French Language and Literature

Degree conferred
Philosophiae Doctor in Lingua et Litteris gallicis / Doctor of Philosophy in French Language and Literature (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/Ui3b4
Candidates with foreign qualifications
https://studies.unifr.ch/go/2KPbe

Fribourg profile

The Department of French offers a doctorate in French Literature (from the Middle Ages to contemporary times) and French Linguistics.

The programme offers an opportunity to approach the entire spectrum of language and literature in all its manifestations from a variety of perspectives and in a spirit of dialogue and close collaboration between the professors and doctoral students, and with the Department's international partners.

Consequently, doctoral theses written here can work on of numerous areas, including:

French literature (from the 9th to the 20th century)

- Poetic and thematic approaches
- Critical editions of literary texts (also, online publishing)
- History of theatre and drama
- Literary theory
- Interdisciplinary approaches
- Intercultural, post-colonial and global approaches

Most members of the teaching staff (Prof. Th. Hunkeler, Prof. C. Bourqui, Prof. J. Lachat) are also willing to supervise theses in the realm of comparative literature.

French linguistics

- Morphosemantic properties of lexical units, polysemy
- Nominal typology, semantic corpus annotation
- Neology
- Expression of space and time in language and discourse
- Verbal constructions
- Micro-syntax and macro-syntax
- Pragmatics
- Linguistic variation
- Spoken French
- Enunciation

Co-supervision of theses, including international co-supervision, is possible in most cases, whether in French literature or linguistics.

Throughout their thesis, doctoral students work as an integral part of skilled research teams made up of professors, postdocs and other doctoral students and receive coaching in the following forms:

- Teaching events specific to the University of Fribourg: research seminars and doctoral colloquia, both intra- and interdisciplinary; doctoral events held in collaboration with partner universities abroad
- Participation in the CUSO (Conférence Universitaire de Suisse Occidentale) doctoral schools in the fields of French literature, language sciences and medieval studies, and in the Swissuniversities doctoral schools of language sciences, comparative literature and medieval studies
- Integration into the everyday activities of the Department of French

Professors who are eligible to supervise theses

French literature

- **Prof. Claude Bourqui**

Areas of specialisation:
– Literature of the 17th and 18th centuries
– History of theatre (16th to 18th century)

- **Prof. Thomas Hunkeler**

Areas of specialisation:
– European Modernism and Avant-Garde Movements
– Contemporary Literature and Theatre
– Literary Theory and Comparative Literature
– Swiss Literature in French (20th and 21st centuries)
– Renaissance Literature (16th century)

- **Prof. Jacob Lachat**

Areas of specialisation:
– French Literature (19th and 20th centuries)
– French and European Romanticism
– Writings of History
– Writings of the Self (Diaries and Memoirs)
– Literature and Representations of Work

- **Prof. Timothée Léchot**

Areas of specialisation:
– French Literature of the long 18th century (1680-1830)
– Poetry
– Press and Literature
– Literature and Natural Sciences
– Literary and Cultural History of French-speaking Switzerland

French linguistics

- **Prof. Gilles Corminboeuf**

Areas of specialisation:
– Micro-syntax and macro-syntax
– Pragmatics
– Linguistic variation
– Spoken French
– Enunciation

- **Prof. Richard Huyghe**

Areas of specialisation:
– Nominal semantics
– Morphological derivation
– Syntax

Studies organisation

Structure of studies

No ECTS credits can be earned.

Doctoral school

https://francais.cuso.ch
https://langage.cuso.ch
https://medieval.cuso.ch

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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