Sociology, Social Policy, Social Work

Degree conferred
Master of Arts in Social Sciences: Sociology, Social Policy, Social Work

Options
For information on the optional award of the distinction «Bilingual curriculum, French/German», please contact the relevant Department (see Contact).
Three options available:
– Sociology
– Social Policy and Social Work
– Politics and Society

Languages of study
Study in German. A number of courses may be offered in English.

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

Access to further studies
Ph.D.

This study programme has an international and interdisciplinary orientation. It provides specialised, in-depth knowledge of social phenomena, institutions, structures, processes, practices and their change. The main focus is on the topics of social inequalities, poverty, work, conflicts, delinquency and gender, and on the cross-sectional fields of politics, social policy and social work. Emphasis is placed on theory-driven comparative research and teaching, as well as on the ability to think critically and call things into question. The methodological training covers a wide range: both qualitative and quantitative empirical methods of social research are taught. Students choose one of the three Master's options and may complement the in-depth programme by means of a complementary minor study programme. The study programme is offered in German (a number of courses may be offered in English).

Profile of the study programme
The goal of this Master's programme is to convey specialised, in-depth knowledge of social phenomena, institutions, structures, processes, practices and their change. At its core are the actions of people, groups, organisations and states and the relationships between them. Further matters of interest are the way in which people live and shape their relationships and how they give meaning to their actions and the world they live in.

The specialisation programmes worth 30 ECTS credits «Sociology», «Social Policy and Social Work», «Politics and Society» and «Gender, Society, Social Policy» are smaller units which allow students to complement this Master's programme within the
Learning outcomes and career openings

Learning outcomes

The course of studies provides competences with regard to a variety of problem-related or societal demands by a social lifeworld which is constantly changing. The aim is to raise awareness of real or perceived changes in social problem areas so as to enable a critical reaction in a given situation using scientific insights and concepts, and employing quantitative and qualitative methods.

Career openings

This Master’s programme provides the theoretical and conceptual tools required for (executive) posts in public and private organisations, and for research and teaching, as well as in the media. This training readies students for a professional activity in a wide variety of fields, such as analysis, planning, development, leadership, implementation and evaluation of projects in the social services sector; market research and opinion polling, teaching and training, and work within associations, international organisations, development cooperation organisations, or relief agencies.

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

http://studies.unifr.ch/go/qsdGc (German)

Comments

The Master programmes Gender, Society, Social Policy; Politics and Society; Social Policy and Social Work; Sociology are offered as minor study programmes and as specialisation programmes (30 ECTS credits).

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 from a Swiss university can be admitted to a Master’s degree programme within the corresponding branch of studies (requires the acquisition of minimum 60 ECTS credits at Bachelor level in the corresponding discipline) without any additional requirements. 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 from a Swiss university or 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, can be admitted to a Master’s degree programme within another discipline with prerequisites (must be successfully completed before starting the Master’s degree programme) or additional requirements (can be completed during the Master’s degree programme). According to existing agreements, holders of a Bachelor’s degree awarded from a Swiss university of applied sciences can also be admitted with prerequisites or additional requirements.

The respective conditions of admission for each Master’s degree programme are reserved.

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