Sociology (FR)

Degree conferred
Bachelor of Arts

Options
For information on the optional award of the distinction «Bilingual curriculum» (French – German), please contact the relevant Department (see Contact).

Languages of study
Possibility to study in French or in French and German

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

Access to further studies
This Bachelor programme qualifies students for the Master programme Culture, Politics and Religion in Pluralist Societies.

The Bachelor study programme in sociology aims to train students in the analysis of social, economical and political processes taking place within contemporary societies. It focuses on the impacts of these global trends on the everyday life of individuals, especially on their relationships, their habits, their practices and their vision of the future. In order to achieve this, it familiarizes students with the theories and tools of sociology. The programme therefore allows students to acquire knowledge in diverse specialized sociological fields as well as practical skills in qualitative and quantitative research methods as well as in communication activities related to contemporary social issues.

Profile of the study programme
Sociological studies train for the scientific analysis of social, economical and political processes in contemporary societies. They thus allow to scientifically approach topical subjects by transmitting knowledge on general and specialised fields of the discipline as well as methodological skills in data collection and analysis.

Fribourg profile
The Bachelor study programme in sociology is a curriculum aiming to the scientific analysis of topical subjects. The students will develop a comprehensive understanding of the links between global structural trends on the one side and their impacts on the everyday life of individuals on the other side. In addition to knowledge on the main traditional and contemporary sociological theories and schools of thought, it allows to deepen the study in the following fields: social change; functioning of institutions; lifestyle of populations (migrants; youth; occupational groups; women); social interactions; otherness and intercultural relations; communication and medias. Furthermore, it offers an opening on other disciplines, especially anthropology and religious studies.

Learning outcomes and career openings
Skills
The Bachelor programme in sociology is based on three traditional pillars:

1. General sociology through the study of traditional and contemporary authors as well as the analysis of the main contemporary changes (globalisation, inter-ethnic relations, institutional change);
2. The acquisition of methodological skills: qualitative (interviews, observation, video) and quantitative (survey, basic knowledge in statistical analysis) methods;
3. The acquisition of practical skills related to project management, scientific and communication activities.

Career openings
At the end of the three years of training, the Bachelor programme in sociology offers two types of orientations:
– It aims to train future professionals capable of analysing and synthesising the contemporary issues and challenges related to the current social changes (globalisation, intercultural relations). It endows student with skills in data collection and analysis that are useful for this purpose. It therefore meets the needs of communities and public, associative and private organisations;
– It gives access to Master programmes in which students deepen and further supplement their knowledge in the specialised fields of sociology or of other social sciences. They will therefore be able to design action programmes and research projects or to accompany change in different types of institutions.

Organisation des études
Structure of studies
120 ECTS credits + 60 ECTS credits in a minor study programme freely chosen, 6 semesters

Curriculum
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/gNFm5 (French)

Admission
The following Swiss school-leaving certificates grant admission to Bachelor programmes at the University of Fribourg:

– Swiss academic Maturity Certificate
– Swiss professional Maturity Certificate in conjunction with the supplementary exam certificate from the Swiss Maturity Commission
– Bachelor Degree from a Swiss university, from an accredited Swiss university of applied sciences (HES/FH) or from a Swiss university of teacher education (HEP/PH)

A complete list of all further recognized Swiss school-leaving
certificates is to be found on the webpages of swissuniversities (in French and German only): https://www.swissuniversities.ch/en/services/admission-to-universities/schweizerische-ausweise/

Foreign upper secondary school-leaving certificates are recognised only if they correspond substantially to the Swiss Maturity Certificate. They must qualify as general education. Foreign school-leaving certificates are considered to be general education if the last three years of schooling include at least six general education subjects, independent from each other, in accordance with the following list:

1. First language (native language)
2. Second language
3. Mathematics
4. Natural sciences (biology, chemistry or physics)
5. Humanities and social sciences (geography, history or economics/law)
6. Elective (an additional language or an additional subject from category 4 or 5)

The general admission requirements to the Bachelor programmes at the University of Fribourg for holders of foreign school-leaving certificates as well as the admission requirements for individual countries are to be found on the webpages of swissuniversities: https://www.swissuniversities.ch/en/services/admission-to-universities/countries/

In addition, foreign candidates must present proof of sufficient language skills in French or German.

The assessment of foreign school-leaving certificates is based on the «CRUS Recommendations for the Assessment of Foreign Upper Secondary School-Leaving Certificates, 7 September 2007» (http://studies.unifr.ch/go/crus07en). The admission requirements are valid for the respective academic year. The Rectorat of the University of Fribourg reserves the right to change these requirements at any time.

Alternatives

Also offered as a minor study programme (60 ECTS credits/30 ECTS credits).

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