Archaeology

Degree conferred
Master of Arts in Historical Sciences: Archaeology

Languages of study
Study in French

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

Access to further studies
Ph.D

Designed jointly with the University of Neuchâtel and in partnership with the universities of Burgundy, Franche-Comté and Strasbourg, the Master’s programme in Archaeology gives students the opportunity to be part of an intercantonal, cross-border network that offers a broad choice of courses and practical work placements from the outset. At the same time as they study a common core of teaching, comprising theory and practice (interdisciplinary approaches, methodology, epistemology, research techniques, work placements), candidates specialise in one of the main periods dealt with in archaeology: – Prehistory and protohistory (Neuchâtel); – Archaeology of the ancient world (Neuchâtel and Fribourg). The Master’s programme in Archaeology provides training in: routine excavation activities (practical work, study trips, fieldwork placements as well as work placements in museums or laboratories), the principles of data analysis and interpretation, the links with other disciplines (philology, ancient history, ethnology, art history, museology), epistemological and theoretical aspects and, lastly, building bridges between archaeological research and the non-academic world (lectures, exhibitions, events, principles of communication, etc.).

Studies organisation

Structure of studies
90 ECTS credits + 30 ECTS credits in a minor study programme freely chosen or in a specialisation programme, 4 semesters

Curriculum
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/7oYad (French)
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/nJ3Zw (German)

Admission
Master’s degree programmes are built on the knowledge and abilities that were acquired when obtaining a bachelor’s degree.

Holders of a bachelor’s degree awarded by a Swiss university are admitted to a master’s degree programme without any preconditions if they have earned 60 or 90 ECTS credits – depending on the chosen master’s degree programme – within the corresponding discipline. However, additional requirements can be required. The same applies to holders of a bachelor’s degree awarded by a foreign university, provided that the bachelor’s degree is recognised and considered equivalent by the University of Fribourg.

Holders of a bachelor’s degree awarded by a Swiss or a foreign university, provided that the bachelor’s degree is recognised and considered equivalent by the University of Fribourg, who do not fulfil this condition can be admitted to a master’s degree programme with preconditions (which must be successfully completed before starting the master’s degree programme) and/or additional requirements (which can be completed during the master’s degree programme). The preconditions and/or additional requirements may not exceed 60 ECTS credits in total. The same applies to holders of a bachelor’s degree awarded by a Swiss university of applied sciences, according to existing agreements.

The respective conditions of admission for each master’s degree programme are reserved.

Alternatives
Also offered as a minor study programme and as a specialisation programme (30 ECTS credits).

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