Theology

Degree conferred
Sacrae theologiae doctor

Commencement of studies
An application for admission may be submitted at any time.

Regulation
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/IYV4W (French and German only)

Application procedure
Candidates with Swiss qualifications
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/QHF-I
Candidates with foreign qualifications
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/CRu5v

Fribourg profile
The Faculty of Theology in Fribourg is the largest faculty theology in Switzerland and one of two Catholic theology faculties integrated into a state university. It is subject to national law, like the other University faculties, but in addition is acknowledged by the Church and is supported by the Dominican Order and the Swiss Bishops Conference.

Theology differs from other scientific fields insofar as it has its own unique outlook: it deals primarily with God and humans, to the extent they refer to God as their origin and purpose. It reflects its own position as well as that of every Church in the community. Theologians share the responsibility for the planet’s sustainable development with a human face. In light of the deregulation of religion and ethics (fundamentalist and esoteric movements) and the search for a peaceful world where different religions and cultures can coexist, theology plays a critical role in engaging a discourse on the question of truth and values.

From this perspective, the Faculty of Theology serves the Church as a community, as well as its individual members, and also serves society as a whole. The issues explored through the study of theology using a variety of scientific research methods play a critically constructive role.

Professors who are eligible to supervise theses

• Prof. François-Xavier Amherdt

Areas of specialisation:
– Pastoral issues
– Parishes and dioceses, religious education and catechism
– Theology and humanities, particularly psychology and sociology
– Public Relations

• Prof. Daniel Bogner

Areas of specialisation:
– General moral theology and ethics

• Prof. Thierry Collaud

Areas of specialisation:
– Special moral theology and Christian social ethics

• Prof. Benoît-Dominique de La Soujeole

Areas of specialisation:
– Dogmatic theology

• Prof. Mariano Delgado

Areas of specialisation:
– History of the Church
– Church and society in Latin America
– Church and society in Europe in general, with a focus on Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Spain
– Dialogue between religions
– Religion and violence
– Religion and migration
– Multiculturalism
– Christianity/Church and politics

• Prof. Luc Devillers

Areas of specialisation:
– Origins of Christianity
– Canonical gospels

• Prof. Gilles Emery

Areas of specialisation:
– The question of God
– The Trinity
– Christ
– Creation
– The Christian vision of mankind
– Life after death

• PD Dr. Gregor Emmenegger

Areas of specialisation:
– Patristics and the history of the Church

• Prof. Patrick Goldman

Areas of specialisation:
– Biblical studies

• Prof. Barbara Hallensleben

Areas of specialisation:
– Ecumenical questions
– Churches in the East
– Theology and spirituality of Churches in the East
– Questions on faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church
– Questions concerning the promotion of research
Areas of specialisation:

– History of the Church in the Middle Ages, modern and contemporary times

– Hebrew Bible
– Greek Septuagint Bible

– Canon law
– Liturgy
– Worship
– Celebration of the Sacraments
– Liturgical periods and celebrations, Church year
– Rites
– Prayer
– Piety
– Popular piety
– Liturgical space, construction and furnishing of churches

– Bible
– Relationship between the Bible (Christianity) and culture, the Bible and literature, cinema

– Pastoral theology

– Early Christianity
– History of Christianity in the East, particularly in the Middle East

Areas of specialisation:

– Fundamental theology

Areas of specialisation:

– Ethical, bioethical and societal issues

Areas of specialisation:

– Spirituality
– Moral development
– Virtue ethics
– Theology of charity
– Philosophy and psychology of love

Areas of specialisation:

– Comparative history of religions and interreligious dialogue

Areas of specialisation:

– Foundation of Christian social ethics
– Theological bioethics
– Equal distribution of health
– Decisions at the end of life
– Ethics of palliative care
– Work and social security
– Migration and integration

Areas of specialisation:

– Ethical, bioethical and societal issues

Areas of specialisation:

– Islam and society, interreligious ethics
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