Spanish

Degree conferred
Bachelor of Arts

Languages of study
Study in Spanish

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

Access to further studies
Master

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Profile of the study programme

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Hispanic Philology analyses different ecdotic (textual criticism) methods in order to adapt them to the specific nature of Hispanic texts. Codicological description and textual history are then developed. These topics are part of Spanish studies; Fribourg is the only University in the BENEFRI network that offers this speciality. Subjects cover the study of the language, literature and culture of medieval Spain, on the one hand, and the study of the manuscript tradition of works and their position in the history of the language.

Our study programmes are general and progressive; there is a great deal of flexibility in terms of content and the order of courses: students’ autonomy is not only respected, it is encouraged as part of their education. However, an adviser is at students’ disposition to guide them in their choices.

The two basic modules (M1 and M2) are preferably undertaken in the first year of study, as they allow students to acquire the methodological and scientific groundings for their future studies. As for the rest of the modules, it is recommended to take them in the order indicated. However, it is possible to change this order depending on students’ possibilities and on courses offered each academic year.

If the subject is chosen as a programme with 120 ECTS credits, students can gain credits in one or several subject areas in the Language and Literature Department or in a subject in another department, if the subject is related to our field of study. To pass a seminar, students must actively take part in work sessions, make an oral presentation during the semester and write a report in Spanish (subject to courses offered in other languages in our field).

A comprehensive course combining the Bachelor and Master levels opens up a wide variety of career opportunities, such as:

- Education: university teaching and research; teaching at secondary and higher secondary level or in private schools and companies;
- Writing professions: journalism, advertising, libraries, archives, literary and technical translation, book industry (publishing, management and retail);
- Other: diplomacy, banking sector, tourism, hotel industry, public relations, new technologies, interpreting, commercial and cultural management, international organisations (Red Cross and others), public and private administration, etc.

Studies organisation

Structure of studies

120 ECTS credits + 60 ECTS credits in a minor study programme freely chosen, 6 semesters

Curriculum

http://studies.unifr.ch/go/ghIdR

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 (60/30 ECTS credits).

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