

## FREIBURG »GREEN CITY«

Freiburg earned this name and reputation due to its high environmental standards, innovative research and development, and its general attitude toward 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 (230,000 inhabitants) has such a diversity of landscapes, ranging from the mountains of the Black Forest to Mediterranean-type vegetation in the Rhine valley. 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 a great base for exploring Europe.

## FACULTY

### Faculty building



lecturers however, also comprises professors from other faculties of Freiburg University as well as experts from external research institutes and national and international partner universities.

The programme is hosted at the Faculty of Environment and Natural Resources. In accordance with the interdisciplinary and international focus of the programme, the team of



Group work, an important part of the programme

## FACTS AND FIGURES

Duration: 4 semesters, 120 ECTS credits  
Course start: October  
Language of instruction: English  
Application deadline: 15 May  
Language prerequisites: TOEFL ibt 100, IELTS Band 7  
Accredited by: ACQUIN

Special deadlines for applicants of the DAAD-sponsored scholarships for students from developing countries ([www.daad.de/epos/](http://www.daad.de/epos/)).

Each year, a group of around 35 students are selected in a highly competitive procedure based on criteria of excellence and geographical representation (industrialized countries, countries in transition, developing countries, as well as global regions).

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# m.sc. Programme environmental Governance (meg)



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# INTERDISCIPLINARITY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVES COORDINATION LEADERSHIP THEORY

## m.sc. environmental governance (meg)

Since its establishment in 2005, the MEG programme has been training academics in the broader field of Environmental Governance, understood as new modes of social coordination among market, state and civil society actors. With that, the MEG aims to fill the gap between technically oriented environmental management programmes and purely disciplinary environmental politics programmes. MEG is exceptional in its highly **interdisciplinary approach**: at its core it is social-scientific, but it provides students with basic scientific literacy in the more technical aspects of pressing environmental challenges. In 2006, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) acknowledged the programme as a Development-Related Postgraduate Course and thus offers a limited number of scholarships. As a result, an extraordinary aspect of the programme is its **high internationality**. On average students come from 23 nations from all over the world, including developing, transforming, and industrialized countries.



Civil society, a key player in environmental governance

## CURRICULUM

The MEG programme is designed as a two-year (4 semesters), full-time program (120 ECTS). Teaching is organized in three-week block modules, comprising core and elective modules aiming at:

**Realizing** - The development of a sound knowledge base of the most pressing environmental issues facing the planet and their underlying societal causes;

**Understanding** - The reflection on human-environment interactions from a wide spectrum of disciplines, approaches and world-views;

**Managing** - The provision of methodological knowledge and skills for the context-sensitive design and management of environmental governance processes.

## TARGET GROUP

The programme targets students from various disciplines who aspire to become leaders in the complex field of sustainable development i.e. **Sustainability Designers** with innovative ideas about environmental governance arrangements which go beyond the traditional functional, structural and territorial boundaries; and **Sustainability Managers** who embrace and understand these ideas, and are capable of finding ways to implement them in a context-sensitive manner. Practitioners and students with a background in engineering or the natural sciences are welcome. However, they have to show high motivation and willingness to concentrate mainly on social science theories and concepts during their two years of study.

## HIGHLIGHTS



MEG students have the amazing and unique opportunity to gain a rich perspective and important insights on all levels of global environmental governance through participation in **several excursions**. Excursion highlights include: a 2 day trip to development organizations (GIZ and KfW) and a 3-day trip to the United Nations in Geneva where students meet with over 20 experts from the UNDP, UN-ECE, WTO, IUCN and more. Other excursions are integrated into module content, and offer great opportunities to meet with local stakeholders and discuss issues on the ground.

## CAREER PERSPECTIVES

As one of the pioneering Master programmes in this field, the MEG programme can build on an active network of more than 300 alumni in close to 100 countries. MEG graduates have found attractive jobs with **international and national organizations** and **administrations** (e.g. IUCN, World Bank, GIZ, national ministries, NGOs), with **companies** for which a commitment to the principles of sustainability has become a central strategic advantage (e.g. industry, utilities, banks, consultancies), and with **science** and research centers.

### 1<sup>st</sup> SEMESTER

- > Sustainability and Governance
- > Global Societal Changes
- > Global Environmental Changes
- > Human-Environment Interactions
- > Governance Research and Skills
- > Regional Studies:  
Integrated Case Study
- > Global Environmental Politics

### 2<sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER

- > Economics, Institutions and the Environment
- > Ecosystem Management
- > Environmental Policy Analysis
- > Environmental Psychology and Sociology
- > Leadership & Social Entrepreneurship
- > Sustainability Planning & Assessment
- > Urban Transformation and Planning Responses

### 3<sup>rd</sup> SEMESTER

- > Forests and Rural Development
- > Environmental Conflict Management & Participation
- > Sustainability Management and Reporting
- > Technology Assessment
- > Urban Sustainability Transitions
- > Environmental Movements & NGOs
- > Environmental and Energy Law
- > Research Design in Environmental Governance

### 4<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER

- > MASTER THESIS

Internship

= Core Modules  
= Elective Modules