German

Degree conferred
Master of Arts in Languages and Literatures: German

Languages of study
Study in German

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

Access to further studies
This Master programme qualifies students also for the Doctoral programme Language Sciences.

In the Master's programme, students can concentrate on key aspects of German language and literature corresponding to their interests within the three fields of study: German linguistics, German medieval studies and German literary studies. In linguistics they gain insight into current research through project-oriented seminars; the main topics are research in language acquisition and variation, as well as a dialectology that is oriented toward sociolinguistics and perceptual linguistics. In medieval studies, literature from the Middle Ages is considered in conjunction with developments in society, its stores of knowledge, forms of thought and media techniques. In addition to research-oriented seminar and colloquia and the interdisciplinary block courses of the Stammler visiting professorship, Master's students also have free access to international graduate meetings and manuscript related internships. A complementary interdisciplinary program in medieval studies is offered within the framework of the Medieval Institute.

In German literary studies, literary texts and narratives in all media are investigated in the light of both their historical contexts and systematic features, since the 16th century. This applies, for example, to issues regarding general rhetoric, how literary genres function, analysis of themes of individual literary works and narrative traditions, relationships to other literature and arts, etc. Due to the special linguistic and cultural location of Freiburg-Fribourg, comparative issues are of great importance. A focus on intermedial connections and clarity in scientific argumentation are a part of the special profile of German literary studies at Fribourg.

Organisation des études

Structure of studies
90 ECTS credits + 30 ECTS credits as an option in a minor study programme freely chosen, 3-4 semesters

Curriculum
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/jLU9B (German)

Admission
Master's degree programmes are built on the knowledge and abilities that were acquired when obtaining a Bachelor's degree.

Holders of a Bachelor's degree awarded from a Swiss university can be admitted to a Master's degree programme within the corresponding discipline (requires the acquisition of minimum 60 ECTS credits at Bachelor level in the corresponding discipline) without any additional requirements. The same applies to holders of a Bachelor's degree awarded by a foreign university, provided that the Bachelor's degree is recognised and considered equivalent by the University of Fribourg.

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The respective conditions of admission for each Master's degree programme are reserved.

Alternatives

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

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