

## Greek Studies

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### Degree conferred

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### Languages of study

Possibility to study in French, in German or in French and German.  
Some courses are offered in English.

### Commencement of studies

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

### Access to further studies

Master

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This bachelor programme covers the study of Greek antiquity from Homer to the Byzantine period. It focuses on the acquisition and consolidation of Greek language skills, as well as the interpretation of literary texts in the broader context of Greek culture.

Special emphasis is placed on the reception of Greek classical antiquity during the imperial period, and on Greek culture and literature of Late Antiquity. In partnership with the Institute of General and Comparative Literature (Institut de littérature générale et comparée/Institut für Allgemeine und Vergleichende Literaturwissenschaft), students also study the influence of literary forms and classical mythology on modern literature.

This field of study enables students to acquire a command of the Greek language, as well as in-depth knowledge of Greek literature and culture. The programme concentrates essentially on the teaching of the Greek language and literature, with lectures, exercises and proseminars aimed at enabling students to hone their language skills, their knowledge of philological techniques and literary analysis skills.

### Profile of the study programme

The programme covers the study of Greek antiquity from Homer to the Byzantine period. The emphasis is on the acquisition and consolidation of Greek language skills, as well as on the interpretation of literary texts. As the title of the programme indicates, work on literary texts is set in the broader context of Greek culture, while the study of language and culture proper goes hand in hand with that of the history of classical antiquity, archaeology, ancient philosophy and patristics. The programme concentrates essentially on teaching Greek language and culture, reading texts in the original Greek, and exercises and proseminars aimed at deepening students' knowledge of the Greek language and of philological techniques.

### Fribourg profile

The University of Fribourg specialises in classical studies and as a

result we place special emphasis on the reception of Greek classical antiquity during the imperial period, Greek culture and literature in Late Antiquity and, through close collaboration with the Institute of Mediaeval Studies (*Institut d'études médiévales/Mediävistisches Institut*), the Byzantine culture. In partnership with the Institute of General and Comparative Literature (*Institut de littérature générale et comparée/Institut für Allgemeine und Vergleichende Literaturwissenschaft*), students also study the influence of literary forms and classical mythology on modern literature. In line with University of Fribourg's language policy, Greek Studies students have the possibility of taking their course in two languages (French and German).

### Learning outcomes and career openings

On completing their course, students will have acquired a command of Greek and in-depth knowledge of Greek literature and culture. They will be capable of translating a Greek text, analysing it grammatically and stylistically, placing it in its literary, historical and cultural context and establishing links with modern literature. For a given problem, they will have acquired the methodological skills allowing them to draw up a pertinent bibliography, search for sources, analyse them critically and in detail, put forward a summary of the issue and give an oral or written presentation of the results of their research.

The principal career openings for Greek Studies students are:

- Teaching Greek at secondary school level I;
- An academic career in classical studies;
- Public administration and cultural policy;
- Administrative posts in scientific bodies;
- Private sector (human resources).

## Studies organisation

### Structure of studies

60 ECTS credits as a minor study programme

### Curriculum

<http://studies.unifr.ch/go/KRNiq> (French)

<http://studies.unifr.ch/go/gpUA1> (German)

### Comments

Knowledge of Greek is required. Students who did not take this language at an academic upper secondary school can attend the special lessons that are built into the curriculum.

Furthermore, a study programme worth 120 ECTS credits is also offered as a major: *Classics*.

### Admission

The following **Swiss school-leaving certificates grant admission to bachelor programmes** at the University of Fribourg:

- Swiss academic Maturity Certificate
- Federal vocational or specialised Baccalaureate +

supplementary examination of the Swiss Maturity Commission (passerelle)

- 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 recognised 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>

**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 or chemistry or physics)
5. Humanities and social sciences (geography or history or economics/law)
6. Elective (computer sciences or philosophy or 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-countrylist> 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 for 30 ECTS credits.

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