General and Swiss History of Modern Times

**Degree conferred**
Master of Arts in Historical Sciences: General and Swiss History of Modern Times

**Options**
For information on the optional award of the distinction «Bilingual curriculum, French/German», please contact the relevant Department (see Contact).

**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**
This master programme qualifies students for the doctoral programmes History, Contemporary History.

This master programme deals with early modern times, i.e. a time period when the foundation for modern Europe was laid which was nevertheless characterised by old European patterns of social interaction. Students become acquainted with the complicated network of political, economic and cultural exchanges of this era. Social, cultural, scientific, church, legal, music and art history approaches are used and connected.

The course in Fribourg is complemented by guest lectures, summer schools, talks by external experts, internships and field trips. One particularity is the early involvement of students in research: they are able to look over researchers’ shoulders as they analyse source material, create publications and defend theses, and participate in discussions.

Apart from these academic options, the competences that are acquired are well suited to a wide spectrum of professional activities. Particularly worth mentioning are the fields of journalism, publishing, management consulting and administration.

**Studies organisation**

**Structure of studies**
90 ECTS credits + 30 ECTS credits as an option in a minor study programme freely chosen, 3-4 semesters

**Curriculum**
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/QvyUs (French)
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/I77Ub (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.

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