Rhaeto-Romance Language and Literature

**Degree conferred**
Philesofiae Doctor in Lingua et Litteris rhaeto-romanticis / Doctor of Philosophy in Rhaeto-Romance Language and Literature (PhD)

**Commencement of studies**
An application for admission may be submitted at any time.

**Regulation**
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/dGLfK (French and German only)

**Application procedure**
Candidates with Swiss qualifications
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/0bJpN
Candidates with foreign qualifications
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/4a2qV

**Fribourg profile**
Apart from the University of Zurich, the University of Fribourg is the only university which offers a doctoral programme in Rhaeto-Romance Language and Literature, in addition to the Bachelor and Master programme in Rhaeto-Romance. Because of the anchoring of Rhaeto-Romance in the Multilingualism and Foreign Language Education Domain, at Fribourg the sociolinguistic, language contact, language teaching and language learning aspects are particularly self-evident. Doctoral students can, however, choose sub-disciplines such as synchronic and diachronic description of Rhaeto-Romance, the history of the Rhaeto-Romance language and Rhaeto-Romance literature.

Theses in Rhaeto-Romance Language and Literature can be paired with an existing doctoral programme or a specific credit-based programme focused on a research project.

- Doctoral students working on theses in the fields of sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics or language teaching and learning research can complete the doctoral programme Multilingualism: acquisition, education and society (universities of Fribourg, Bern and Lausanne) or the doctoral programme Language and Cognition (universities of Fribourg, Geneva and Neuchâtel).
- Theses dedicated to the synchronic and diachronic description of Rhaeto-Romance and history of the Rhaeto-Romance language are accompanied through the Sciences du langage doctoral programme of the Conférence Universitaire de Suisse Occidentale (CUSO).
- Doctoral students in Rhaeto-Romance literature can access the doctoral programme Allgemeine und vergleichende Literaturwissenschaft [General and comparative literature] of the Schweizerischen Universitätskonferenz (SUK).

When creating a specific project-related programme, bear in mind that the following aspects are taken into consideration:

- **A)** general academic training
- **B)** thematic specialisation
- **C)** soft skills/basic competences

For parts A and B, the following study credits may be taken into account: visiting doctoral conferences, doctoral seminars and scientific workshops, taking part in a session with a presentation and writing a scientific article. For the thesis project, essential basic skills (part C) can be acquired by attending courses at the University of Fribourg and/or other universities.

**Professors who are eligible to supervise theses**

- **Prof. Matthias Grüner**
  Rhaeto-Romance language
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Synchronic and diachronic description of Rhaeto-Romance
  - Variation linguistics
  - Contact linguistics
  - Sociolinguistics of the trilingual canton of Graubünden
  Theses can be supervised in German, French or Rhaeto-Romance.

- **Prof. Clà Riatsch**
  Rhaeto-Romance literature
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Literature and multilingualism
  - Narratology
  - Literary discourse analysis
  - Genre theory and typology
  Theses can be supervised in German, French or Rhaeto-Romance.

- **Prof. Raphael Berthele**
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Contact linguistics
  - Variation linguistics
  - Psycholinguistics and cognitive linguistics
  Theses can be supervised in German, English or French.

- **Prof. Alexandre Duchêne**
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Critical sociolinguistics
  - Language anthropology
  - Language policy
  Theses can be supervised in German, English or French.

**Studies organisation**

**Structure of studies**
ECTS credits can be earned.
Doctoral school

http://studies.unifr.ch/go/phd-multilingualism  
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/phd-language-and-cognition  
https://langage.cuso.ch  
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/phd-comparativeliterature

Admission

In order to be admitted to a doctorate the candidate must have been awarded an academic **Bachelor's and Master's degree** or an equivalent qualification by a university recognised by the University of Fribourg.

Before applying for a doctorate the candidate must contact a **professor** who would be willing to supervise the thesis work.

There is **no general right** to be admitted to a doctorate.

*The respective conditions of admission for each doctoral study programme are reserved.*

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