

European Studies

Degree conferred

Philosophiae Doctor in Studiis Europaeis / Doctor of Philosophy in European Studies (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/Uj3b4>

Candidates with foreign qualifications

<https://studies.unifr.ch/go/2KPBc>

Fribourg profile

The Department of European Studies and Slavic Studies offers doctorates in European Studies in English, French or German. The European Studies Section provides trilingual teaching in the Human and Social Sciences, in which the emphasis is on politics, contemporary history and culture. The programme covers the history and politics of European integration since the second half of the 20th century. The interdisciplinary profile of the European Studies Section allows for the study of specific topics dealing with the legal, economic or social developments and challenges of contemporary Europe.

Dissertations written in European Studies at the Department of European Studies and Slavic Studies may be devoted to topics such as:

- Democratisation Processes and Democratic Challenges in Europe
- European Institutions
- The European Union as an international actor
- Parties and party systems in Europe
- Political behavior in Europe
- Democracy and legitimacy deficit in the European Union
- History of European integration

The European Studies Section promotes theory-based, empirically grounded research on Europe with a social and cultural science orientation. During the academic year, the doctoral students also have the opportunity of taking part in the master and thesis colloquium in European Studies.

Professors who are eligible to supervise theses

- Prof. Natasha Wunsch

Areas of specialisation:

- Democratisation and democratic backsliding in Europe.
- EU Enlargement and Neighborhood Policy
- Euroscepticism
- Political developments in Eastern and Southeastern Europe

Theses can be supervised in English, German or French.

Studies organisation

Structure of studies

No ECTS credits can be earned.

Doctoral school

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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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Doc- Postdoc-portal

<http://www.unifr.ch/phd>