French

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Profile of the study programme

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Fribourg profile

Fribourg is a friendly university where emphasis is placed on close, personal supervision of students. The French department is welcoming and dynamic and gives students the opportunity to take part actively in a number of events organised by the student committee and the team of lecturers: visits to theatres, outings, evening events, lectures by writers, as well as study days and international conferences.

Learning outcomes and career openings

Students who successfully complete a Bachelor in French will have acquired substantial knowledge of the history, culture and aesthetics of French/French-language literature and the French language, both in terms of its contemporary function and its development over the centuries. They will also have developed their ability to think independently and critically about literary and non-literary texts.

Students who gain a Bachelor's degree in French can go on to the Master's programme in French. In addition to teaching at secondary schools and academic upper secondary schools, career opportunities resulting from a course in French language and literature include a number of other fields, some of which require additional training: documentalist; translator (administration, companies, international organisations, literary translation); librarian; the publishing profession; book seller; journalism; advertising; administrative departments in Switzerland; diplomat and working with international organisations.

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/a3eVa (French)

Comments

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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): [http://studies.unifr.ch/go/en-admission-
swiss-certificates](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.

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).

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[http://studies.unifr.ch/enbachelor/lang/french](http://studies.unifr.ch/enbachelor/lang/french)