Pedagogy / Psychology

Degree conferred
Bachelor of Science

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 only in the Autumn Semester (September)

Access to further studies
Master

This bachelor programme has the special feature that half of it consists of the study of education sciences and half of the study of psychology. It is thus primarily aimed at those students who would like to use this as a basis for obtaining the «Diplôme d’Enseignement pour les Écoles de Maturité (DEEM, French-speaking section)/Lehrdiplom für Maturitätsschulen (LDM, German-speaking section)» in the teaching subject «Pedagogy/Psychology».

In psychology, students deal with the cognitive and affective areas of human experience and behaviour, with diagnostic and clinical treatment procedures as well as research methods and tools. In the pedagogical parts of the programme, the focus is on social, economic and ecological conditions of children growing up, as well as on the theories, history and empiricism of learning, education and socialisation processes, both with regard to individual ages and to institutions and their political contexts. Thus, the focus of this study programme is on both theoretical and empirical perspectives of both disciplines.

Learning outcomes and career openings
The primary goal of graduates of this study programme is to obtain a teaching diploma and subsequently teach at baccalaureate schools («Écoles de maturité/Maturitätsschulen») or upper secondary specialised schools («Écoles de culture générale/Fachmittelschulen»). However, since only a few hours are allocated to these subjects in schools, students are advised to choose an additional teaching subject with many more hours allocated to it if a full-time position is desired.

After obtaining the bachelor degree, it is possible to take up the master programme «Pedagogy/Psychology». Although this bachelor programme allows access to the master degree in Education Sciences, direct entry into the master degree in Psychology is not possible because the transitional requirements to be completed in this discipline are too numerous.
Studies organisation

Structure of studies

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

Curriculum

http://studies.unifr.ch/go/qt6T (French)
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/QyhmU (German)

Comments

Specific study programme for DEEM/LDM (teaching diploma for baccalaureate schools and upper secondary specialised schools) candidates. It is not possible to choose this study programme and a programme from the «Psychology» or «Education Sciences» field.

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): https://studies.unifr.ch/go/fr-admission-swisscertificates; https://studies.unifr.ch/go/de-admission-swisscertificates

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

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

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/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.

Alternatives

Also offered as a minor study programme (60 ECTS credits).

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