Psychology

Degree conferred
Rerum Naturalium Doctor in Psychologia / Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology (PhD)

Commencement of studies
An application for admission may be submitted at any time.

Regulation
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/dGLfK (French and German only)

Application procedure
Candidates with Swiss qualifications
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/0bJpN
Candidates with foreign qualifications
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/4a2qV

Fribourg profile
The doctoral programme in Psychology is an integrated approach consisting of research, academic training and interventions. It provides doctoral students with an in-depth understanding of the theoretical foundations of the chosen sub-discipline and the research methods used in this sub-discipline. Doctoral students will learn to generate innovative knowledge based on strict methodologies and work with academic research teams or local companies. The research projects take place in the University of Fribourg laboratories. Currently 30 students are trained in these laboratories and have the opportunity to take part in research seminars at the University. They are also encouraged to present their research at national and international psychology conferences. This facilitates interactions between students and experienced researchers and allows students to develop a network for collaborations and for their future employment. For the same reason, they are encouraged/have the possibility to take part in one of the transuniversity doctoral schools affiliated to the department, such as the Programme doctoral romand en Psychologie, organised by the CUSO, the Lemanic Neuroscience Doctoral School (LNDS) or BeNeFRi exchanges.

Doctors from the University of Fribourg go on to pursue successful careers in a wide variety of fields, such as research and teaching at the University, teaching in schools and academic upper secondary schools, research in industry or scientific publications.

Professors who are eligible to supervise theses

- Prof. Roberto Caldara
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Visual and social neuroscience

- Prof. Andrea Frick
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Cognitive development
  - Spatial cognition

- PD Dr Pascal Gygax
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Language and cognitive processes
  - Social Cognition

- Prof. Petra Klumb
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Personnel and organisational psychology
  - Psychology of health and social relations in the workplace

- Prof. Chantal Martin-Sölch
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Clinical psychology and experimental psychopathology
  - Psychological interventions, psychology of health, clinical neuroscience and neuroimaging, depression, stress and trauma linked to disorders, anorexia

- Prof. Simone Munsch
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Clinical psychology and Psychotherapy, experimental psychopathology, psychophysiology, eating disorders

- Prof. Gijs Plomp
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Cognitive and biological psychology
  - Visual perception, brain functioning

- Prof. Björn Rasch
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Cognitive neuroscience
  - Sleep, memory & health

- Prof. Jürgen Sauer
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Cognitive ergonomics and work psychology
  - Interactive consumer products, automation and complex work environments

- Prof. Dominik Schöbi
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Clinical psychology of the family, health psychology
  - Intimate relationships, interpersonal emotional dynamics,
relational distress

**Studies organisation**

**Structure of studies**

No ECTS credits can be earned.

**Doctoral school**

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[http://studies.unifr.ch/go/phd-psychology-Inds](http://studies.unifr.ch/go/phd-psychology-Inds)

**Admission**

In order to be admitted to a doctorate the candidate must have been awarded an academic **Bachelor’s and Master’s degree** or an equivalent qualification by an university recognised by the University of Fribourg.

Before applying for a doctorate the candidate must contact a **professor** who would be willing to supervise the thesis work.

There is **no general right** to be admitted to a doctorate.

*The respective conditions of admission for each doctoral study programme are reserved.*

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**Doc- Postdoc-portal**

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