Social Work and Social Policy (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
Master

Skills
1. The analysis of social issues with a view to gaining a critical understanding and the management of social issues (e.g. poverty, exclusion, drug abuse);
2. The study of social policies with a view to acquiring knowledge of the foundations, conditions and current challenges of social policies (e.g. family and health policies, and social insurance);
3. The practice of research methods in order to obtain a command of the various methodologies used in scientific study and in relation to the analysis of social issues and/or social policies.

Career openings
Following the three-year Social Work and Social Policy study programme, two types of career profiles are possible:
– Further academic study at Master's level. Upon graduating from the Master's programme, students will be able to leverage their training in two fields (social work and social policy) and in terms of two types (scientific and practical). The wide-ranging scope of this Master's programme opens up a large number of career openings in many business sectors and in administrations, institutions, organisations and associations;
– Entry to the labour market. The Social Work and Social Policy Bachelor's degree prepares students for professions in various fields (medical and social, legal, social, psycho-social, socio-educational, socio-economic, socio-cultural, etc.) or in a variety of sectors (assistance to young people and families, the enforcement of sentences, the health sector, the fields of social leadership, professional integration, social and vocational rehabilitation, social work with drug addicts, local social development projects, etc.).

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/yTguG (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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