Theological Studies

Degree conferred
Bachelor of Arts in Theological Studies

Options
Option of an award bearing the distinction «Bilingual curriculum, French/German».

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
Master

There are many good reasons to study theology. You may want to work in a religion-related field, be fascinated by Christianity's colourful history and intellectual tradition, or simply wish to better understand your faith. Theological studies are a diverse programme combining several disciplines, each with methods unique to it: biblical theology, historical theology, systematic theology and practical theology. In addition to these, related domains such as the sociology of religions or the science of religions are also taught. The study programme «Theological Studies» enables students to combine theology with other programmes. The programme lasts three years for a Bachelor of Arts in Theological Studies and an additional two years for a Master of Arts in Theological Studies. The programme is offered entirely in German and entirely in French. It is also possible to study bilingually. Those wishing to specialise in theology alone should consider the programme «Theology». However, students who wish to place a stronger emphasis on social or interreligious issues can enrol on the programme «Interreligious Studies».

Profile of the study programme

This bachelor programme is a basic introduction to the different disciplines of theology. Students learn about the Bible and its interpretation, the history of Christianity and current pastoral challenges. They receive an introduction to philosophical questions and ways of thinking and learn to argue about questions of faith. They study liturgy and canon law. In addition to this, they learn Latin, Greek and Hebrew to be able to read the Bible and its historical sources in their original languages. Studies usually last three years, but can be adapted to suit individual needs. The master programme in Theological Studies provides more advanced theological knowledge and strengthens students' ability to form their own opinions. Different specialisations are also available which enable students to study certain areas of theology in greater depth according to their own personal interest.

Fribourg profile
Studying Theology in Fribourg means studying in a family and community atmosphere with a high standard of teaching. Students from different cultures and confessions come together and their different perspectives are mutually enriching. Teaching is geared toward information, personal reflection and discussion. Students have the possibility of pursuing part of the course in German and spending a semester or year in another Faculty of Theology.

Career openings
This study programme offers a multitude of career prospects, especially when combined with other subjects. These include public-sector social and cultural institutions, adult education and journalism, publishing, human resources, social work and psychological support, counselling centres on social and religious issues.

Studies organisation

Structure of studies

120 ECTS credits + 60 ECTS credits in one or two minor study programmes freely chosen, 6 semesters

Curriculum

https://studies.unifr.ch/go/21 *(French)*
https://studies.unifr.ch/go/22 *(German)*

Admission

The following **Swiss school-leaving certificates** grant **admission to bachelor programmes** at the University of Fribourg:

- Swiss academic Maturity Certificate
- Federal vocational or specialised Baccalaureate + supplementary examination of the Swiss Maturity Commission (passerelle)
- Bachelor Degree from a Swiss university, from an accredited Swiss university of applied sciences (HES/FH) or from a Swiss university of teacher education (HEP/PH)

A **complete list of all further recognised Swiss school-leaving certificates** is to be found on the webpages of swissuniversities (*in French and German only*): https://studies.unifr.ch/go/fr-admission-swisscertificates;
https://studies.unifr.ch/go/de-admission-swisscertificates
Foreign upper secondary school-leaving certificates are recognised only if they correspond substantially to the Swiss Maturity Certificate. They must qualify as general education. Foreign school-leaving certificates are considered to be general education if, among other things, the last three years of schooling include at least six general education subjects, independent from each other, in accordance with the following list:

1. Language of instruction (at the school)
2. Second language (a foreign language)
3. Mathematics
4. Natural sciences (biology or chemistry or physics)
5. Humanities and social sciences (geography or history or economics/law)
6. Elective (computer sciences or philosophy or an additional language or an additional subject from category 4 or 5)

The general **admission** requirements to the **bachelor programmes** at the University of Fribourg for holders of foreign school-leaving certificates as well as the **admission requirements for individual countries** are to be found on the webpages of swissuniversities: https://studies.unifr.ch/go/en-admission-countries In addition, applicants with foreign school-leaving certificates must present **proof of sufficient language skills in French or German**. All guidelines are available at *(only in French and German)*: https://studies.unifr.ch/go/adm-guidelines

*The assessment of foreign school-leaving certificates is based on the «Recommendations for the Assessment of Foreign Upper Secondary School-Leaving Certificates» adopted by the Chamber of universities of swissuniversities on 21.11.2024 (*https://studies.unifr.ch/go/swissuniversities24fr*;* https://studies.unifr.ch/go/swissuniversities24de*). The admission requirements are valid for the respective academic year. The Rectorat of the University of Fribourg reserves the right to change these requirements at any time.*

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