

# OFF-CAMPUS STUDY - SPRING 2023

## COLGATE IN FREIBURG

**Director:**

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**Tentative Program Dates:**

March 15 to July 30, 2023

**Learn about the 2022-23 Colgate Study Groups and Talk With the Faculty Directors at the Study Group Fair at the Hall of Presidents on Wednesday, October 6th, 2021, 4:00–5:00:** <https://www.colgate.edu/academics/off-campus-study/campus-opportunities/virtual-study-group-fair>

**For more information about the program:**

Please contact Prof. Miller at [mdmiller1@colgate.edu](mailto:mdmiller1@colgate.edu)

**Information Sessions will be held on:**

Thursday, October 21 at 4:15pm and

Tuesday, October 26 at 4:15pm

via Zoom: <https://colgate.zoom.us/j/94454673072>

## Colgate University's

Freiburg Study Group provides students with first-hand experience of German Culture in its diversity, gives them an opportunity to develop and enhance their language skills through immersion in a German-speaking environment, and enables them to pursue academic study at the internationally renowned Albert-Ludwigs-Universität.

*Courses taken on this study group satisfy the Core Global Engagements requirement.*



The program consists of two parts: a three-week group travel seminar through Germany, followed by the semester enrollment at the university in Freiburg. The Freiburg Study Group is sponsored by Colgate's German Department, and is open to students in all academic fields.

The 2023 Study Group will feature a "North German" iteration of the acclaimed *Bildungsreise* in order to supplement the learning experiences to be had in Freiburg (located in Germany's southwestern corner): the linguistic and cultural orientation to Germanophone Europe will proceed north from the Black Forest up the Rhine to Cologne, then on to Hamburg, crossing from there to the Baltic Sea region (Lübeck, Schwerin, and Rügen) before reaching Berlin. (Likely visits to Vienna and Strasbourg will be scheduled separately.) During the travel period, students begin their first two courses: the advanced language course GERM 341 and the literature and culture seminar GERM 457. The semester at the University of Freiburg begins on April 17, 2023 and ends on July 22, 2023. At the University of Freiburg, students can take elective courses in any discipline and receive credit for majors in most fields.

## Courses

*GERM 341 Advanced Conversation and Composition (Prof. Miller)*. This course focuses on the language skills needed for excelling as a student at a German university. The first part is taught by the director while the group travels; the second part is taught in Freiburg by the director and local personal tutors in accordance with the specific needs of the individual student.

*GERM 457 German Culture and Literature (Prof. Miller)*. This course conducts an on-site study of German culture beyond the university setting. Students deepen their knowledge of German culture and history and explore contemporary social and political issues in conjunction with their lived experience of German-speaking Europe. The study trip to key cities and regions of central Europe is an integral part of this course, and includes guided tours, special lectures, visits to museums, and attendance at theater performances and concerts. Upon return to Freiburg in April, the course meets regularly during the semester at Freiburg.

## Electives, Two Courses

During the semester at Freiburg, students may enroll in courses from any field of study (subject to availability and the satisfaction of prerequisites).

## Living Arrangements

Students are housed in single rooms, in suites in the dormitories of the University of Freiburg together with other Freiburg University students. Students may participate in all university and extracurricular activities such as sports, choruses, orchestras, theatre groups, etc.

## Travel Arrangements

Students make their own travel arrangements to and from Europe, and will meet in Freiburg at the beginning of the group activities. The director makes all the arrangements for the group trip in March and April.

## Costs

For details of student expenses on this exchange program, please see the student cost estimate sheet on the Off-Campus Study website.

## Orientation

Three orientation sessions in the fall prior to departure help to prepare students for their experience at a German university. Previous study group participants and native German students in residence at Colgate will serve as resource persons for the new study group.

## Prerequisites

Satisfactory completion of GERM 202 or the permission of the director. Students who are unable to take GERM 202 might be able to satisfy the language prerequisite in a different way and should contact the director.

## Passports and Visas

You must confirm that your passport is valid through December 2023. All students participating on the spring 2023 Freiburg Study Group will be required to obtain a student visa. If you will not be traveling on a U.S. passport it is imperative that you contact an adviser in Off-Campus Study and International Student Services, 101 McGregory, to learn as much as you can about the visa requirements. For some students there are significant requirements to be met that take time, advance planning, and incur costs.

## Calendar and Deadline

The study group application will open on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, and will close on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. All applications are on the Colgate University Off-Campus Study website and are submitted online at [offcampusstudy.colgate.edu](http://offcampusstudy.colgate.edu). Only finalists in the selection process will be interviewed. Interviews will be arranged by e-mail in November/December, and admissions decisions will take place late December/early January.