History

**Degree conferred**
Philosophiae Doctor in Historia / Doctor of Philosophy in History (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 History offers a doctoral programme in history which students can take either in French or German, or both. History studies are all about the analysis of human societies of the past, their organisation, achievements and representations. In the context of the doctorate, candidates are called upon to demonstrate their skills in the following fields:
- Putting an original question and pursuing an independent line of thought on a historic theme;
- Collecting and critically analysing a corpus of documents for the needs of historical research;
- Drafting a large-scale work of research and communicating the results of their research in a clear and convincing way.

To this end, candidates attend regular research conferences and are closely mentored by their research supervisor.

**Professors who are eligible to supervise theses**

**History of Antiquity**
- **Prof. Cédric Brélaz**
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Greek institutions and political culture
  - Roman provincial administration
  - Cultural interaction and linguistic contacts between the Greek and Roman worlds
  - Hellenistic and Roman East
  - Greek and Latin epigraphy

- **Prof. Tanja Itgenshorst**
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Roman Republic and Principate

**Mediaeval history**
- **Prof. Olivier Richard**
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Medieval urban history
  - Holy Roman Empire in the Middle Ages
  - Swiss Confederation in the Middle Ages
  - Urban diplomatics
  - Disability History

- **PD Dr Georg Modestin**
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Popular heresies in the Middle Ages (particularly Waldensianism) and their repression
  - Early witch-hunting in the Alpine region
  - Medieval Inquisition
  - Regional history of Western Switzerland up to the Reformation
  - Writing of history in the Middle Ages (chroniclers and chronicles)

**History of Modern Times**
- **Prof. Volker Reinhardt**
  Areas of specialisation:
  - History of Modern Times

- **Prof. Claire Gantet**
  Areas of specialisation:
  - Early Modern European history
  - History of science and knowledge in the modern era
  - Intellectual history, scholarly exchanges in the early modern

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period
– Cultural history, history of human sciences in the early modern era
– Thirty Years War and Peace of Westphalia

• Adj.Prof. Thomas Lau

Areas of specialisation:
– Modern Swiss history
– Early modern English and American history
– History of the Holy Roman Empire
– History of towns
– History of diplomacy
– History of emotions
– History of culture

Contemporary history

See list of professors and themes at:
http://studies.unifr.ch/en/doctorat/hist/contemporaryhistory

Studies organisation

Structure of studies

No ECTS credits can be earned.

Doctoral school

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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