



Press Release

Natural Sciences and Languages in Top Group

Fields of study at the University of Freiburg receive good scores on the new Centre for Higher Education ranking

Outstanding overall assessment of academics in Freiburg: The University of Freiburg fields of study German language and literature, English and American studies, and biology have been ranked in the top group in nationwide comparison on the new Centre for Higher Education (CHE) ranking. There are currently 1415 students matriculated in biology, 2016 in German language and literature, and 1434 in English and American studies in Freiburg. “The results published by the CHE explain why these disciplines are so popular at our university,” says Rector Prof. Dr. **Hans-Jochen Schiewer**. “But we also take the results as an occasion to ask ourselves how we can further improve the quality of studies and teaching in all fields included in the ranking.”

In German language and literature, the University of Freiburg placed 4th in nationwide comparison and 1st among universities in Baden-Württemberg according to an overall assessment of all available data published by the CHE, including top scores on international orientation, research strength, and practical relevance. In English and American studies, Freiburg placed 2nd in statewide comparison, with a top score on international orientation and excellent results on the special assessment of teaching degree programs. Biology is also placed 2nd in Baden-Württemberg, and in the field of psychology – one of the few fields for which CHE conducted a research ranking – Freiburg ranks as the university with the strongest research in the state.

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Overall, the University of Freiburg also achieved good to very good results with regard to library and IT infrastructure in all fields included in the study. “We attribute this remarkable and encouraging result not least to the fact that we opened one of Europe’s most modern and largest university libraries last year and can thus provide our students with an outstanding learning environment,” says Schiewer.

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The University of Freiburg achieves top positions in all university rankings. Its research, teaching, and continuing education have received prestigious awards in nationwide competitions. Over 24,000 students from 100 nations are enrolled in 188 degree programs. Around 5,000 teachers and administrative employees put in their effort every day – and experience that family friendliness, equal opportunity, and environmental protection are more than just empty phrases here.