Eastern European Studies

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
Study in two languages, in French and German. A number of lectures will be in English.

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

Access to further studies
Master

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Almost half (about 340 million) of the over 700 million Europeans live in Eastern Europe. The region is known for its diversity of languages, cultures, ethnicities and religions. It has grown steadily in political and economic importance in recent years. Students acquire the necessary linguistic, specialist and methodical competences to look at Eastern Europe in all its facets, analyse the current developments in the region, and place them in their political, social, historical and cultural context.

Fribourg profile
The programme of studies provides students with a knowledge of:

- Political, historical, social, literary and cultural issues of Eastern European countries and regions in the 20th and 21st centuries;
- The theories and history of Eastern European studies;
- Relevant methods of Eastern European research.

Teaching is mainly in German or French. Some lectures are also held in English. There is mutual recognition of the lectures and seminars in the Eastern Europe Studies programme offered by the Universities of Fribourg and Berne.

Learning outcomes and career openings
This programme provides students with the competences to work on academic questions independently: they have access to current research discussions in the multidisciplinary field of Eastern European studies. Graduates of this interdisciplinary programme acquire an all-round knowledge and understanding of Eastern Europe, are familiar with the problems of the region, and are capable of analysing them. The programme qualifies graduates for employment in areas such as the diplomatic service, international organisations, journalism, non-governmental organisations, and commercial enterprises operating in Eastern Europe, etc.

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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/dRoJ7 (German only)

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

- Swiss academic Maturity Certificate
La description du programme d'études Bachelor

- Diplôme professionnel de maturité suisse en conjonction avec le supplémentaire de l'exam certificate de la Commission de maturité suisse
- Diplôme de licence d'université suisse, d'université suisse accréditée (HES/FH) ou d'université suisse de formation professionnelle (HEP/PH)

Une liste complète de tous les autres diplômes de maturité suisse reconnus peut être trouvée sur les pages web de swissuniversities (en français et allemand uniquement):

https://www.swissuniversities.ch/en/services/admission-to-universities/schweizerische-ausweise/

Les certificats de maturité secondaire ou supérieure étrangers sont reconnus uniquement s'ils correspondent substantiellement au Diplôme de maturité suisse. Ils doivent être considérés comme éducation générale. Les certificats de maturité secondaire ou supérieure étrangers sont considérés comme éducation générale si les trois dernières années d'éducation incluent au moins six sujets éducation générale, indépendamment de chaque autre, dans le respect de la liste suivante:

1. Langue première (langue maternelle)
2. Langue seconde
3. Mathématiques
4. Sciences naturelles (biologie, chimie ou physique)
5. Humanités et sciences sociales (géographie, histoire ou économie/jurisprudence)
6. Elective (une autre langue ou un autre sujet de la catégorie 4 ou 5)

Les exigences générales d'admission aux programmes Bachelor à l'Université de Fribourg pour les détenteurs de certificats de maturité secondaire ou supérieure étrangers, ainsi que les exigences d'admission pour les pays individuels, peuvent être trouvées sur les pages web de swissuniversities:

https://www.swissuniversities.ch/en/services/admission-to-universities/countries/

En outre, les candidats étrangers doivent présenter des preuves de compétences linguistiques suffisantes en français ou en allemand.


Alternatives

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

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