The master programme «French as a foreign language/French as a second language» (FLE/FLS) focuses on consolidation of the didactic and linguistic aspects of language learning and FLE/FLS teaching in a multilingual context. Students learn to master empirical research methods, enabling them to analyse language development, communication and intercultural skills, and the role of interaction in an educational context. They also learn how to analyse language learning and teaching material, as well as assessment tools, methods and curricula, to scrutinise them critically and adapt them in accordance with the context.

Profile of the study programme
The master programme French as a Foreign Language/French as a Second Language (FLE/FLS) comprises four modules:

- **Linguistic perspective** module: In this module, students acquire in-depth knowledge of the linguistic dimensions of FLE/FLS. They learn about the linguistic features of French as a foreign and second language and how to use linguistic tools, especially corpus linguistics, to teach French L2 to various audiences.
- **Didactic perspective** module: This module allows students to develop their capacity to structure courses in response to specific needs, for example, those of migrants.
- **In-depth empirical learning** module: Students are trained in the methods and practices of empirical research, in particular in FLE/FLS.
- **Research and application** module: This module allows students to combine theoretical knowledge and field work, both in teaching and research. It includes an internship and practical tutoring work.

The career opportunities for graduates of the FLE/FLS master's degree are in the following fields:

- Language teaching in Switzerland and abroad as part of adult learning courses and in universities and other graduate schools (the master programme FLE/FLS is a good complement to the DEEM programme for people wishing to teach French in non-French-speaking regions);
- Activities concerning integration classes, exchange programmes and the promotion of multilingualism in professional environments, and more specifically in companies;
- Activities concerning the development of linguistic expertise and competences with government authorities, NGOs, international organisations, and industry.

At the Research Centre on Multilingualism's documentation centre, which is attached to the University's Foreign Language Library (BLE), students enjoy access to many publications and specialist reviews in this field. In addition, they can receive professional advice to assist them in independent learning.

Interested students can also take lessons in French, Italian, English and German at the University's Language Centre. The Self-Access Centre also offers a full range of media to learn many other languages or to perfect specific language skills.

### Degree conferred

Master of Arts in Languages and Literatures: French as a Foreign Language/French as a Second Language

### Languages of study

Study in French

### Commencement of studies

Commencement of studies in the Autumn Semester (September) or in the Spring Semester (February)

### Access to further studies

Ph.D.
organisations and publishers;
– Scientific collaboration in research centres such as the Institute of Multilingualism or the Research Centre on Multilingualism.

Studies organisation

Structure of studies

90 ECTS credits + 30 ECTS credits as an option in a minor study programme freely chosen or in a specialisation programme, 3 to 4 semesters

Curriculum

http://studies.unifr.ch/go/ikZzC (French only)

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 and as a specialisation programme (30 ECTS credits).

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