Sociology (DE)

**Degree conferred**
Philosophiae Doctor in Sociologia / Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology (PhD)

**Commencement of studies**
An application for admission may be submitted at any time.

**Regulation**
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/dGLfK (French and German only)

**Application procedure**
Candidates with Swiss qualifications
https://studies.unifr.ch/go/Ui3b4
Candidates with foreign qualifications
https://studies.unifr.ch/go/2KPbe

**Fribourg profile**
The Department of Social Work, Social Policy and Global Development offers supervision of doctoral theses in sociology on a variety of topics. There is a broad expertise of methods to supervise research. The research of the doctorates at the Department of Social Work, Social Policy and Global Development may be basic research or use-inspired research. Supervision is provided individually or as part of a doctoral programme.

For sociology, the doctoral programme Social Problems and Social Welfare (PROWEL) is offered in English in collaboration with the University of Neuchâtel. The Programme Doctoral Romand en Sociologie (PDRS) is funded by the Conférence Universitaire de Suisse Occidentale (CUSO), and takes place in French. Within the framework of the doctoral programme PROWEL, methodological and work-related content is offered. Secondly, the doctoral students regularly present their work. They receive comments and feedback from international experts, professors and their colleagues. They also have the opportunity to network nationally and internationally. Doctoral students are motivated and supported to present their results at national and international conferences.

The content, methods and language of the doctoral thesis are agreed upon with the supervising professor or the supervising private docent.

**Professors who are eligible to supervise theses**

- **Prof. Andreas Hadjar**
  - Inequalities along the axes of social origin, gender, migration.
  - Social structures in comparison: educational systems, welfare state regimes.
  - Education and status acquisition, life chances.
  - Subjective well-being.

- **Prof. Ingela Naumann**
  - Areas of specialisation:
    - International and comparative social policy
    - Early childhood education and care, work/life balance and family policy
    - Gender and social policy
    - Childhood and social policy
    - Religion and social policy
    - Social services and social work
    - Historical sociology
    - Comparative and qualitative methods; discourse analysis
    - Applied social policy, public engagement and knowledge exchange.

**Studies organisation**

**Structure of studies**
No ECTS credits can be earned.

**Doctoral school**
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/phd-prowel
https://sociologie.cuso.ch

**Admission**

In order to be admitted to a doctorate the candidate must have been awarded an academic bachelor’s and master’s degree or an equivalent qualification from a university recognised by the University of Fribourg.

Before applying for a doctorate the candidate must contact a professor who would be willing to supervise the thesis work.

There is no general right to be admitted to a doctorate.

The respective conditions of admission for each doctoral study programme are reserved.

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