Geography

Degree conferred
Bachelor of Science in Geography

Languages of study
Study in two languages, in French and German

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

Access to further studies
Master

Learning outcomes and career openings
The aim of the bachelor's course is to give students a scientifically-grounded, practice-oriented qualification which is relevant to their future professional career and opens up suitable employment opportunities. Special emphasis is placed on the relevance and application of the skills they have acquired. In the two subject areas human and physical geography, students acquire a comprehensive fundamental knowledge and understanding of the relationships between nature and society and their influence on the various spheres. Applying the scientific methods they have learned, graduates are also capable of analysing spatial problems on various levels of scale and assessing, interpreting and evaluating the significance of various aspects from different perspectives in order to deduce possible solutions. By preparing a research paper, students learn, with close supervisory assistance, how to examine scientific and socially relevant questions independently.

By building consistently on the contents of these common study foundations, students acquire a broad range of basic geographical knowledge in physical geography, human geography and geographical information systems. At the end of their studies they are optimally qualified to work in diverse areas of business, administration or science.

Studies organisation
Structure of studies
120 ECTS credits + 60 ECTS credits in one or two minor study programmes freely chosen, 6 semesters

Curriculum
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/mjkY5 (French)
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/0fTFn (German)

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.
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](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](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/swissuniversities21fr); [https://studies.unifr.ch/go/swissuniversities21de](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 (60/30 ECTS credits).

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