Sociology (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.

The special feature of the Fribourg programme is that it teaches students the basic theoretical and methodological knowledge (concepts, theories, classic authors, philosophy of science) while providing broad training in quantitative and qualitative methods. At the same time, this is placed in the context of current social problems and the ensuing debates. In the second and third years, the students apply what they have learned, thus completing this Bachelor's degree worth 120 ECTS credits. The study programme can be taken in German or as a bilingual programme.

**Learning outcomes and career openings**

- The Sociology programme provides students with the requisite skills to understand sociological theories, methods and analysis and to work autonomously on sociological issues;
- 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 objective of the Sociology programme is to enable students to conduct their own research into social issues and to acquire the professional skills which are required in their selected fields of application in an academic or professional environment;
- The programme gives students in-depth knowledge of general and specific sociological theories, in addition to which current debates on social issues are analysed. Students gain a sound understanding of political, economic and cultural institutions in Switzerland and abroad.

The Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Sociology provide the theoretical and conceptual tools required for (executive) posts in public and private organisations, and for research and teaching. The training they receive equips students for a professional activity in a wide variety of sectors, such as market research and opinion polling, culture and the media, corporate human resources, government agencies, and also as independent social researchers. It also equips students for posts in public administration bodies involving conceptual tasks, notably in the social services.

**Profile of the study programme**

The Bachelor's programme in Sociology provides an overall view of sociological theories, methods and analysis and teaches students the relevant analytical, research and decision-making skills. It is divided into three key sections:

1. General sociology;
2. Specialised sociology (e.g. economic sociology, political sociology, family or development sociology, criminal sociology, economic sociology);
3. Social research.

**Fribourg profile**

The Organisation des études section provides information about the structure of studies, curriculum, admission, and further study opportunities. The 120 ECTS credits for the Bachelor programme are complemented by an additional 60 ECTS credits in a minor study programme. The curriculum can be found online at the provided link.
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:
https://www.swissuniversities.ch/en/services/admission-to-
universities/countries/
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.

Alternatives

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

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