Ibero-Romance Languages and Literatures

Degree conferred
Philosophiae Doctor in Lingua et Literis ibero-romanicis / Doctor of Philosophy in Ibero-Romance Languages and Literatures (PhD)

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

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

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 Spanish Domain at the University of Fribourg offers a course of study covering the literatures of the Iberian peninsula and Latin America (including the United States), not only in terms of their own development, but also in terms of their mutual relations. With respect to method, special attention is paid to the links between literature and the humanities as well as on the contribution made by interdisciplinary studies.

In language-related studies, in addition to current linguistics and the multiple variations of Spanish, the Hispanic philology course offered at Fribourg analyses ecdotic methodologies and investigates codology and textual history.

Both in its literary and philological sections, the Fribourg course stands apart in the academic landscape not only of BeNeFRi universities, but of the whole of Switzerland.

The theses written in the Spanish Domain may treat the following subjects (indicative only):

- History of the language
- Medieval literature and culture
- Language and literature of the Renaissance and the Spanish Golden Age
- The manuscript tradition of works and their place in this history of the language
- Linguistic migration: language and mass media, languages in contact with one another, migration
- Literature and intercultural relations
- Space, identity and literary production
- Short forms: narrative in the Hispanic world
- Travel literature: history and theory
- Literary and canon works: récit noir, graphic novel

Doctoral students writing their thesis under the supervision of one of the Domain’s professors periodically present the current status of their work in dedicated colloquia, where they can get advice from their supervisors and specialists specially invited for the purpose (for example, those who are to sit on the thesis committee). Students are keenly encouraged to take part in the multidisciplinary doctoral colloquia organised by our University (for example, those in our own discipline or those of the Medieval Institute and the CUSO Programme doctoral en Études médiévales) and by other Swiss or foreign universities: colloquia for students of Romance languages, meetings between young researchers, congresses on subjects related to students’ theses, etc.

Besides getting stimulating feedback, doctoral students can also take advantage of the possibilities these events offer of publishing their first papers on their thesis subject. They can count on the support of their thesis supervisor, whether for their participation in events or for publication.

Theses may be co-supervised within the Spanish Domain or, if required, with external specialists (Swiss or foreign).

Theses should preferably be written in Spanish, but can be accepted in French, German or English on a case by case basis.

Professors who are eligible to supervise theses
- Prof. Hugo Oscar Bizzarri
  Areas of specialisation:
  – History of the language
  – Medieval literature and culture
  – Language and literature of the Renaissance and the Spanish Golden Age
  – The manuscript tradition of works and their place in this history of the language
  – Short narrative and collections of proverbs

- Prof. Julio Peñate Rivero
  Areas of specialisation:
  – Literature and intercultural relations
  – Space, identity and literary production
  – Short forms: narrative in the Hispanic world
  – Travel literature: history and theory
  – Literary and canon works: récit noir, graphic novel, gender studies

Organisation des études
Structure of studies
ECTS credits can be earned.

Doctoral school
https://medieval.cuso.ch

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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**Portail doc/postdoc**

[http://www.unifr.ch/phd](http://www.unifr.ch/phd)