

May Term Travel 2021: Freiburg, Germany

ECON-206: Political Economy of Sustainability in Europe

Faculty Leader: Prof. Nicholas Reksten



Enrollment Limit: 15

Course Fee: \$5,085

Features included in the course fee:

- Housing in Freiburg
- Survival German course
- Day hike in the Black Forest
- Visit to Daimler Headquarters
- Tour of the Schauinsland mountain
- Freiburg site-visits:
 - Visit to Vauban, a sustainable living district in Freiburg
 - Sustainability tour of a soccer stadium
 - A night at the symphony
 - Local wine tasting trip

- Other elements included:
 - Airport transfer
 - Monthly tram pass
 - Welcome and farewell dinners

Estimated expenses beyond the Course Fee:

- Airfare (\$800-\$900 round trip LA to Freiburg)
- Daily meals (roughly \$450)
- Personal expenses, including international cell phone plan, souvenirs, other incidental expenses (\$350)



Dates of Program: May 6 – June 5, 2021

Course Description: California and the European Union have established themselves as world leaders in sustainability policy, both pledging, for example, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. How will meeting such reduction goals and other sustainability targets look different in California and Europe (and more specifically, Germany)? This course will explore questions such as this, placing the political economy of sustainability in the local context of Freiburg, a bastion of the German Green Party. It will explore issues such as climate policy, issues of transportation and land use, and energy in the classroom and through site visits around Freiburg and beyond, as well as through guest lectures by local experts on politics and renewable energy policy.

Prerequisites: ECON-100 or 101; LAI: APW

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