Accounting and Finance

Degree conferred
Master of Arts in Accounting and Finance

Options
Option of an award bearing the distinction «Bilingual curriculum, French/German».

Languages of study
Students can take courses in English, French and German.

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

Access to further studies
Ph.D.

This Master programme follows a Bachelor’s degree in business administration and provides an in-depth education in the field of accounting and financial management. The programme is very flexible and can be adapted to align with individual career goals. In particular, the modular structure of the study programme allows students to personalise their curriculum to place more emphasis on either Accounting and Control or Finance. The programme can also be completed with courses offered at the Universities of Bern and Neuchâtel under the BENEFRI convention. In addition, other classes may be chosen in the field of management and taxation law. Specific classes are also offered that allow students to obtain an equivalent qualification that counts toward the Swiss diploma for certified accountants.

Profile of the study programme
This Master programme provides in-depth education in the field of accounting and financial management. Students must choose a certain number of courses from the following core modules:

- Accounting and Control
- Finance

In addition to these two core modules, students can take a certain number of courses in management, economics, informatics, communication and media research and law. The final Master thesis is an individual research project at the end of the programme that is designed for students to apply their knowledge acquired throughout their studies.

Fribourg profile
The modular structure of the study programme allows students to personalise their curriculum and demonstrate the skills they have acquired. Students can focus on the Accounting and Control or the Finance module, depending on their interests.

Swiss Diploma for Certified Accountants
Specific classes are also offered to allow students to obtain an equivalent qualification that counts toward the Swiss Diploma for Certified Accountants. More information on this can be found on the website of the Akademie der Treuhand-Kammer/Académie de la Chambre fiduciaire (http://www.expertsuisse.ch). According to the regulations of the Academy for Swiss Certified Accountants, holders of the Master of Arts degree in Accounting and Finance from the University of Fribourg may be exempt from either the entire Accounting and Finance module examination or from Part I only, depending on the classes taken in the Master’s programme (for more information and the list of equivalent qualifications, please consult the contacts provided in the Curriculum found below).

Learning outcomes and career openings
The course offers graduates excellent career opportunities in the fields of auditing, certified accounting, banking and general finance. A few examples include:

- Certified Accountant;
- Tax Expert;
- Business Management Consultant;
- Financial Analyst;
- Portfolio Manager;
- Management Accountant.

Studies organisation
Structure of studies
90 ECTS credits, 3 semesters

Curriculum
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/PWEqb

Admission
Master's degree programmes are built on the knowledge and abilities that were acquired when obtaining a bachelor's degree.

Holders of a bachelor's degree awarded by a Swiss university are admitted to a master's degree programme without any preconditions if they have earned 60 or 90 ECTS credits – depending on the chosen master's degree programme – within the corresponding discipline. However, additional requirements can be required. The same applies to holders of a bachelor's degree awarded by a foreign university, provided that the bachelor's degree is recognised and considered equivalent by the University of Fribourg.

Holders of a bachelor's degree awarded by a Swiss or a foreign university, provided that the bachelor's degree is recognised and considered equivalent by the University of Fribourg, who do not fulfil this condition can be admitted to a master's degree programme with
preconditions (which must be successfully completed before starting the master's degree programme) and/or additional requirements (which can be completed during the master's degree programme). The preconditions and/or additional requirements may not exceed 60 ECTS credits in total. The same applies to holders of a bachelor's degree awarded by a Swiss university of applied sciences, according to existing agreements.

The respective conditions of admission for each master's degree programme are reserved.

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