



EMORY  
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# Education Abroad

## Office of International and Summer Programs

### Emory College Semester Study Abroad Program - Credit and Grade Translation Memo

**Program:** IES Freiburg – Environmental Studies & Sustainability (Freiburg, Germany)

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When studying abroad, students should be aware that their host institution's or program provider's credit and grading systems may differ from Emory's. The information contained in this memo is correct to the best of Emory College Education Abroad's knowledge as of the date posted above. This memo has been created using information provided by the study abroad program, in consultation with colleagues at other institutions utilizing the same study abroad program, and/or per guidelines or commonly used practices in the field of international education and education abroad. Students should also be aware that changes are possible at any time and should contact Emory College Education Abroad for clarification if any questions or concerns about course enrollment expectations or grading arise.

#### COURSE APPROVAL PROCESS

Students must obtain approval for ALL courses taken abroad and must consult with the appropriate departmental Faculty Study Abroad representative at Emory for course approvals that are **NOT** already blanket approved. Students may **NOT** take classes for which they cannot obtain approval. The Office of International and Summer Programs (OISP) will not process a study abroad transcript until approvals for ALL courses have been received.

#### CREDIT TRANSLATION

Emory will transfer credits as listed on the IES Freiburg: Environmental Studies & Sustainability Program transcript. Students are required to take the equivalent of at least 15 Emory credits per semester. Most of the IES Freiburg Environmental Studies modules (courses) are worth 3 credits and are taught in English (unless otherwise specified).

**All Emory students MUST take the German language intensive course (3 credits) for a letter grade.** In addition to the mandatory German language course, Emory students must take 4 Environmental Studies courses (3 credits each); these courses are taught in a modular format and are taken consecutively. Emory students who wish to continue their German language studies throughout the semester may opt to take the continuing German course (1 additional credit).

Because optional post-program classes, internships, or research assistantships are outside of the regular semester, Emory will not cover the cost of these optional classes. Emory students are not eligible to receive transfer credits or grades for these optional classes.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

GER 100 does not satisfy the Emory language requirement. If a student wishes to receive GER 101 or GER 102 credit at Emory, they must meet twice with the DUS or Chair in the Emory German Studies Department. The first departmental advising meeting must take place before the student leaves for study abroad. Upon return to Emory, a second meeting with one of these faculty members is required and an online German Language Placement Test will then be given. This test will determine whether or not a student will obtain the GER 101 or 102 credit equivalency or receive the blanket approved GER 100 credit. Upon completion of this process, the OISP Departmental Faculty Study Abroad Representative for German Studies will send an email to OISP stating the correct Emory course equivalency for the student's Emory transcript.

#### GRADE TRANSLATION

Emory will transfer grades as listed on the IES Freiburg: Environmental Studies and Sustainability Program transcript. Grades will be recorded on the Emory transcript and will factor into the GPA.