The main characteristics of the Bachelor programme in philosophy at the University of Fribourg is – in addition to the diversity of its philosophical orientation – the possibility of bilingual studies (which is an option, not an obligation) and the structure of the Bachelor programme around two axes: The courses taught in History of Philosophy includes antique, medieval, modern and contemporary philosophy and introduces students to the main authors, texts and currents of Western philosophy. The courses taught in Systematic Philosophy comprises complementary disciplines, such as philosophy of language, of mind and of human sciences, epistemology and metaphysics, ethics and political philosophy, and philosophy of culture and aesthetics, and introduces students to the central themes and questions discussed in the ongoing philosophical debates at an international level. Another particular feature of studying philosophy at the University of Fribourg is the possibility to develop a specific profile thanks to a high number of optional courses around a common core.

Profile of the study programme

Philosophy covers complex, fundamental questions, most of which have been the subject of discussion since Antiquity. It comprises different complementary disciplines, most of which are represented in philosophy studies at the University of Fribourg: metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of the mind, philosophy of language, ethics and political philosophy, aesthetics and philosophy of culture. In addition to these different systematic approaches, at the University of Fribourg, particular attention is paid to the study of philosophy in its historical dimension, with particular focus on Antiquity and the Middle Ages.
Organisation des études

Structure of studies

120 ECTS credits + 60 ECTS credits in a minor study programme freely chosen, 6 semesters

Curriculum

http://studies.unifr.ch/go/Rvrsm (French)
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/w99Khn (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 (60/30 ECTS credits).

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