In the master programme, students can concentrate on key aspects of German language and literature corresponding to their interests within the three fields of study: 

- **German linguistics**, which focuses on sociolinguistics and perceptual linguistics, and systematic features, since the 16th century. This applies, for instance, to issues regarding general rhetoric, how literary genres function, analysis of themes of individual literary works and groups of works, relationships to other literature and arts, etc. Due to the varied network of literary and non-literary traditions (images, narration, conversation), and the development of society, its stores of knowledge, forms of thought and media techniques. In addition to research-oriented German study seminars and colloquia and the interdisciplinary block courses of the Stammler visiting professorship, Master's students also have free access to international graduate meetings and manuscript related internships. A complementary interdisciplinary programme in medieval studies is offered within the framework of the Medieval Institute.

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### Profile of the study programme

The master programme deepens the study of German language and literature, whereby you can set different focal points within the three fields of study: 

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### Studies organisation

#### Structure of studies

90 ECTS credits + 30 ECTS credits as an option in a minor study programme freely chosen, 3-4 semesters

#### Curriculum

[http://studies.unifr.ch/en/master/lang/german](http://studies.unifr.ch/en/master/lang/german) (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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