History

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 French, in German or in French and German.

Commencement of studies
Commencement of studies in the Autumn Semester (September) or in the Spring Semester (February)

Access to further studies
Master

Learning outcomes and career openings
History graduates are distinguished by their ability to identify social connections and to evaluate and categorise them critically. Their competence and knowledge are valued in all fields of employment which involve communication methods which have been shaped by history and culture. Qualified history teachers play a vital role in transferring historical knowledge to future generations; Historical Studies and the additional teaching and education course form the basis for such a career. The study of history also provides career opportunities in public relations, journalism, national and international organisations and in institutions which serve to store, process and present knowledge of the past, i.e. in archives, libraries and museums. Careers in higher education and research require a doctorate, which can be obtained through the broad spectrum of research projects offered by the University of Fribourg. History graduates are not limited to any single career option; they are highly sought after in fields involving teaching, transferring information to the media.
and safeguarding knowledge about the past.

**Studies organisation**

**Structure of studies**

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

**Curriculum**

[http://studies.unifr.ch/go/bBPyX](http://studies.unifr.ch/go/bBPyX) (French)

[http://studies.unifr.ch/go/Zl4TF](http://studies.unifr.ch/go/Zl4TF) (German)

**Comments**

It is not possible to choose both this study programme and a programme in the fields of History and Contemporary History.

**Admission**

The following [Swiss school-leaving certificates](http://studies.unifr.ch/enbachelor/hist/history) 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](http://studies.unifr.ch/go/en-admission-swiss-certificates)).

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: [http://studies.unifr.ch/go/en-admission-countries](http://studies.unifr.ch/go/en-admission-countries). In addition, foreign candidates must present proof of sufficient language skills in French or German.

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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](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).

**Contact**

Faculty of Humanities

History

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