Theology

Degree conferred
Sacrae theologiae doctor

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

Regulation
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/IYV4W (French and German only)

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

Fribourg profile
The Faculty of Theology in Fribourg is the largest faculty theology in Switzerland and one of two Catholic theology faculties integrated into a state university. It is subject to national law, like the other University faculties, but in addition is acknowledged by the Church and is supported by the Dominican Order and the Swiss Bishops Conference.

Theology differs from other scientific fields insofar as it has its own unique outlook: it deals primarily with God and humans, to the extent they refer to God as their origin and purpose. It reflects its own position as well as that of every Church in the community. Theologians share the responsibility for the planet's sustainable development with a human face. In light of the deregulation of religion and ethics (fundamentalist and esoteric movements) and the search for a peaceful world where different religions and cultures can coexist, theology plays a critical role in engaging a discourse on the question of truth and values.

From this perspective, the Faculty of Theology serves the Church as a community, as well as its individual members, and also serves society as a whole. The issues explored through the study of theology using a variety of scientific research methods play a critically constructive role.

Professors who are eligible to supervise theses
• Prof. François-Xavier Amherdt
  Areas of specialisation:
  – Pastoral issues
  – Parishes and dioceses, religious education and catechism
  – Theology and humanities, particularly psychology and sociology
  – Public Relations
  • Prof. Daniel Bogner
  • Prof. Thierry Collaud
  • Prof. Benoît-Dominique de La Soujeole
  • Prof. Mariano Delgado
  • Prof. Luc Devillers
  • Prof. Gilles Emery
  • Prof. tit. Gregor Emmenegger
  • Prof. Patrick Goldman
  • Prof. Barbara Hallensleben
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Study programme description

Doctorat

- Prof. Paul-Bernard Hodel
  Areas of specialisation:
  - History of the Church in the Middle Ages, modern and contemporary times

- PD Dr. Philippe Hugo
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Hebrew Bible
  - Greek Septuagint Bible

- Prof. Astrid Kaptijn
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Canon law

- Prof. Martin Klöckener
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Liturgy
  - Worship
  - Celebration of the Sacraments
  - Liturgical periods and celebrations, Church year
  - Rites
  - Prayer
  - Piety
  - Popular piety
  - Liturgical space, construction and furnishing of churches

- Prof. Philippe Lefebvre
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Bible
  - Relationship between the Bible (Christianity) and culture, the Bible and literature, cinema

- Prof. Salvatore Loiero
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Pastoral theology

- Prof. Franz Mali
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Early Christianity
  - History of Christianity in the East, particularly in the Middle East

- Prof. Joachim Negel
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Fundamental theology

- Prof. François-Xavier Putallaz
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Ethical, bioethical and societal issues

- Prof. Hansjörg Schmid
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Islam and society, interreligious ethics

- PD Dr. Bernard Schumacher
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Ethical, bioethical and societal issues

- Prof. Thomas Schumacher
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Exegesis of the New Testament

- Prof. Michael Sherwin
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Spirituality
  - Moral development
  - Virtue ethics
  - The theology of charity
  - Philosophy and psychology of love

- Prof. Hans-Ulrich Steymans
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Exegesis of the Old Testament

- Prof. Helmut Zander
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Comparative history of religions and interreligious dialogue

- Prof. Markus Zimmermann
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Foundation of Christian social ethics
  - Theological bioethics
  - Equal distribution of health
  - Decisions at the end of life
  - Ethics of palliative care
  - Work and social security
  - Migration and integration

Studies organisation

Structure of studies

No ECTS credits can be earned.

Doctoral school

https://theologie.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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