Rhaeto-Romance

Degree conferred

Languages of study
Study in Rhaeto-Romance. A number of lectures will be in German
and/or French.

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

Access to further studies
This Bachelor programme also qualifies students for the Master
programme Multilingual Studies – Option: Rhaeto-Romance.

The Rhaeto-Romance course is devoted to the varied linguistic
forms in the Romansh-speaking area of the canton of Grisons. Who
uses Rhaeto-Romance in today’s society, and how and when?
What is the position of Romansh people in the trilingual canton
of Grisons and in quadrilingual Switzerland? What are the subjects
and traditions which shape Rhaeto-Romance literature? These and
other questions are covered by Rhaeto-Romance students. At the
University of Fribourg, the emphasis is on linguistics, but literature
is an integral part of the course.

Students acquire the broad basic knowledge required to pursue a
career in Rhaeto-Romance institutions, the media or teaching
and/or to continue their studies to Master level.

The Bachelor programme requires thorough knowledge of at least
one variant of Rhaeto-Romance (idiom or Rumantsch Grischun).
Some classes are taught in German.

Profile of the study programme

Rumantsch a Friburg? Sa chapescha!
The University of Fribourg is the only higher education
establishment in Switzerland apart from the University of Zurich to
offer studies in Rhaeto-Romance. These studies are devoted to the
science of past and present Rhaeto-Romance language and
literature. The Rhaeto-Romance course in Fribourg puts the
emphasis on linguistics, whereby socio-linguistics and language-
contact issues are given particular consideration. Literature is an
integral part of the course.

Curriculum
The Bachelor programme teaches students the foundations of
linguistics and literary analysis and gives an overview of the history
of the Rhaeto-Romance language and literature. The focus lies on
the historical development and structural elements of Rhaeto-
Romance dialects and regional written languages, as well as on the
various contacts with other language and cultural spaces. Students
study a wide spectrum of uses of Rhaeto-Romance, from court
documents from the Republic of the Three Leagues to current
media reports, from religious debates and political verse from the
period of the Reformation through to modern poetry and everyday
digital communication. Other subjects for study include the
language debate in past and present of Grisons, the multilingualism
of Rhaeto-Romance speakers, the supraregional standardisation of
the written language with Rumantsch Grischun, and the status of
Rhaeto-Romance as a minority language.

Requirements
To study Rhaeto-Romance, students must be innovative, enjoy
reading and writing and have an interest in analytical examination
of language, text and other media. As the majority of the course is
provided in Rhaeto-Romance, thorough knowledge in at least one
Rhaeto-Romance variety (idiom or Rumantsch Grischun) is
essential. The study of other variants of Rhaeto-Romance is part of
the course.

Some classes are taught in German so that students without any
knowledge of Rhaeto-Romance can attend. In addition, Rhaeto-
Romance language courses are open to all students.

Advantages
The small number of students enables effective and close
mentoring by professors and lecturers. A familiar atmosphere is
characteristic of Rhaeto-Romance studies, which also promotes
contact among students outside the university.

Combinations
The Rhaeto-Romance study programme can be combined with
other study programmes in the arts and also in social sciences
and/or natural sciences. Popular combinations are, for example,
other languages and literature, history, communication and media
or education.

Career openings
In the Rhaeto-Romance Bachelor programme, students acquire a
broad and well-founded basic knowledge to pursue a career in
Rhaeto-Romance institutions, the media or teaching. The Bachelor
degree is also the basis for Master-level studies (in Multilingual
Studies with Rhaeto-Romance as an option and in other language
disciplines).

There are many different career opportunities for graduates in
Rhaeto-Romance: the media (radio, press, TV, Internet), Rhaeto-
Romance or Rhaeto-Romance-related language and cultural
institutions (Lia Rumantscha, Institut dal Dizziunari Rumantsch
Grischun, Swiss Literary Archives, etc.), translation, library work.
The Rhaeto-romance study programme for 60 ECTS credits fulfills
the requirements for admission to the Teaching Diploma for
Academic Upper Secondary Education (Diplôme d'enseignement
pour les écoles de maturité, DEEM/Lehrdiplom für
Maturitätsschulen, LDM).

Given the relatively low number of university graduates in Rhaeto-
Romance, people with that qualification are always be in great
demand on the labour market in Graubünden, in federal
administration, universities and a variety of national research
projects.

Organisation des études
Structure of studies

60 ECTS credits as a minor study programme

Curriculum

http://studies.unifr.ch/go/eg-4R (French)
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/CwVZr (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 for 30 ECTS credits.

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