Special attention is paid to the reception of Greek classical antiquity during the imperial period, the culture and literature of Late Antiquity and, through close collaboration with the Institute of Mediaeval Studies (Institut d'études médiévales/Mediävistisches Institut), the Latin Middle Ages, the Byzantine culture and the Renaissance. Students further study the influence of literary forms and classical mythologies on modern literature in partnership with the Institute of General and Comparative Literature (Institut de littérature générale et comparée/Institut für Allgemeine und Vergleichende Literaturwissenschaft). Practical workshops give students the opportunity to learn the basics of scientific research and do hands-on training in papyrology, palaeography, codicology and scholarly editing. In line with University of Fribourg’s language policy, Classics students have the possibility of taking their courses in two languages (French and German).

Learning outcomes and career openings

On completing their course, students will have acquired a command of Greek and Latin and in-depth knowledge of Graeco-Roman literature and culture. They will be capable of translating a Greek or Latin text, analysing it grammatically and stylistically, placing it in its literary, historical and cultural context and establishing links with modern literature. For a given problem, they will have acquired the methodological skills allowing them to draw up a pertinent bibliography, search for sources, analyse them critically and in detail, put forward a summary of the issue and give an oral or written presentation of the results of their research. Thanks to their practical training, they will be capable of working on original documents (papyrus, manuscripts, etc.) and producing a scholarly edition.

The principal career openings for Classics students:
- Teaching Latin and Greek at secondary school level I and II;
- An academic or scientific career in classical studies;
- Public administration and cultural policy;
- Administrative posts in scientific bodies;
- Private sector (human resources).

Organisation des études

Structure of studies

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

Curriculum

http://studies.unifr.ch/go/M56a7 (French)
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/JXVrf (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.

Holders of a Bachelor's degree awarded from a Swiss university or 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, can be admitted to a Master's degree programme within another discipline with prerequisites (must be successfully completed before starting the Master's degree programme) or additional requirements (can be completed during the Master's degree programme). According to existing agreements, holders of a Bachelor's degree awarded from a Swiss university of applied sciences can also be admitted with prerequisites or additional requirements.

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

Alternatives

Also offered as a specialisation programme (30 ECTS credits).

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