Political Science

Degree conferred
Philosophiae Doctor in Rerum Politicarum Scientia / Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science (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

It is possible to take a doctorate in Political Science at the Department of European Studies and Slavic Studies of the Faculty of Humanities.

The unit of Political Science in Fribourg specialises in comparative political science, i.e. in particular in the empirical study of institutions, political attitudes and political participation in national and sub-national comparison. Another distinctive characteristic of Political Science in Fribourg is its specialisation in Eastern Europe. This geographical orientation stems from a longstanding tradition in Political Science at the University of Fribourg which is unique in the whole of Switzerland and offers excellent networking with universities and partners in Eastern Europe.

The thematic focus covers fields of research – and therefore possible doctoral projects – on the following subjects:

- Political systems of Eastern European states, comparison of political regimes
- Political transformation processes in Eastern Europe, democratisation and authoritarianism in Eastern Europe
- Political behaviour and political attitudes
- Protest and social movements
- Political parties

Doctoral students of Political Science have the possibility of participating in the events of the CUSO *Programme doctoral en science politique (PDSPO)* or applying to participate in doctoral programmes with specialised thematic areas.

Professors who are eligible to supervise theses

- **Ass. Prof. Jan Matti Dollbaum**

Areas of specialisation:
See above.

Theses can be supervised in German, French or English.

Studies organisation

Structure of studies

No ECTS credits can be earned.

Doctoral school

https://politique.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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