

GERMANY

Freie Universität Berlin



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- Available spring, summer, and fall
- Wide variety of classes in English and German
- Easy transfer of credits
- Direct enrollment (You pay tuition to Freie Universität Berlin)

WHY BERLIN?

Berlin is a dynamic and diverse European capital city rich in culture and history. Its prominence as a relevant historic site has made Berlin a vibrant metropolis where remnants of the past visibly mix with modernity. Visitors can experience a wide range of cultural offerings and fine arts, which are featured in countless local museums, world-renowned concert halls, opera houses, and theaters. The city's internationally famous music and street art scene also makes Berlin a popular venue for outdoor concerts, festivals, and fairs, especially in the summertime. Berlin's natural environment provides its 3.4 million inhabitants with many green spaces for relaxation. First-class public transportation and numerous bike lanes provide eco-friendly ways to explore and navigate the city.

STUDY AT FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN

Freie Universität Berlin is one of Germany's premier institutions of higher education. Founded in 1948 by students, scholars, and scientists with the support of the American allied forces and politicians in Berlin, today the university enrolls about 32,000 students. Freie Universität Berlin is recognized nationally and internationally among the top research universities in Germany, and was ranked as one of the top five most prestigious universities in Germany in the *Times Higher Education* magazine's 2018 World Reputation Ranking.

ELIGIBILITY

- Undergraduate student
- Good academic standing (2.5 GPA)
- Must have studied at Chatham for one year prior to study abroad.

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND PROGRAM DATES

SPRING 2027 TERM

Application Deadline	November 1, 2026
Entry Date	January 31, 2027

SUMMER 2027 TERM II

Application Deadline	March 2027
Entry Date	Late May 2027

SUMMER 2027 TERM III

Application Deadline	Late April 2027
Entry Date	July 2027

FALL 2027 TERM

Application Deadline	April 1, 2027
Entry Date	August 22, 2027

ACADEMICS

During the semester (FU-BEST) program, courses are offered in German language, art, music and film history, philosophy, cultural studies, German and European history and politics. FU-BEST does not require knowledge of German prior to enrollment, however, the program requires students to enroll in German courses. A variety of courses are taught mostly in English by expert faculty, covering such topics and disciplines as cultural studies, art history, comparative literature, the European Union, German history, German and European politics, sociology/psychology, film studies, legal studies, architecture, environmental studies, transatlantic relations, business, music history, and philosophy. Content courses are 6 ECTS or 3 US credits. Some German language courses are 9 ECTS or 4 US credits. See www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/fubest/prog/courses/index.html.

In the summer (FUBIS) program, courses in German language, culture and history are offered. Most courses are 6 ECTS or 3 US credits. See fubis.org.

Chatham students completing a minor in German can take beginner or intermediate intensive courses toward the Grammar requirement.

INTERNSHIPS

Students interested in doing an internship in Berlin can apply for an 8-week placement on a full-time basis (35-40 hours per week) following the end of the regular FU-BEST spring term or as a stand-alone option. The internship allows students to explore an enriching academic experience in Berlin in a German workplace and to gain valuable intercultural experience along with skills for their careers. See www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/fubest/internships/index.html.

STUDENT SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Included in the semester-long FU-BEST program, students take part in week-long excursions and Friday field trips. Other opportunities include volunteering and participation in a language partner program with German students. Local field trips are an integral component of many courses. During the summer, FUBIS includes some excursions in the program and offers additional day and weekend excursions for a fee.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Freie Universität Berlin—like most German universities—does not own any student dorms or housing facilities. The semester and summer programs arrange appropriate off-campus accommodation for the duration of the program as an optional service at the student's request. Accommodation options, including homestays or studio apartments, can be chosen during the registration process and are subject to availability. Students may also choose to arrange housing independently.

TO APPLY

Apply for the semester at www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/fubest or the summer at www.fubis.org.

ESTIMATED COSTS

	SPRING or FALL 2027	SUMMER II 2027	SUMMER III 2027
Tuition & Fees	\$8,130	\$2,400- 5,600	\$1,800- 4,000
Housing	\$3,600- 5,700	\$960- 1,425	\$700- 1,680
Additional Expenses	\$2,700- 4,000	\$2,000- 4,000	\$1,750- 3,750
Approximate Total	\$14,430- 17,830	\$5,360- 11,025	\$4,250- 9,430

Summer tuition is based on the type and number of classes a student takes.

Tuition and fees are an estimate and are subject to change. All tuition and housing fees and dates should be confirmed with the program. Tuition and housing shall be paid directly to Freie Universität Berlin. "Additional Expenses" is an estimate for airfare, excursions, meals, books, insurance, and transportation. Students are responsible for all expenses.

Chatham is committed to being as transparent as possible with respect to our study abroad financial arrangements. Financial transactions and business dealings are fully disclosed. Foreign currencies can be converted at www.xe.com/currencyconverter/.



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