Theological Studies

Degree conferred
Master of Arts in Theological Studies

Options
Option of an award bearing the distinction «Bilingual curriculum, French/German».
This study programme offers an optional specialisation.

Languages of study
Possibility to study in French, in German or in French and German.
Some courses are offered in English.

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

Access to further studies
Ph.D.

Theologians share responsibility for sustainable development with a
human face on our planet. In view of the deregulation in the
religious and ethical area (fundamentalist and esoteric movements)
and in search of a peaceful co-existence of religions and cultures,
the critical work of theology has a valuable contribution to make in
keeping the public discourse about values and truth alive.
As distinguished from the study of theology for the Master of
Theology (see the study programme «Theology»), which is offered
as a full major study programme and particularly qualifies the
student for church ministry, this Master programme provides the
opportunity of freely choosing a minor. This is especially interesting
for students who wish to work in a wider theological, religious or
social field.
As distinguished from the full study of theology, this study
programme provides the possibility of freely choosing a non-
theological minor study programme. Students can thus tailor their
theology studies by combining them with other fields

Profile of the study programme
In this broad context, the Faculty of Theology works in the service
of the church as a community as well as its individual parts, and in
the service of society. The questioning and research, which
characterise theology and which operate using different scientific
methods, have a critical constructive function.
The Faculty of Theology of the University of Fribourg is the largest
theological Faculty in Switzerland and very cosmopolitan in spirit. It
is integrated into a state university and is subject to state law, as
are the other Faculties of the University, but at the same time is
recognised by the Church authorities and supported by the
Dominican Order and the Swiss Conference of Bishops.
The Faculty is unique in Europe in being completely bilingual. The
courses can be attended in German or French, or in both languages
(distinction «Bilingual curriculum, French/German»). More than half
of the professors and almost half of the students are from abroad.
The faculty and university life are characterised by the spirit of
cosmopolitan Catholicism, giving prominence and recognition to
Fribourg as a place of study.
In principle, students have the possibility of completing a part of
their studies at a partner university or continuing them at a
university that is a part of a network to which the University of
Fribourg belongs.

Specialisation
A specialisation can be chosen from approximately 15 different
fields. The professor responsible for specialisation develops a
programme together with the student. The choice of specialisation
is especially meaningful for students who already know the direction
of their career and can thus better take it into consideration.

Career openings
The study of theology opens up career prospects in public social
and cultural facilities, mediation, the publishing industry, human
resources, social work and psychological counselling, counselling
centres for religion and worldview issues (interreligious dialogue)
and ethics counselling, as well as in adult education and journalism.

Studies organisation
Structure of studies
90 ECTS credits + 30 ECTS credits in a minor study programme
freely chosen, 4 semesters

Curriculum
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/FGGAS (French)
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/1sMnq (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.

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