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China Studies in Freiburg

The People’s Republic of China will play a leading role in global developments of the 21st century – economically, politically, and culturally. Therefore, our research focuses on modern and contemporary China, while also taking into account historical developments.

The Institute of Chinese Studies...

• has a clear focus on history and social sciences.
• combines language training and research into all aspects of modern China: history, politics, economics, society and culture.
• engages in public discourse about China, in order to provide differentiated information and evaluations of developments in China.
• is actively involved in international academia.

Freiburg University was recognized in national rankings for its excellence in research (2007) and teaching (2009). Moreover, through Freiburg’s various exchange programs you have access to a large number of renowned universities worldwide, including, including Chinese universities in Beijing, Nanjing and Shanghai.

Why an M.A. in Modern China Studies in Freiburg?

• A young and dedicated team of teachers with an international reputation for research and experience abroad
• An international program in which you improve your knowledge of Chinese and English, while interacting with an international community of academics and fellow students
• An integrated semester abroad – either at one of our partner universities or elsewhere. Tuition fees at partner universities are waived
• A focus on phenomena and processes shaping China in the 20th and 21st centuries
• Research-oriented classes, including the possibility to contribute to ongoing research projects (for example: “The Maoist Legacy: Party Dictatorship, Transitional Justice and the Politics of Truth”, or “Worlds of Reading in China’s long 1970s”)
• A broad range of extracurricular activities: public lectures, grants, possibilities to work as a research or teaching assistant, language classes and language exchange, Chinese festivals, a large community of people interested in China etc.
• A lively and charming university town in the sunniest region of Germany.

Modern China Studies (M.A.)

Contents:
• Classes on modern Chinese politics, economy, history, culture and society
• Advanced language training
• Classes on theories, methods and research design
• Integration into ongoing research projects

Structure of the program:
• 1st and 2nd semester in Freiburg
• 3rd semester: study abroad – at one of our Chinese partner universities or elsewhere
• 4th semester spent in Freiburg: master thesis

Admission requirements:
• B.A. in social sciences or humanities (graded good or above)
• Knowledge of English equivalent to C1 (i.e. TOEFL iBT 100 or IELTS Band 7.0)
• Knowledge of Chinese equivalent to B2 (i.e. HSK 4)

Admission deadline:
• April 15 (Non-EU-Citizens)
• July 15 (EU-Citizens)

No tuition fees. Administrative fees currently amount to €145/semester.

For more details about contents and the admission process, please consult our homepage or contact the program coordinator.