Musicology and History of Opera

**Degree conferred**  
Master of Arts in Historical Sciences: Musicology and History of Opera

**Options**  
For information on the optional award of the distinction «Bilingual curriculum, French/German», please contact the relevant Department (see Contact).

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

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

**Access to further studies**  
Ph.D.

This master programme proposes an investigation of the techniques, methods and functions of historical and critical approaches to music in an interdisciplinary perspective. It is concerned with the relations between music and texts, between music and the stage, and music and the visual arts, particularly in the case of film music and opera production. The study programme also offers themed courses and seminars on musical analysis as related to different periods in the history of Western music.

During their master's studies, students will follow courses and seminars partly in French and partly in German. They are encouraged to take an interest in the research and popularisation activities which are organised by the Department. The various examinations can be taken in one of three languages: French, German or Italian. Students also have the possibility of writing their master's thesis in one of the three languages.

**Profile of the study programme**

The master in musicology at the University of Fribourg is distinctive because of its interdisciplinary perspective and through its questioning of the techniques, methods and functions of the discipline (specific seminars cover methods and investigations). In particular, the programme proposes complementary studies of the relations between music and texts, the stage and the visual arts, especially in the cases of film music and opera productions. Along with these courses, which are specific to the University of Fribourg, the musicology programme also offers themed courses and seminars on advanced musical analysis as related to different periods in the history of western music.

**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, 3-4 semesters

**Curriculum**

https://studies.unifr.ch/go/p (French)  
https://studies.unifr.ch/go/q (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.

Alternatives

Also offered as a minor study programme (30 ECTS credits).

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