Medical Humanities

**Degree conferred**
Philosophiae doctor in scientiis humanis et socialibus medicinae / Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Humanities (PhD)

**Commencement of studies**
An application for admission may be submitted at any time.

**Regulation**
[http://studies.unifr.ch/go/Pm-6g](http://studies.unifr.ch/go/Pm-6g) (French and German only)

**Application procedure**
- **Candidates with Swiss qualifications**
  [http://studies.unifr.ch/go/0bjpN](http://studies.unifr.ch/go/0bjpN)
- **Candidates with foreign qualifications**
  [http://studies.unifr.ch/go/4a2qV](http://studies.unifr.ch/go/4a2qV)

**Fribourg profile**
The PhD in Medical Humanities at the University of Fribourg is framed either by questions and methods in historiography (of medicine) or in literary studies or it connects both. Research questions target contemporary medicine and illuminate specific aspects from a historical point of view; precisely from the perspective of cultural and literary history, history of medicine and media history. The approach is rather hermeneutical than empirical: representative sources – such as texts, images, films, practices, spaces, techniques – will be analysed, contextualised, interpreted and embedded in a coherent line of argumentation. The final aim of the PhD is an independently written monograph that contributes to a better understanding of the current medical system and its core features – such as global or local public health, doctor-patient-relationship, clinical communication, scientific practices, scientific institutions and actors, cultural conceptions of health and illness and their change over time; finally the mutual interplay between medicine, art and media.

The PhD thesis can be written in either English, German or French.

**Studies organisation**

**Structure of studies**
No ECTS credits can be earned.

**Doctoral school**

**Admission**
– Candidates holding an MA in medicine, global health, public health, health sciences, health management (or similar) and a BA in history or any type of literary studies;
– Candidates holding an MA in history or any type of literary studies and a BA in medicine, global health, public health, health sciences, health management (or similar);
– Candidates who hold an MA in Medical Humanities from a European or American university.

Given the multitude of potential combinations of academic trainings who can count as entrance criteria for a PhD in Medical Humanities, we strongly suggest that future candidates contact us personally.

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The PhD theses in Medical Humanities will be supervised by Prof. Martina King.

Responsible professors