Italian

Degree conferred
Master of Arts in Languages and Literatures: Italian

Languages of study
Study in Italian

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 programme in Italian 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 study programme has a dual purpose: on the one hand, it provides teaching specifically in the literary field and, on the other, it 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 study 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 historical and stylistic orientations of criticism, offer courses about the period from the Middle Ages through to the Renaissance and about the modern and contemporary period, from the 16th to 20th centuries. A third professor focuses on philology of literary texts and on the history of the language.

The master study programme is pursued and encouraged.

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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