

Politics and Society

Degree conferred

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<https://studies.unifr.ch/go/fr-politicalscience> (French)

<https://studies.unifr.ch/go/de-politicalscience> (German)

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)

The programme «Politics and Society» focuses on the analysis of political systems and their scope for action in modern society. Different concepts and functions of the state, political parties, political culture and democratisation processes in Western and Eastern European countries are considered and compared. The challenges to be identified are not only those resulting from inefficient political and state institutions, but also those having a bearing on how liberal constitutional states view themselves. What happens when democracies are confronted with illiberal developments, such as populism, or economic crises that question the established policy? How is power in authoritarian systems stabilised and legitimised? This programme provides the skills to analyse political structures, methods of functioning and processes. The programme focuses on Eastern Europe, which is rare in Switzerland. master's level students take courses together with bachelor's level students.

Studies organisation

Structure of studies

30 ECTS credits as a minor study programme or a specialisation programme

Curriculum

<https://studies.unifr.ch/go/d> (German)

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