

## Rhaeto-Romance Language and Literature

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### Degree conferred

Philosophiae Doctor in Lingua et Litteris rhaeto-romanica / Doctor of Philosophy in Rhaeto-Romance 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>

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## Fribourg profile

Apart from the University of Zurich, the University of Fribourg is the only university which offers a doctoral programme in Rhaeto-Romance Language and Literature, in addition to the bachelor and master programme in Rhaeto-Romance. Because of the anchoring of Rhaeto-Romance in the Department of Multilingualism and Foreign Language Education, at Fribourg the sociolinguistic, language contact, language teaching and language learning aspects are particularly self-evident. Doctoral students can, however, choose sub-disciplines such as synchronic and diachronic description of Rhaeto-Romance, the history of the Rhaeto-Romance language and Rhaeto-Romance literature.

Theses in Rhaeto-Romance Language and Literature can be paired with an existing doctoral programme or a specific credit-based programme focused on a research project.

- Doctoral students working on theses in the fields of sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics or language teaching and learning research can complete the doctoral programme *Multilingualism: acquisition, education and society* (Universities of Fribourg, Bern and Lausanne) or the doctoral programme *Language and Cognition* (Universities of Fribourg, Geneva and Neuchâtel).
- Theses dedicated to the synchronic and diachronic description of Rhaeto-Romance and history of the Rhaeto-Romance language are accompanied through the *Sciences du langage* doctoral programme of the Conférence Universitaire de Suisse Occidentale (CUSO).
- Doctoral students in Rhaeto-Romance literature can access the doctoral programme *Allgemeine und vergleichende Literaturwissenschaft* [General and comparative literature] of the Schweizerischen Universitätskonferenz (SUK).

When creating a specific project-related programme, bear in mind

that the following aspects are taken into consideration:

- A) general academic training
- B) thematic specialisation
- C) soft skills/basic competences

For parts A and B, the following study credits may be taken into account: visiting doctoral conferences, doctoral seminars and scientific workshops, taking part in a session with a presentation and writing a scientific article. For the thesis project, essential basic skills (part C) can be acquired by attending courses at the University of Fribourg and/or other universities.

### Professors who are eligible to supervise theses

- **Prof. Raphael Berthele**

Areas of specialisation:

- Contact linguistics
- Variation linguistics
- Psycholinguistics and cognitive linguistics

Theses can be supervised in German, English or French.

- **Prof. Alexandre Duchêne**

Areas of specialisation:

- Critical sociolinguistics
- Language anthropology
- Language policy

Theses can be supervised in German, English or French.

- **Prof. Matthias Grünert**

Areas of specialisation:

- Synchronic and diachronic description of Rhaeto-Romance
- Variation linguistics
- Contact linguistics
- Sociolinguistics of the trilingual canton of Graubünden

Theses can be supervised in German, French or Rhaeto-Romance.

## Studies organisation

### Structure of studies

ECTS credits can be earned.

### Doctoral school

<http://studies.unifr.ch/go/phd-multilingualism>

<http://studies.unifr.ch/go/phd-language-and-cognition>

<https://langage.cuso.ch>

<http://studies.unifr.ch/go/fr-phd-comparative-literature> (French)

<http://studies.unifr.ch/go/de-phd-comparative-literature> (German)

### 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>