Human Medicine

Degree conferred
Bachelor of Medicine in Human Medicine

Languages of study
Study in two languages, in French and German

Commencement of studies
Commencement of studies only in the Autumn Semester (September)

Access to further studies
Master, at one of the five faculties of Medicine in Switzerland

Profile of the study programme

The Department of Medicine of the Faculty of Science offers Bachelor's level education in Human Medicine. The holder of a Bachelor of Medicine in Human Medicine has command of the knowledge and skills necessary to continue studying to Master's level in one of the five faculties of Medicine in Switzerland.

The first year of study consists of physics, chemistry, an introduction to organ systems and fundamental human biology. In-depth study of the systems begins in the second semester and continues during the second and third years; during the second year, the emphasis is placed on the morphological and functional aspects, and in the third year on understanding the mechanisms responsible for the development of disease.

The course also provides skills in medical interviews, clinical examination techniques and basic practical gestures, on real or simulated patients, and immersion days in a doctor's surgery.

Holders of the Bachelor's degree from the University of Fribourg continue their studies to Master's level at one of the five faculties of Medicine in Switzerland.

This study programme provides full schooling in Human Medicine at Bachelor's level. Admission is subject to the numerus clausus. The first year of study consists of physics, chemistry, an introduction to organ systems and fundamental human biology. In-depth study of the systems begins in the second semester and continues during the second and third years; during the second year, the emphasis is placed on the morphological and functional aspects, and in the third year on understanding the mechanisms responsible for the development of disease.

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Fribourg profile

Admission to the Human Medicine course at the University of Fribourg is subject to the numerus clausus. Where applicable, selection is based on the result achieved in the «Test d'aptitudes aux études de médecine/Eignungstest für das Medizinstudium». This pre-university mode of selection guarantees cohorts of reasonable size from the beginning of the course, thus giving precedence to quality teaching.

Studies organisation

Structure of studies

180 ECTS credits, 6 semesters

Curriculum

http://studies.unifr.ch/go/mjkY5 (French)
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/0fTFn (German)

Comments

To obtain the Bachelor's degree, the candidate must have carried out a four-week nursing internship. This hospital internship can also be done before starting the course. Students who have completed a recruit school as a medical soldier are exempt from this internship.

Admission

The following Swiss school-leaving certificates grant admission to Bachelor programmes at the University of Fribourg:

- Swiss academic Maturity Certificate
- Swiss professional Maturity Certificate in conjunction with...
the supplementary exam certificate from the Swiss Maturity Commission
- Bachelor Degree from a Swiss university, from an accredited Swiss university of applied sciences (HES/FH) or from a Swiss university of teacher education (HEP/PH)

A complete list of all further recognised Swiss school-leaving certificates (in French and German only) is to be found on the webpages of swissuniversities: http://studies.unifr.ch/go/en-admission-swiss-certificates

Important:
Admission to the Human Medicine course at the University of Fribourg is subject to the numerus clausus. Places are granted on the basis of results obtained in the Aptitude test for medical studies.
Foreign applicants also have to meet the conditions for admission set by the cantonal authorities: see http://studies.unifr.ch/go/fr-ordmed (in French) or http://studies.unifr.ch/go/de-ordmed (in German).

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