In the master programme, students can concentrate on key aspects of German language and literature corresponding to their interests within the three fields of study: German linguistics, German medieval studies and German literary studies. In linguistics they gain insight into current research through project-oriented seminars; the main topics are research in language acquisition and variation, as well as a dialectology that is oriented toward sociolinguistics and perceptual linguistics. In medieval studies, literature from the Middle Ages is considered in conjunction with developments in society, its stores of knowledge, forms of thought and media technology. International graduate meetings, medieval manuscript studies and an interdisciplinary supplementary programme enrich the studies. In German literary studies, the students deal with literary texts and narratives across all media, beginning in the 16th century. Comparative issues and intermedial relationships are thereby afforded great importance.

In the master programme, German medieval studies emphasises interdisciplinary integration. The goal of teaching and research is to describe the German literature of the Middle Ages based on a varied network of literary and non-literary traditions (images, narration, conversation), and the development of society, its stores of knowledge, forms of thought and media techniques. In addition to research-oriented German study seminars and colloquia and the interdisciplinary block courses of the Stammler visiting professorship, Master’s students also have free access to international graduate meetings and manuscript related internships. A complementary interdisciplinary programme in medieval studies is offered within the framework of the Medieval Institute.

In German literary studies, literary texts and narratives in all media are investigated in the light of both their historical contexts and systematic features, since the 16th century. This applies, for example, to issues regarding general rhetoric, how literary genres function, analysis of themes of individual literary works and groups of works, relationships to other literature and arts, etc. Due to the special linguistic and cultural location of Freiburg-Fribourg, comparative issues are of great importance. A focus on intermedial connections and clarity in scientific argumentation are a part of the special profile of German literary studies at Fribourg.

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/en/master/lang/german (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.*

**Alternatives**

Also offered as a minor study programme (30 ECTS credits).

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