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Is your professional perspective focused on emerging markets or on developing countries?
Do you search for additional academic challenges to excel in your career prospects in international business and economic development?
Are you interested in gaining intercultural competence in these markets?
Do you want to achieve international experience while studying?
Are you willing to study in a demanding and competitive programme?

The English-taught MBA programme in International Business and Resources in Emerging Markets provides future managers from the East and West with the theoretical and practical insights into modern international business administration and development economics needed to excel in top careers. Particularities of management of intellectual capital, natural resources, and the environment are complemented with intercultural competencies in markets of former transitional, emerging or developing countries. This allows the students to understand and participate in current and future opportunities in the transition and development issues of worldwide business.

The first two semesters provide fundamental knowledge of modern economics, especially of developing and transition economies as well as knowledge in special fields of international management and the management of natural resources.

In the second semester, students self-select into either of two specialisations: International Business (IB) and Resources and Environment (RE).

In the third semester, students of the IB specialisation complement what they have learned in Freiberg at one of our partner universities to sharpen their focus on their interests. Students who chose the RE specialisation will deepen their knowledge and understanding of how companies manage natural resources and the environment. Modules from all faculties of the university are hand-selected for this purpose.

The final semester consists of a three-month internship with an integrated Master’s thesis (or two 6 ECTS elective modules to replace the internship), written and supervised in Freiberg or at the partner university. Alternatively, the student can stay at a partner university if he or she wishes to participate in a double degree programme.

Our full-time MBA programme is designed to be completed over two academic years. It starts in the first week of October each year. Proficiency in the German language is not required. Students may enrol in language courses offered at the partner universities.

The programme collaborates with several hand-selected partner universities; students can choose amongst them to spend a semester abroad. In the IB specialisation, there is the additional possibility to enrol into a double degree programme with a select number of partner universities.

Even though the programme is tuition free, all of the staff of the university, including programme representatives, professors, and research assistants work towards supporting students to achieve their learning objectives.

**Course Details**

**Course organisation**


“Ore Deposits & Economic Geology”, and “Strategies of the Resource Industry” for the RE specialisation.

More modules are on offer for free electives in the English language and in the German language for those who have a command of German. Students who are not native speakers of German are offered the possibility to study German as a foreign language in two consecutive modules during the first and second semesters.

In the third semester, students of the IB specialisation have the opportunity to spend one semester abroad at one of our partner universities. Students who choose the double degree option will stay at the partner university for one year, and the others will stay for one semester and then return to Freiberg for an internship or additional taught modules and the final Master’s thesis. Students of the RE specialisation will choose from a wide selection of modules from all faculties of the university that were hand-selected for this purpose.

The taught modules include lectures, tutorials, practical exercises, case studies, and seminars.

At the end of the four semesters (two years), students are required to have earned 120 ECTS points.

A Diploma supplement will be issued: Yes

International elements:
- International guest lecturers
- Integrated study abroad unit(s)
- Courses are led with foreign partners
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context

Integrated study abroad unit(s):
In the "International Business" specialisation, the third semester is spent at a partner university. In the double degree options, the third and the final semesters are spent at the partner university.

Integrated internships:
An internship of nine weeks minimum is an optional part of the programme with 10 ECTS points, and it can be replaced by regular courses.

Course-specific, integrated German language courses: Yes

Course-specific, integrated English language courses: No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR: None

Semester contribution: Currently 94 EUR per semester, which provides access to subsidised student housing and student food in the cafeteria

Costs of living: 760 EUR to 885 EUR per month, depending on individual lifestyle; rent and utilities: 200 EUR to 320 EUR
Funding opportunities within the university | Yes

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university

**Deutschlandstipendium:**

1. The "Deutschlandstipendium" is a national scholarship programme that supports above-average students with excellent grades. Social commitment, a willingness to take responsibility and special social, family or personal circumstances will also be taken into account (six months, 300 EUR per month).
2. Grants awarded to exceptionally committed students (three to four months, 300 EUR per month)
3. Study completion grant (three months, 300 EUR per month)

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

A committee selects suitable students. The assessment is based on the previous studies and their results, work experience, command of the English language, GMAT/GRE score, and the motivation letter. The following is required:

- Bachelor's degree or a similar three-year or four-year degree in the fields of business studies, economics, or comparable studies, with a good grade
- Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) with a minimum of 570 points OR Graduate Record Examination (the new GRE) with a minimum of 305 points
- English test: IELTS with minimum band 6.5 or TOEFL with minimum 90 points
- Job experience: As a general rule, one year of job experience is required. (Any kind of job experience, including internships, count here.) (In cases in which the applicant’s job experience is not yet sufficient, the applicant can plan to have more job experience during the period of study.)

Language requirements

Proof of English language proficiency: e.g. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with at least 90 points (IBT) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with a minimum of band 6.5.

The English test is waived for English native speakers. It may be waived for students who have completed a full Bachelor’s or Master’s study programme that was taught entirely in English. This is subject to an individual assessment.

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Submit application to

Application portal of TU Bergakademie Freiberg

Services
Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg (TU BAF) was founded in 1765. It is one of the world’s oldest technical higher education institutions in the world, with an outstanding international reputation for its education and research based on the principle of constant innovation.

TU BAF is known for its famous alumni, such as the polymath Alexander von Humboldt, who studied in Freiberg, and for the discovery of two chemical elements: Germanium (C. Winkler, 1885) and Indium (F. Reich & Th. Richter, 1863).

TU BAF is the “University of Resources”. With its four core themes – geosciences, materials, energy, and environment – TU BAF has a distinctive profile that addresses the specific issues of our modern industrial society. Teaching and research reflect a practical orientation in responding to the real needs of industry. Thanks to its financial backing, including funding from private sources, TU BAF is one of the top 10 best research-oriented universities in Germany. This guarantees a high level of education in the fields of natural sciences, engineering and economics.

Thanks to its excellent study conditions and intensive mentoring programmes, TU BAF achieves top positions in national rankings.

The university’s underground teaching and research mine is open to visitors and serves as a natural laboratory. The mine allows for “hands-on” exploration of the subterranean world of Freiberg, with its extensive mining history dating back to the 14th century.

About 40% of the university’s 4,000 students are international. As a small university, the campus offers numerous advantages. Short distances on campus and personal contact between students and professors are major benefits.
The university is divided into six faculties and has several research centres, such as the Interdisciplinary Environmental Research Centre (IÖZ), the Scientific Diving Centre (SDC), and the Mine Water Research Centre. The Helmholtz Institute Freiberg for Resource Technology, which was founded by TU BAF and the Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf (HZDR), researches new and innovative ways to explore high-tech metals such as gallium, indium, germanium, and rare earths.

The university and student initiatives offer a wide range of cultural events and leisure activities as well as more than 50 different types of sports activities at the university sports centre.

University location

Freiberg is located in the centre of the state of Saxony in the picturesque Erzgebirge Mountains, 40 km south-west of Dresden and 240 km south of Berlin.

Freiberg is more than 850 years old, and it was founded after the discovery of silver ore in 1168. Today, Freiberg has around 40,000 inhabitants. The medieval heart of the town, which is almost completely intact, is very attractive. It features the Upper Market Square with its late Gothic patrician houses and the Freiberg Cathedral at the Lower Market Square with its famous Silbermann organ and golden portal. Along with the world’s oldest town theatre, a modern multiplex cinema, and nightclubs, more than a hundred restaurants, cafés, and pubs invite you to take a break and enjoy life.

There are sports facilities, a modern open-air and indoor swimming pool, and a park which surrounds the town centre like a green belt. Since 2008, the "Terra Mineralia" mineral collection has functioned as a centre of attraction for tourists, students, and inhabitants of Freiberg. The mineral collection, one of the largest collections in the world, is shown in the "Freudenstein", a refurbished castle in the town centre.

The nearby Saxon Switzerland National Park and the Erzgebirge Mountains are beautiful places for a wide variety of outdoor activities, including hiking and climbing in the summer and skiing in the winter. Dresden, Leipzig, and Berlin are easily accessible by train and offer plenty of social, cultural, and recreational alternatives.

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