Family, Children and Youth Studies

Degree conferred
Master of Arts in Family, Children and Youth Studies

Options
For information on the optional award of the distinction «Bilingual curriculum, French/German», please contact the relevant Department (see Contact).

Languages of study
Study in two languages, in French and German. A number of lectures will be in English.

Commencement of studies
Commencement of studies in the Autumn Semester (September) or in the Spring Semester (February)

Access to further studies
Ph.D.

Profile of the study programme

This interdisciplinary study programme, which is being offered for the first time in the 2015 autumn semester, trains graduates in the domains of family sciences and children and youth research. Candidates acquire specialist skills and methods in the disciplines of law, psychology, educational sciences, the social sciences and humanities. Depending on graduates’ choice, during the Master’s course they engage more deeply with either family sciences or children and youth studies. A Master's degree equips graduates to apply specialist and methodological skills acquired in matters of law, psychology, the social sciences and humanities to family, children and youth issues, and to think and work in an interdisciplinary manner. The course is based on the close collaboration of the Institute for Family Research and Counseling with the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

Learning outcomes and career openings

Graduates of the Master’s degree course will be capable of applying their specialist skills and methods in the fields of law, psychology, the social sciences and humanities to family, children and youth issues. The planned training will prepare graduates for work with child and adult protection agencies, youth offices or the social services. In this sphere of work, they will be equipped to offer the interdisciplinary nature of the programme which offers interdisciplinary family, children and youth studies. On the one hand this consolidates graduates’ previously acquired knowledge, while on the other it teaches them sound methodological skills and specialist knowledge in the other disciplines making up the course. The interdisciplinary nature of the programme is also strengthened by the presence of Master’s candidates from a variety of other courses who attend the same classes, discussing issues and sharing ideas. Lastly, candidates apply this interdisciplinary work method by writing a Master's thesis with an interdisciplinary slant. This study programme is multilingual, allowing candidates to attend courses in English, French or German.

Studies organisation

Structure of studies

90 ECTS credits + 30 ECTS credits as an option in a minor study programme freely chosen, 3-4 semesters
Curriculum

http://studies.unifr.ch/go/SiAn (French)
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/MyQ9d (German)

Admission

Holders of a Bachelor's degree awarded from a Swiss university or holders of a Bachelor's degree awarded by a foreign University, provided that the Bachelor's degree is recognized and considered equivalent by the University of Fribourg, can be admitted to a Master's degree course with additional requirements (can be completed during the Master's degree course). According to existing agreements, holders of a Bachelor's degree awarded from a Swiss university of applied sciences can also be admitted with additional requirements.

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