**Slavic Studies**

**Degree conferred**
Master of Arts in Languages and Literatures: Slavic Studies

**Languages of study**
Study in two languages, in French and German. A number of lectures will be in Russian or Polish.

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

**Access to further studies**
Ph.D.

The Master's degree programme in Slavic studies at the University of Fribourg offers the opportunity of intensive analysis of cultural developments and traditions in Russia and Poland. The emphasis is on the period from the 19th to the 21st century. Students examine literature, philosophy and cultural criticism with regard to their relevance for contemporary social constellations and current political tendencies. The languages of instruction are German and French. Seminars are also regularly held in Russian. There are frequent visits from guest lecturers from the Slavic region.

**Academic networking**
As a relatively small department we maintain close ties with other areas of the University of Fribourg (comparative literature and linguistics, European studies). Above all, we cooperate with our sister institute at the University of Bern, especially with regard to their linguistic programmes and language courses in Russian and the South Slavic languages (Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian, Bulgarian).

**Interdisciplinary exchange**
Eastern European research has a long tradition at the University of Fribourg: We are the oldest Slavic Department in Switzerland (since the university's foundation in 1889). Today our university offers a wide variety of Eastern European exchange programmes and research projects. The Interfaculty Institute for Central and Eastern Europe and the Institute of Ecumenical Studies organise academic and cultural events on a regular basis. This gives our students the possibility of interdisciplinary exchange and a chance to broaden their academic and their personal horizons.

**Learning outcomes and career openings**
Graduates in Slavic studies have a fundamental knowledge of Russian and/or Polish culture and are able to describe and interpret current phenomena against the background of historical developments. They are acquainted with the methods of Slavic literature and/or linguistics and are capable of developing and working on academic questions independently. They are familiar with the language and everyday culture of at least one Slavic country.

**Career openings**
Relations with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Southeast Europe have gained increasingly in importance in recent years. This has resulted in career opportunities for graduates of Slavic studies in the following areas: science and research, journalism/media, cultural cooperation, diplomatic service, federal administration, international authorities and enterprises, international organisations including NGOs, and teaching Russian at academic high school level.

**Studies organisation**

**Structure of studies**
90 ECTS credits + 30 ECTS credits as an option in a minor study programme freely chosen, 3-4 semesters

**Curriculum**
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 (30 ECTS credits).

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