The master study programme develops the characteristic traits of the University of Fribourg's teaching methods, using philological research and formalist criticism. Two areas of study are offered: - Literary tradition based on textual research on both the historical and stylistic dimension of literature; - The different aspects of Italian culture, which are well represented in the range of courses offered by the Faculty of Humanities. In particular, intense consideration of texts and subjects in the field of Humanism and Renaissance, on the one hand, and the modern and contemporary fields on the other is pursued and encouraged.

The master programme provides teaching specifically in the literary field and offers access to the multitude of cultural aspects related to everything that Italy represents, in an interdisciplinary context that encourages links with the fields of history, art history, philosophy (medieval in particular) and musicology.

Profile of the study programme

Italian literary and philological studies at the University of Fribourg have a long tradition, marked notably by the work of eminent scholars such as Gianfranco Contini, Giuseppe Billanovich and Giovanni Pozzi. In Fribourg, they founded an authoritative school of analysis of literary texts which, using methods of philological research and formalist criticism, has achieved and continues to achieve extremely original results. The master programme provides teaching specifically in the literary field and offers access to the multitude of cultural aspects related to everything that Italy represents, in an interdisciplinary context that encourages links with the fields of history, art history, philosophy (medieval in particular) and musicology.

The master programme includes writing a thesis under the supervision of one of the three professors, which develops the methods and subjects covered in the curriculum.

Learning outcomes and career openings

The skills acquired at the end of the master programme will allow students to undertake personal research, often orientated towards editing and commenting on ancient and modern texts. To this effect, the programme provides a strict connection between literary historiography, critical interpretation and textual philology. The critical skills and advanced analytical tools acquired guarantee the necessary knowledge for the advanced study of all literary production in the Italian language and the provision of reasoned and original comments. The theoretical perspectives examined throughout the master's course allow students to develop their own critical thinking on the approaches and methods of Italian studies and thus to develop their positions in contemporary scientific debate.

Excellent master's results may lead to Ph.D. studies. A doctoral school in Italian studies, in collaboration with the Universities of Geneva and Lausanne, was started up in 2013. Holders of a Master of Arts in Languages and Literatures Italian from the University of Fribourg can access to Teacher Education for Academic Upper Secondary Schools (DEEM/LDM); in addition, they can put their expertise to management roles in the world of culture, written journalism, in the field of audio-visual media (radio, TV and Internet), in the book and publishing sectors, in archives and libraries, and in the fields of translation, administration, etc.

Studies organisation

Structure of studies

90 ECTS credits + 30 ECTS credits as an option in a minor study
programme freely chosen or in a specialisation programme, 3-4 semesters

Curriculum

http://studies.unifr.ch/go/psz3q

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 fulfill 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.

Alternatives

Also offered as a minor study programme and as a specialisation programme (30 ECTS credits).

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