Rhaeto-Romance Language and Literature

Degree conferred
Philosophiae Doctor in Lingua et Litteris rhaeto-romanicis / Doctor of Philosophy in Rhaeto-Romance Language and Literature (PhD)

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

Regulation
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/dGLfK (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
Apart from the University of Zurich, the University of Fribourg is the only university which offers a doctoral programme in Rhaeto-Romance Language and Literature, in addition to the Bachelor and Master programme in Rhaeto-Romance. Because of the anchoring of Rhaeto-Romance in the Multilingualism and Foreign Language Education Domain, at Fribourg the sociolinguistic, language contact, language teaching and language learning aspects are particularly self-evident. Doctoral students can, however, choose sub-disciplines such as synchronic and diachronic description of Rhaeto-Romance, the history of the Rhaeto-Romance language and Rhaeto-Romance literature.

Theses in Rhaeto-Romance Language and Literature can be paired with an existing doctoral programme or a specific credit-based programme focused on a research project.

- Doctoral students working on theses in the field of sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics or language teaching and learning research can complete the doctoral programme Multilingualism; acquisition, education and society (universities of Fribourg, Bern and Lausanne) or the doctoral programme Language and Cognition (universities of Fribourg, Geneva and Neuchâtel).
- Theses dedicated to the synchronic and diachronic description of Rhaeto-Romance and the history of the Rhaeto-Romance language are accompanied through the Sciences du langage doctoral programme of the Conférence Universitaire de Suisse Occidentale (CUSO).
- Doctoral students in Rhaeto-Romance literature can access the doctoral programme Allgemeine und vergleichende Literaturwissenschaft [General and comparative literature] of the Schweizerischen Universitätikonferenz (SUK).

When creating a specific project-related programme, bear in mind that the following aspects are taken into consideration:

- A) general academic training
- B) thematic specialisation
- C) soft skills/basic competences

For parts A and B, the following study credits may be taken into account: visiting doctoral conferences, doctoral seminars and scientific workshops, taking part in a session with a presentation and writing a scientific article. For the thesis project, essential basic skills (part C) can be acquired by attending courses at the University of Fribourg and/or other universities.

Professors who are eligible to supervise theses

- Prof. Matthias Grünert
  Rhaeto-Romance language
  Areas of specialisation:
  – Synchronic and diachronic description of Rhaeto-Romance
  – Variation linguistics
  – Contact linguistics
  – Sociolinguistics of the trilingual canton of Graubünden

Theses can be supervised in German, French or Rhaeto-Romance.

- Prof. Clà Riatsch
  Rhaeto-Romance literature
  Areas of specialisation:
  – Literature and multilingualism
  – Narratology
  – Literary discourse analysis
  – Genre theory and typology

Theses can be supervised in German, French or Rhaeto-Romance.

- Prof. Raphael Berthele
  Areas of specialisation:
  – Contact linguistics
  – Variation linguistics
  – Psycholinguistics and cognitive linguistics

Theses can be supervised in German, English or French.

- Prof. Alexandre Duchêne
  Critical sociolinguistics
  Language anthropology
  Language policy

Theses can be supervised in German, English or French.

Organisation des études
Structure of studies
ECTS credits can be earned.
Doctoral school

http://www.institut-mehrsprachigkeit.ch/de/doktoratsprogramm
https://lettres.unifr.ch/fr/langues-litteratures/anglais/docprog.html
https://langage.cuso.ch
https://lettres.unifr.ch/de/institute/institut-fuer-allgemeine-und-vergleichende-literaturwissenschaft/suk-doktoratsprogramminavl.html

Admission

In order to be admitted to a doctorate the candidate must have been awarded an academic Bachelor's and Master’s degree or an equivalent qualification by a university recognised by the University of Fribourg.

Before applying for a doctorate the candidate should contact a professor who would be willing to supervise the thesis work.

There is no general right to be admitted to a doctorate.

The respective conditions of admission for each doctoral study programme are reserved.

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http://studies.unifr.ch/go/de-multilingualism (German)

Portail doc/postdoc

http://www.unifr.ch/phd