Social Work and Social Policy

**Degree conferred**
Philosophiae Doctor in Scientia Operae Socialis et Politica Sociali /
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work and Social Policy (PhD)

**Commencement of studies**
An application for admission may be submitted at any time.

**Regulation**
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/dGLfK (French and German only)

**Application procedure**
Candidates with Swiss qualifications
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/QHF-l
Candidates with foreign qualifications
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/CRu5v

**Fribourg profile**
The Department of Social Sciences supervises doctoral theses in Social Work and Social Policy on various topics and various methods. Doctoral training at the Department of Social Sciences feature both basic research and applied research. Supervision takes place individually or within a doctoral programme.

The doctoral programme PROWEL (Social Problems and Social Welfare; see link below) is offered in English in the field of Social Work and Social Policy.

Doctoral students present their work at regular intervals throughout the doctoral programme. They receive comments and feedback on their work from colleagues, professors and international experts. Doctoral students receive motivation and support when presenting their results at national and international conferences. They are also given national and international networking opportunities.

Content, methods and language of the thesis work are agreed with the supervising professor, supervising assistant professor.

**Professors who are eligible to supervise theses**

- **Prof. Monica Budowski**
Areas of specialisation:
  - Social inequalities and cultural differences; poverty; precariousness; vulnerability
  - Welfare regimes; social policy and social security in countries of the Global South
  - Families, households and gender; life events and life course
  - Health and social support, quality of life
  - Qualitative and quantitative methods; longitudinal analyses; comparative methods

Theses can be supervised in German, English, Spanish or French.

- **Prof. Michael Nollert**
Areas of specialisation:
  - Welfare production, social state, social security, social networks
  - Economic sociology, labour market, voluntary work, interest intermediation
  - Social conflicts, cultural differences, delinquency, self-injurious behaviour
  - Quantitative methods; qualitative comparison analysis (QCA); network analysis

Theses can be supervised in German or English.

- **PD Dr. Marina Richter**
Areas of specialisation:
  - Welfare production, social state, social security, social networks
  - Economic sociology, labour market, voluntary work, interest intermediation
  - Social conflicts, cultural differences, delinquency, self-injurious behaviour
  - Qualitative methods; evaluation research

Theses can be supervised in German, Spanish or English.

- **Prof. Marc-Henry Soulet**
Areas of specialisation:
  - Social work
  - Social problems
  - Social policy

Theses can be supervised in French.

**Organisation des études**

**Structure of studies**
No ECTS credits can be earned.

**Doctoral school**
https://lettres.unifr.ch/de/sozialwissenschaften/soziologie-sozialpolitik-und-sozialarbeit/doktorat/prowel.html

**Admission**
In order to be admitted to a doctorate the candidate must have been awarded an academic Bachelor’s and Master’s degree or an equivalent qualification by a university recognised by the University of Fribourg.

Before applying for a doctorate the candidate should contact a professor who would be willing to supervise the thesis work.

There is no general right to be admitted to a doctorate.

The respective conditions of admission for each doctoral study programme are reserved.
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