Speech-LANGUAGE THERAPY

Degree conferred
Bachelor of Arts

Languages of study
Study in German

Commencement of studies
Commencement of studies only in the Autumn Semester (September)

Access to further studies
This bachelor programme qualifies students for the master programme Special Education – Option: Speech-Language Therapy.

Profile of the study programme
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Learning outcomes and career openings

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180 ECTS credits, 6 semesters

Curriculum
https://studies.unifr.ch/go/Q (German only)

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: https://studies.unifr.ch/go/en-admission-countries

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.

**Special admission requirements**
Candidates wishing to be admitted to the Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Language Therapy must satisfy both:

a) the admission requirements under Art. 6 of the Regulation on the Recognition of University Degrees in Speech and Language Therapy and University Degrees in Psychomotor Therapy of 3 November 2000;

b) and the following special admission requirements:

1. Certification by a speech pathologist that the candidate's vocal organs, hearing and voice are normal;
2. Certification by a speech therapist that the candidate has normal language ability, articulation and elocution, and vocal suitability;
3. Perfect command of spoken and written German (speech therapy assessment);
4. Confirmation of having completed a three-week career guidance course (78 lessons) in an approved speech therapy service.

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