Comparative Literature

Degree conferred
Philosophiae Doctor in Litteris Generalibus et Comparativis / Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Literature (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 Institute of General and Comparative Literature offers a doctoral training in the field of literature from Antiquity to the contemporary period and in literary theory and interculturalism.

The programme provides the opportunity to cover these fields of study in all aspects and in the multiplicity of their manifestations, from different viewpoints, in a mindset of exchange and intense collaboration between professors and doctoral students, thanks to the Swissuniversities Doctoral Programme, of which Fribourg is the leading house for Comparative Literature – and with the Institute’s international partners, such as the Abteilung für Vergleichende Literaturwissenschaft from the University of Vienna.

The theses directed within the Institute can cover many fields, including:
- Poetic, historic and thematic issues
- Literary theory
- Interdisciplinary and transversal issues
- Intercultural, post-colonial and global perspectives

Professors who are eligible to supervise theses
- Prof. Thomas Austenfeld
  American literature
- Prof. Arnd Beise
  Modern German literature
- Prof. Hugo Bizzarri
  Medieval Spanish literature
- Prof. Paola Borsa
  Medieval and modern Italian literature
- Prof. Claude Bourqui
  Modern French literature
- Prof. Dimitar Daphinoff
  Modern English literature
- Prof. Elisabeth Dutton
  Medieval English literature
- Prof. Christian Genetelli
  Modern Italian literature
- Prof. Indira Ghose
  Modern English literature
- Prof. Sabine Haupt
  General and comparative literature
- Prof. Cornelia Herberichs
  Medieval German literature
- Prof. Jens Herlth
  Slavic literature
- Prof. Thomas Hunkeler
  Modern French literature, literature theory
- Prof. Tom Kindt
  Modern German literature, literature theory
- Prof. Uberto Motta
  Modern Italian literature
- Prof. Ralph Müller
  Modern German literature
- N.N.
  Modern Iberian and Latin-American literature
- Prof. Karin Schlapbach
  Ancient literature
- Prof. Thomas Schmidt
  Ancient literature
- PD Dr. Martin Steinrück
  Ancient literature
- Prof. Marion Uhlig
  Medieval French literature
- Prof. Michel Viegnes
  Modern French literature

Note: For more details on the areas of specialisation, view the professor's Web page corresponding to the field of study.

Studies organisation
Structure of studies
No ECTS credits can be earned.

Doctoral school
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/fr-phd-comparative-literature (French)
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/de-phd-comparative-literature (German)

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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