Greek Studies

The University of Fribourg specialises in classical studies and as a result we place special emphasis on the reception of Greek classical antiquity during the imperial period, Greek culture and literature in Late Antiquity and, through close collaboration with the Institute of Mediaeval Studies (Institut d'études médiévales/Mediävistisches Institut), the Byzantine culture. In partnership with the Institute of General and Comparative Literature (Institut de littérature générale et comparée/Institut für Allgemeine und Vergleichende Literaturwissenschaft), students also study the influence of literary forms and classical mythology on modern literature. In line with University of Fribourg's language policy, Greek Studies students have the possibility of taking their course in two languages (French and German).

Learning outcomes and career openings
On completing their course, students will have acquired a command of Greek and in-depth knowledge of Greek literature and culture. They will be capable of translating a Greek text, analysing it grammatically and stylistically, placing it in its literary, historical and cultural context and establishing links with modern literature. For a given problem, they will have acquired the methodological skills allowing them to draw up a pertinent bibliography, search for sources, analyse them critically and in detail, put forward a summary of the issue and give an oral or written presentation of the results of their research.

The principal career openings for Greek Studies students are:
- Teaching Greek at secondary school level I;
- An academic career in classical studies;
- Public administration and cultural policy;
- Administrative posts in scientific bodies;
- Private sector (human resources).

Studies organisation

Structure of studies
60 ECTS credits as a minor study programme

Curriculum
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/KRNiq (French)
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/gpUA1 (German)

Comments
Knowledge of Greek is required. Students who did not take this language at an academic upper secondary school can attend the special lessons that are built into the curriculum. Furthermore, a study programme worth 120 ECTS credits is also offered as a major: Classics.

Admission
The following Swiss school-leaving certificates grant admission to Bachelor programmes at the University of Fribourg:
- Swiss academic Maturity Certificate
• Swiss vocational or specialised Baccalaureate 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 recognized Swiss school-leaving
certificates is to be found on the webpages of swissuniversities (in
French and German only): http://studies.unifr.ch/go/en-admission-
swisscertificates

Foreign upper secondary school-leaving certificates are
recognised only if they correspond substantially to the Swiss
Maturity Certificate. They must qualify as general education.
Foreign school-leaving certificates are considered to be general
education if the last three years of schooling include at least six
general education subjects, independent from each other, in
accordance with the following list:

1. First language (native language)
2. Second language
3. Mathematics
4. Natural sciences (biology, chemistry or physics)
5. Humanities and social sciences (geography, history or
  economics/law)
6. Elective (an additional language or an additional subject
  from category 4 or 5)

The general admission requirements to the Bachelor
programmes at the University of Fribourg for holders of foreign
school-leaving certificates as well as the admission requirements
for individual countries are to be found on the webpages of
swissuniversities; http://studies.unifr.ch/go/en-admission-country-list
In addition, foreign candidates must present proof of sufficient
language skills in French or German.

The assessment of foreign school-leaving certificates is based on
the «CRUS Recommendations for the Assessment of Foreign
Upper Secondary School-Leaving Certificates, 7 September 2007»
(http://studies.unifr.ch/go/crus07en). The admission requirements
are valid for the respective academic year. The Rectorat of the
University of Fribourg reserves the right to change these
requirements at any time.

Alternatives
Also offered as a minor study programme for 30 ECTS credits.

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