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Some of the main professional fields for persons with a master's degree in DaF/DaZ:

- National and international German courses in adult education, at universities and universities of applied science;
- Activities in connection with integration courses, exchange programmes, occupational and in-house language improvement;
- Development work or intermediation work in public authorities, NGO's, publishers;
- Research activities in institutions such as the Institute of Multilingualism or the Research Centre on Multilingualism.

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/IaFd2

Comments

Language competence in German of at least C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages at the beginning of the master's studies is required.

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.

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

Holders of a bachelor's degree awarded by a Swiss university in German Language and Literature or German Linguistics are also admitted to this master programme without any preconditions.

Alternatives

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

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