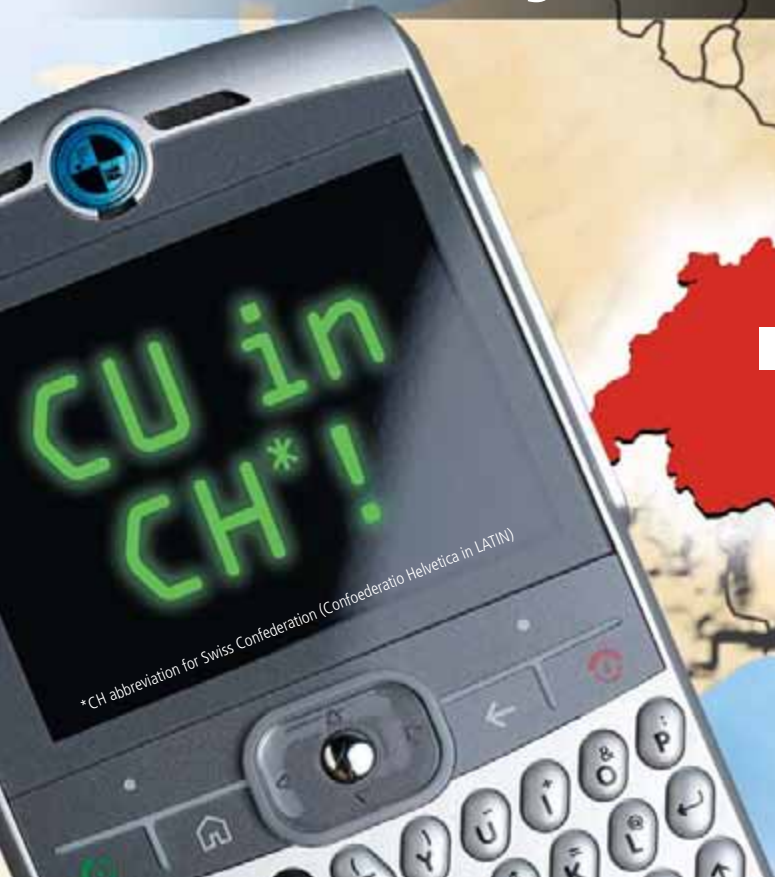


Study Abroad In...



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SWITZERLAND



Based in the bilingual city of Fribourg, one of Europe's best-preserved medieval cities, the **American College Program at the University of Fribourg (ACP)** offers students intellectually stimulating, innovative and diverse programs of study in a beautiful, safe and idyllic environment. The tradition of American students coming to study at the University of Fribourg dates back more than 80 years. The **ACP** is one of the oldest study abroad programs available to American students and, since its founding, has hosted over 5500 participants. The Program offers full immersion in the French or German language, direct enrollment into regular courses at the University, unfettered access to university libraries, and maximum exposure to the cultural and political life of contemporary Switzerland and Europe.

■ **The American College Program offers four possibilities for study abroad:** the Academic-Year Program, the Autumn Semester Program, the Spring Semester Program and the Summer Program. The goal of the Academic-Year Program is to maximize language acquisition and optimize cultural immersion through the structure of a solid academic experience. These goals are best achieved over the course of one academic year.

■ **Academic Year Program:** Students arrive in Switzerland in early-September, have a three-day land tour, take a two-week intensive language and orientation course, and enroll in academic courses at the University for the autumn semester, which begins in the second week of September and continues to the third week of December. During the inter-semester period, which last until mid-February, students may travel on their own or return to the United States. The spring semester lasts from mid-February until the end of May.

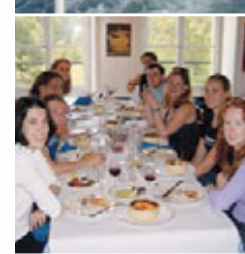
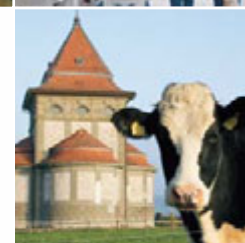
■ **Autumn Semester Program:** Students arrive in Switzerland in early September, have a three-day land tour, take a two-week intensive language and orientation course, and enroll in academic courses at the University for the autumn semester, which begins in the third week of September and continues to the third week of December.

■ **Spring Semester Program:** Students arrive in Switzerland in early February, have a three-day land tour, take a two-week intensive language and orientation course, and enroll in academic courses at the University for the spring semester, which lasts from mid-February until the end of May.

■ **Summer Program - Survey of International Organizations (SIO):** Students arrive in Switzerland in early July and take a four-week interdisciplinary course on international organizations. The **SIO** offers students an intellectually stimulating, innovative and diverse program of study with maximum exposure to the cultural and political life of contemporary Switzerland, Europe and the world of international diplomacy.

At the conclusion of the Academic Year or Spring Semester Program students are offered language certification tests: for French with the Alliance Française or for German with the Goethe Institut.

The Program is a full-time study-abroad offering. This means that most students take an average of 30 ECTS credit hours of classes for the Autumn Semester Program, Spring Semester Program, or a total of 60 ECTS credits for the Academic Year Program.





American College Program University of Fribourg



IMPORTANT DATES

Autumn Semester
and Academic Year
application deadline:
April 1st

Spring Semester
application deadline:
September 30th

Summer Semester
Application deadline:
April 15

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University of Fribourg

Situated in the well-preserved medieval city, the University of Fribourg is the only institution in Europe offering a full curriculum in both French and German. Founded in 1889, the University has over 10,000 students representing more than 110 nationalities. The international flavor is reflected in the teaching staff, some 35% of whom are from abroad. The University enjoys an excellent reputation for the quality of its teaching and research.

History and Innovation

Founded in 1925, the Program in Fribourg is considered as one of the first study programs for Americans in Europe. The aim of the Program is to provide students the opportunity to study French and/or German at this unique University, fostering substantial intellectual, cultural and social exchanges between Americans and local students in a safe, neutral and idyllic setting—Switzerland.

An innovative summer program, **SIO**, offers students a privileged insight into international organizations in Switzerland and France.

Admission Requirements

To be admitted into the Program, students have to be in good academic and disciplinary standing at an accredited undergraduate/graduate college/university, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and at least an intermediate level of university French or German. All applications are analyzed on a case-by-case basis, thus potential candidates should not be discouraged from applying if they feel that they do not meet all of the requirements. Applications can be completed on-line at www.unifr.ch/acp

Housing

Students generally live in a dormitory across the street from main campus. Like small studios, the rooms have a bed, cupboards, desk, a private or shared shower, refrigerator and cooking facilities on each floor.

Meal Plan

Students have the option of participating in the **ACP** meal plan that works with local cafeterias, supermarkets and restaurants.

Fees

Most students pay less to go to Switzerland for the year than the cost of a full academic year at their home universities. The **ACP** is considered as one of the best values in study abroad in Europe. Fees include a three-day land tour upon arrival, a two-week intensive Language Practicum, tuition, language certification, housing, some meals, transportation and special events. The cost for the academic year is only \$16,900, for the semester program only \$8,900 and for the **SIO** only \$3,500.

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The Survey of International Organizations (SIO) provides students with an overview of the goals, functioning and significance of key international organizations in today's fast changing global environment. The course examines some of the world's most important economic, political and humanitarian organizations from an interdisciplinary perspective. The goal of the course is to equip participants with a well-rounded set of analytical tools that help them assess both the future role of international organizations in the 21st century and their past and present effectiveness in addressing important societal challenges.

The **SIO** is organized into modules in various areas of study, including economics, political science, international law, and sociology. Field trips allow students to see the day-to-day operation and meet with distinguished representatives of international organizations, such as the United Nations, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Labor Organization, the World Trade Organization, the World Health Organization, and the International Committee of the Red Cross (all based in Geneva), and the E.U. Parliament, Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France.