A Bachelor's degree in law provides students with basic legal knowledge in all key areas of law. The subjects covered over a period of three years are public law, Roman law, criminal law, European and international law, civil law, history of law, code of obligations, business and commercial law, social law and philosophy of law. In addition to the lectures, there are also practical exercise sessions in which students learn to interpret laws and court rulings, find solutions to fundamental legal problems, and recognise the significance of current legal discussions for everyday legal practice. In Fribourg, students have the option of taking almost all their lectures in French or in German. This allows them to upgrade their diploma with the distinction «Bilingual curriculum». Further benefits are the personal care and support given to them during their studies, and the wide array of exchange offers with partner universities in Switzerland and abroad.

Enhancing areas of specific interest with extra classes and special credits

Even at Bachelor's level there are possibilities of treating particular fields and current legal issues in greater depth. After successfully completing the IUR I examination, students can enrol in various supplementary courses which earn them special credits. Students who are particularly highly motivated can upgrade their diploma by acquiring a special distinction in one of the following areas:

- European Law;
- Religious Law (Utriusque iuris);
- Bilingualism.

Fribourg profile

Since its very beginnings, the Faculty of Law of the University of Fribourg has placed particular value on national and international networking. Students also benefit from this: Fribourg is linked to law faculties in Switzerland and abroad via numerous exchange agreements and offers a number of joint programmes with partner universities such as:

- Centre for Transnational Legal Studies (CTLS) in London;
- Student exchange in Shanghai (China);
- International seminars «Galatasaray (Turkey) – Fribourg»
Even at Bachelor’s level it is possible to spend one or two semesters studying at another Swiss university or take part in the Erasmus programme. After successfully completing the IUR II examination, students can study abroad at one of over 100 European faculties of law. These exchange programmes allow periods of study abroad without prolonging the duration of the Bachelor’s programme. Exactly which achievements are recognised is evaluated and decided by the equivalence committee.

Highly ambitious students can attain a degree at the University of Fribourg and at the same time at the University Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) by taking advantage of the challenging cooperation offer «Double diplôme de Bachelor Fribourg/Paris II».

Learning outcomes and career openings
Fribourg law graduates are specialists who are in great demand – not just in Switzerland but also abroad. Graduates of our faculty have a firm grasp of all fields of law. Fribourg is unparalleled in equipping its students with a diverse spectrum of legal skills and providing goal-oriented preparation for an international career. With the Bachelor of Law in your pocket you will get off to a flying start in your first professional venture. It paves the way to a career as legal adviser e.g. with banks, insurance companies and other service providers.

Organisation des études
Structure of studies
180 ECTS credits, 6 semesters

Curriculum
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/qZrdk (French)
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/iRUDr (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:
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 (60/30 ECTS credits) to students from the other faculties of the University of Fribourg

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