Comparative Literature

**Degree conferred**
Philosophiae Doctor in Litteris Generalibus et Comparativis / Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative 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**
The Institute of General and Comparative Literature offers a doctoral training in the field of literature from Antiquity to the contemporary period and in literary theory and interculturality.

The programme provides the opportunity to cover these fields of study in all aspects and in the multiplicity of their manifestations, from different viewpoints, in a mindset of exchange and intense collaboration between professors and doctoral students, thanks to the Swissuniversities Doctoral Programme, of which Fribourg is the leading house for Comparative Literature – and with the Institute’s international partners, such as the Abteilung für Vergleichende Literaturwissenschaft from the University of Vienna.

The theses directed within the Institute can cover many fields, including:

- Poetic, historic and thematic issues
- Literary theory
- Interdisciplinary and transversal issues
- Intercultural, post-colonial and global perspectives

**Professors who are eligible to supervise theses**

- **Prof. Thomas Austenfeld**  
  American literature
- **Prof. Arnd Beise**  
  Modern German literature
- **Prof. Hugo Bizzarri**  
  Medieval Spanish literature
- **Prof. Claude Bourqui**  
  Modern French literature
- **Prof. Dimiter Daphinoff**  
  Modern English literature
- **Prof. Elisabeth Dutton**
- **Prof. Edoardo Fumagalli**  
  Medieval and modern Italian literature
- **Prof. Christian Genetelli**  
  Modern Italian literature
- **Prof. Indira Ghose**  
  Modern English literature
- **Prof. Sabine Haupt**  
  General and comparative literature
- **Prof. Jens Herlth**  
  Slavic literature
- **Prof. Thomas Hunkeler**  
  Modern French literature, literature theory
- **Prof. Tom Kindt**  
  Modern German literature, literature theory
- **Prof. Eckart C. Lutz**  
  Medieval German literature
- **Prof. Uberto Motta**  
  Modern Italian literature
- **Prof. Ralph Müller**  
  Modern German literature
- **Prof. Julio Peñate**  
  Modern Iberian and Latin-American literature
- **Prof. Karin Schlapbach**  
  Ancient literature
- **Prof. Thomas Schmidt**  
  Ancient literature
- **Prof. Marion Uhlig**  
  Medieval French literature
- **Prof. Michel Viegnes**  
  Modern French literature

**Note:** For more details on the areas of specialisation, view the professor’s Web page corresponding to the field of study.

**Studies organisation**

**Structure of studies**
No ECTS credits can be earned.

**Doctoral school**
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/phd-comparative-literature

**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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