Teacher Education for Secondary Level I and Academic Upper Secondary Schools

**Degree conferred**
Lehrdiplom für die Sekundarstufe I und für Maturitätsschulen

**Languages of study**
Study in German

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

The Combined Diploma for Secondary Education Level I and Higher Secondary Education (CDS) is a certificate of proficiency for teaching at Secondary Education Level I and Higher Secondary Education. Achieving the CDS offers the following advantages: one certificate with two teaching qualifications, a flexible course of studies and good career prospects. This combined university teaching certificate is unique in that it can only be obtained in German-speaking Switzerland at the University of Freiburg. Training for the CDS includes pedagogical, didactic and practical vocational elements, with work experience at both educational levels.

**Profile of the study programme**
The combined diploma from the University of Fribourg offers the following advantages:

*One certificate with two teaching qualifications*
This course is a way of acquiring a teaching qualification for both Secondary Education Level I and Higher Secondary Education.

*Unique in German-speaking Switzerland*
The University of Fribourg is the only place in German-speaking Switzerland where a combined university teaching diploma can be obtained.

*Flexible course of studies*
Two methods of study are available: Students can either enter after obtaining a Master's degree in two teaching subjects (consecutive method) or begin training immediately after obtaining a Bachelor's degree and alongside their Master’s (parallel professional studies method).

*Step by step from the beginning, putting theory into practice*
Our students obtain practical experience right from the very beginning of the programme. After individual lessons during the semester, each student will spend three weeks during the first intermediate semester as a trainee at a school. Additional internships at both target levels then follow.

**Personalised attention**
We offer a solid university education in an intimate setting. Although the university is a large-scale operation, teacher training proceeds on a personalised basis.

**Learning outcomes**
The aim of the course is for students to acquire solid vocational skills based on their specialised field of learning and to build the hands-on skills required to teach in schools at Secondary Education Level I and Higher Secondary Education. Future teachers will understand how to plan, initiate, guide and evaluate learning processes and to fulfil their educational mandate in a responsible and professional way.

**Organisation of studies**
The pedagogical, didactic and practical vocational training covers 106 ECTS credits and is divided into five modules:
- Module 1: Fundamentals of educational sciences and general didactics (15 ECTS credits)
- Module 2: School and society (8 ECTS credits)
- Module 3: Teaching and learning (13 ECTS credits)
- Module 4: Subject Didactics (22 ECTS credits)
- Module 5: Occupational training (48 ECTS credits)

**Career openings**
The Combined Diploma for Secondary Education Level I and Higher Secondary Education is a certificate of proficiency for teaching at Secondary Education Level I and Higher Secondary Education. This diploma will enable the holder to teach at Secondary Education Level I (Year 9 to Year 11 of the HarmoS system) and/or at academic upper secondary schools, specialised Matura schools and upper secondary specialised schools. Some people use it to pursue a career in other fields.

**Studies organisation**

**Structure of studies**
106 ECTS credits, 5-7 semesters

**Curriculum**
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/7h8US (German)

**Comments**
The list of teaching subjects can be consulted in the study plan. See http://studies.unifr.ch/go/7h8US

**Admission**
The prerequisite for acquiring a combined teaching diploma is a Master's degree or licentiate in at least two intended teaching subjects. The Bachelor's degree in the chosen teaching subjects must be completed by the beginning of the CDS course at the latest.

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