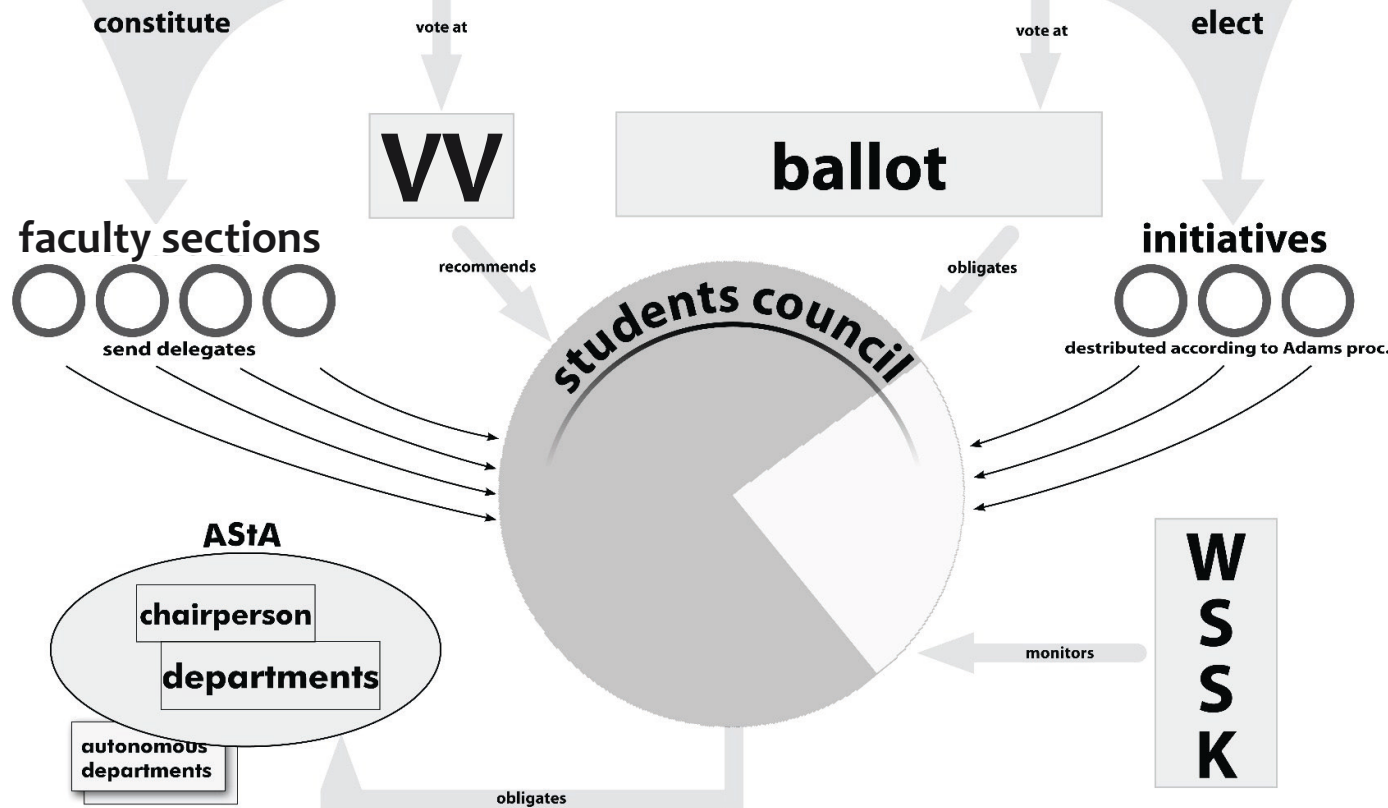


students of the university



The Faculty Sections

The Faculty Sections consist of all students of one or sometimes more subjects. They take care of subject-specific affairs and represent the students of respective section. Their meetings are open to all students, so everyone can participate. Each faculty sends one delegate to the Students Council. Depending on the number of students they represent, they have two to four votes.

The Initiatives

Ten members in the Students Council are not delegates of the Faculty Sections, but are elected as delegates of an initiative. The initiatives represent specific interests and candidate at the annual Students Council elections as lists, similar to political parties.

The General Assembly (VV)

At the General Assembly (VV), which every student of the university can attend, everyone can give their opinion and vote. Everything can be discussed and binding decisions can be made. The assembly can be summoned by various bodies of the Students Representation, for example 0.5% of all students. Generally, the General Assembly takes place at least once a year.

The Students Council

The Students Council decides on all affairs of the student body and elects the members of the AStA and WSSK. Furthermore, it nominates candidates for the students' seats in the bodies and committees of the university and the Studierendenwerk. It consists of delegates of the Faculty Sections and Initiatives, who are elected once a year.

The General Students Committee (AStA)

The AStA (General Students Committee) is the executive body of the student representation. Its main task is the representation of the students externally, the organization of cultural and academic events, and dealing with the Students Representation's daily business. It consists of the chairpersons and the heads of departments. Five departments are autonomous, so they can meet the needs of minorities at the university (students with handicap, sexual orientation, gender, international students, and responsibilities concerning one's family). The members of the AStA are elected in the student council.

The Election-, Arbitration- & Charter Commission (WSSK)

The Election-, Arbitration- and Charter Commission (WSSK) is elected by the Students Council and consists of up to five members who cannot be members of any other body. It is responsible for the organization of elections and votes and decides in the case of internal conflicts (e.g. excess of authority).

Students in University Bodies

The students of the University of Freiburg are represented in various bodies of the university (e.g. senate or university council). In the Faculty Sections students can be promoted to the Faculty Council or the examination board.

How can I get involved?

There are many possibilities for you to participate. The easiest one is to visit one of the open meetings of your Faculty Section. There, you can catch up on current issues of your Faculty Section and take part in the decision making. Furthermore, your Faculty Section can elect you as a member of the Students Council or you can visit their meetings as a guest. You can also get involved in initiatives in order to stand up for your interests and then be elected as a member of the Students Council via the initiative. In addition, you can get elected by the Students Council as a member of various boards, such as the AStA, the senate, the University Council, the WSSK and more. Beyond that, you can have your voice heard in the general assembly, make proposals and vote. Similarly, you can vote in the Students Council elections and the Faculty Council (Fakultätsrat) elections and thus codetermine your representatives. If you want to contribute to a specific topic of university life, you can get engaged in the departments (Referate). These are open to all and deal with various topics (e.g. antidiscrimination, gender, environment, the students magazine *berta* etc.). In particular, we would be happy if you decide to join us in the department for international students.

This Leaflet's Issuer: The Autonomous Department for International Students

As a department of the AStA, we support international students in all matters, represent them at the university and try to solve their problems. Also, we inform international students about their opportunities to get engaged in the Students Representation. Our meetings are open to all and held every two weeks. In addition, you can bring our attention to important problems which concern international students. We are looking forward to your support!

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