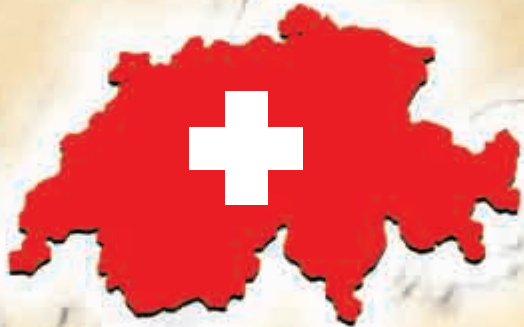


# Study Abroad In...



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ased in the bilingual city of Fribourg, Switzerland, 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 from more than 150 North American universities.

**The American College Program offers five programs for study abroad:** the Academic-Year (**AYA**), the Autumn Semester (**AS**), the Spring Semester (**SS**), the Summer (**SIO**) and the Winter (**WSIO**). 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. The **AYA**, **AS** and **SS** programs offer 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.

■ **Academic Year Program (AY):** 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 lasts until mid-February, students may travel on their own or return home. The spring semester lasts from mid-February until the end of May.

■ **Autumn Semester Program (AS):** 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.

■ **Spring Semester Program (SS):** 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 at the end of June and take a four-week interdisciplinary course on international organizations in Fribourg, Geneva and Strasbourg, France.

■ **Winter Program - Survey of International Organizations (WSIO):** Students arrive in Switzerland in early January and take a two-week interdisciplinary course on international organizations in Fribourg, Geneva and Strasbourg, France.

**T**he **SIO** and **WSIO** offer 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.

The **AY**, **AS**, **SS**, programs are full-time study-abroad offerings. This means that most students take an average of 30 European Credit Transfer System (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



## APPLICATION DEADLINES

### RECOMMENDED

Academic Year and Autumn Semester  
**April 15th**

Spring Semester  
**September 30th**

Survey of International Organizations  
**April 15th**

Winter Survey of International Organizations  
**November 1st**

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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. This international flavor is also 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 and winter program, **SIO** and **WSIO**, offers students a privileged insight into international organizations in Switzerland and France.

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### Admission Requirements

To be admitted into the academic year or semester (**AY, AS, SS**) programs, students should 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. The **WSIO** and **SIO** are taught in English and thus do not have a language pre-requisite. Applications can be completed on-line at [www.unifr.ch/acp](http://www.unifr.ch/acp)

### Housing

Students generally live in a student housing 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 the **ACP** meal plan with participating cafeterias, supermarkets and restaurants.

### Fees

**NOW includes!** Half-Fare rail card\* for Switzerland, with **FREE** train travel after 7 PM.

Most students pay much less to go to Switzerland for the year than the cost of a full academic year or semester at their home universities. The **ACP** is considered 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 courses, housing, some meals, transportation, and special events.

\*The SIO or WSIO fees do not include the Half-fare card

Year	\$20,400	Summer <b>SIO</b>	\$3,650
Semester	\$10,750	Winter <b>SIO</b>	\$2,650



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** and **WSIO** are organized into modules in various areas of study, including economics, political science, international law, and sociology. Study visits allow students to see the day-to-day operation and meet with senior 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.