entrance qualification
- ✓ interest in a course of study in natural sciences or engineering
- ✓ current residency status as a refugee
- ✓ Level B1 German language skills

What costs does the university cover for me?

- ✓ German course
- ✓ field-specific courses
- ✓ DSH examination, including preparatory course

How can I apply?

- ✓ online registration + submission of application by postal mail (not by e-mail)
- ✓ application period: 1 November to 25 November 2017

When and where are the courses held?

- ✓ February – September 2018
- ✓ University of Freiburg

## Information on the Teaching

It is necessary to have sufficient German language skills to study successfully in Germany. Applicants must provide evidence of level C1 German language skills to be admitted to a course of study. The participants of the pre-course thus take an intensive **general language course at the levels B2 and C1** in the mornings.

The participants receive the opportunity to improve their oral and written German language skills under the skilled guidance of qualified instructors. The course includes conversation exercises and discussions, reading and listening comprehension exercises on current topics, and a selection of

topics covering (future) academic content in combination with modern and practical grammar training. Participants also receive practice on study skills like reading strategies, descriptions of diagrams, or presentations. The course is based on the requirements of the DSH examination (Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang).

To pass the course, participants must complete regular tests and assignments (short tests, presentations, writing assignments, etc.). Each level concludes with a final exam.

In the afternoons, the participants acquire **field-specific knowledge** in individual groups, enabling them to get a successful start on their chosen degree program without delay upon completing the pre-course. The available courses include **foundations of the STEM fields** as well as an **English refresher course**, an **introduction to academic work**, and an **intercultural training course**. Regular course attendance is obligatory.

Participants who pass the pre-course and achieve level C1 German language skills are eligible to take the **DSH** examination at the University of Freiburg to earn a recognized language certificate for higher education entry. For more information on the DSH, please contact the **Language Teaching Center** ([www.sli.uni-freiburg.de](http://www.sli.uni-freiburg.de)).

## Information on Prerequisites

The pre-course is designed for all prospective refugee students who possess **direct higher education entrance qualification for a degree program** at the University of Freiburg and are interested in a **course of study in natural sciences or engineering** in Freiburg. In addition, applicants must have **current residency status as a refugee**.

At the start of the pre-course, participants must have level B1 German language skills according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Applicants must demonstrate their German language skills by taking a language test at the Language Teaching Center (SLI). You will receive further information on this test after submitting your application.

## Information on Applying

Prospective refugee students who wish to take the 2018 propaedeutic pre-course must first register online at

[www.uni-freiburg.de/universitaet/refugees-welcome/initiativen/application-pre-course?set\\_language=en](http://www.uni-freiburg.de/universitaet/refugees-welcome/initiativen/application-pre-course?set_language=en)

When you reach the end of the online registration, you will be asked to send in your application documents (curriculum vitae, educational certificates, language certificates, letter of motivation).

All of the documents must be received by the university **by 25 November 2017** (by postal mail, not by e-mail).

Your documents will be reviewed by the university. The language test takes place at the beginning of December. You will be notified whether you have been admitted to the pre-course by mid-December.

**Please note: In order to receive admission to a course of study in your desired field, you must submit a separate application in the proper form and before the application deadline after completing the pre-course. Course participants are not matriculated as students.**

### Course Content and Structure:

Module	Date	Time	Place	Max. participants	Teaching units
B2.1 (language + tutorials)	05.02.- 23.03.18	Mon.–Fri., 8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Tues.+Thurs., 12:15–2:15 p.m.	University of Freiburg (to be announced)	44	168
B2.2 (language + tutorials)	03.04.- 18.05.18	Mon.–Fri., 8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Tues.+Thurs., 12:15–2:15 p.m.	University of Freiburg (to be announced)	44	168
C1.1 (language + field-specific courses)	28.05.- 13.07.18	Mon.–Fri., 8:15–12:15 p.m. Tues.+Thurs., 12:15–2:15 p.m.	University of Freiburg (to be announced)	44	168
C1.2 (language + field-specific courses)	23.07.- 07.09.18	Mon.–Fri., 8:15–12:15 p.m. Tues.+Thurs., 12:15–2:15 p.m.	University of Freiburg (to be announced)	44	168
DSH training (+ tutorials)	10.09.- 21.09.18	Mon.–Fri., 8:15–12:15 p.m. Tues.+Thurs., 12:15–2:15 p.m.	University of Freiburg (to be announced)	44	48
<b>DSH examination</b>	September 2018	to be announced	University of Freiburg (to be announced)	44	

#### Breaks:

Easter	26.03. – 02.04.2018
Pentecost	21.05. – 25.05.2018
Summer	16.07. – 20.07.2018

### Information on the Application Procedure:

Student Service Center  
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### Information on the German and Field-Specific Courses:

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