Theological Studies

**Degree conferred**  
Bachelor of Arts in Theological Studies

**Options**  
Option of an award bearing the distinction «Bilingual curriculum, French/German».

**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

«Understanding their faith» is not the sole motivation of the students who enrol for our fields of study. While the phenomenon of religion has lost some significance in public perception, in the pluralist and multicultural society of today it is meeting with renewed interest. The course focuses on developing a critical way of thinking, the ability to shape the public debate on issues of values and truth, and a personal search as to how to «imagine» God in our own lives.

Besides studying theology as a complete course of study, the Faculty of Theology also provides the possibility of studying theology as part of a Bachelor of Arts course and combining it with any other minor study programme of a student's choice. Students can thus tailor their theology studies by combining them with other fields.

**Profile of the study programme**

As distinguished from the full studies of theology for the bachelor of Theology (see the study programme «Theology»), this bachelor provides the possibility of studying theology in a major study programme and choosing minors freely.

Theology also differs from other areas of science because it has a guiding perspective of its own: it is fundamentally concerned with God and creatures, to the extent that it refers to God as their origin and goal. Theologians share responsibility for sustainable development with a human face on our planet. In view of the deregulation in the religious and ethical area (fundamentalist and esoteric movements) and in search of a peaceful co-existence of religions and cultures, the critical work of theology has a valuable contribution to make in keeping the public discourse about values and truth alive.
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, among other things, 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
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](http://studies.unifr.ch/go/en-admission-countrylist)

In addition, foreign candidates must present proof of sufficient language skills in French or German. All guidelines are available at (only in French and German): [https://studies.unifr.ch/go/adm-guidelines](https://studies.unifr.ch/go/adm-guidelines)

The assessment of foreign school-leaving certificates is based on the «Recommendations for the Assessment of Foreign Upper Secondary School-Leaving Certificates» adopted by the Chamber of universities of swissuniversities on 11.11.2021 ([https://studies.unifr.ch/go/swissuniversities21fr](https://studies.unifr.ch/go/swissuniversities21fr); [https://studies.unifr.ch/go/swissuniversities21de](https://studies.unifr.ch/go/swissuniversities21de)). 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.

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