Freiburg has gained its name and reputation as a "Green City" thanks to its high environmental standards, innovative research and development, and its general attitude towards the environment. With extensive use of solar energy and other renewable sources, the city attracts researchers and environmental organizations from around the world. But Freiburg is green not only because of its policies and politics. No other city of comparable size (220,000 inhabitants) has such a diversity of landscapes ranging from the mountains of the Black Forest, to Mediterranean-type vegetation in the Rhine valley.

As one of Germany’s most beautiful cities, Freiburg is a traditional, yet also youthful and dynamic university town. Its location near the French and Swiss border make it an ideal starting point to explore Europe.

**FACULTY**

The faculty hosts Environmental Sciences together with Forest Sciences, Geosciences and Geography. A wide range of related Bachelor and Master programmes are offered. Core fields of research are the sustainable use of natural resources, protection of natural life resources (water, soil, air and biodiversity) and adaptation to Global Change (ecosystems, human-environment systems) such as natural hazards and risks.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

- **Duration:** 4 semesters
- **Course start:** October
- **120 ECTS credits**
- **Language of instruction:** German and English
- **Application deadline:** July 15th

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