Empirical, theory-driven and explorative social research constitute milieu-specific, socio-cultural, political or economic structures. Social problems do not have one single cause; they are always embedded in a complex fabric of numerous local, national and transnational dimensions of social problems. Social work and social policy are closely associated fields of action and research, in which social problems are identified and efforts take place to tackle them.

The Bachelor's and Master's degrees in «Social Work and Social Policy» provide the theoretical and conceptual tools required for tackling social problems in the context of social policies, consulting, organisations, as well as in relief agencies. The degree programme equips students to professionally support activities aiming at organizing their work, as this fosters social skills. Students are encouraged to reflect on the work they do together and on how they organise their work, to enable them to provide a problem-specific, situative and critical response on the basis of scientific findings and concepts using quantitative and qualitative methods; to provide a problem-specific, situative and critical response on the basis of scientific findings and concepts using quantitative and qualitative methods;

The aim of the programme is to prepare students for a professional career. Students acquire social skills in different types of courses. The course content and professional skills are taught in lectures with integrated exercises; during their studies, students are taught scientific methodologies, sociological theory, and the interdisciplinary approaches used to reflect on and treat social issues. The programme includes an application-oriented introduction to methods of empirical social research and practical exercises; during their studies, students are taught scientific methodologies, sociological theory, and the interdisciplinary approaches used to reflect on and treat social issues. The programme includes an application-oriented introduction to methods of empirical social research and practical exercises;

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The «Social Work and Social Policy» programme teaches empirical, theory-driven and explorative social research constitute an integral part of the programme. This research may be both basic and applied. The degree programme focuses on people, their objectives, organisational structures and methods of communication when dealing with their social environment. It encompasses a wide variety of courses. The programme imparts solid theoretical, methodological, methodical and practical skills in an integrated manner. Students acquire a comprehensive range of skills and are well-equipped for their entry onto the labour market. In the second and third years of study, students undertake an empirical research project (bachelor thesis) in which they apply what they have learned, thus completing this Bachelor's degree worth 120 ECTS credits. The programme may be studied in German or as a bilingual programme.

Learning outcomes and career openings

• In this degree programme students gain flexible skills for dealing with different problem-related demands they are confronted with in a continually changing social environment. The aim of the programme is to raise students' awareness of real or perceived changes in areas of social concern and to enable them to provide a problem-specific, situative and critical response on the basis of scientific findings and concepts using quantitative and qualitative methods;
• During their studies, students are taught scientific methodologies, sociological theory, and the interdisciplinary approaches used to reflect on and treat social issues. The programme includes an application-oriented introduction to methods of empirical social research and practical exercises;

The Bachelor programme qualifies students for the Master programme Sociology, Social Policy, Social Work.

Commencement of studies
Commencement of studies only in the Autumn Semester (September)

Access to further studies
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Organisation des études

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The topics studied focus on people, their objectives, organisational structures and methods of communication when dealing with their social environment. Students learn to recognise and understand the numerous local, national and transnational dimensions of social problems. Social problems do not have one single cause; they are always embedded in a complex fabric of milieu-specific, socio-cultural, political or economic structures. Empirical social research forms an integral part of the programme. In the second and third years, the students apply what they have learned, thus completing their academic or professional environment and may

Social Work and Social Policy (DE)

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 German or in German and French

Commencement of studies
Commencement of studies only in the Autumn Semester (September)

Access to further studies
This Bachelor programme qualifies students for the Master programme Sociology, Social Policy, Social Work.
Structure of studies

120 ECTS credits + 60 ECTS credits in a minor study programme freely chosen, 6 semesters

Curriculum

http://studies.unifr.ch/go/QmKD2 (German)

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:
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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.