European Studies

Degree conferred
Philosophiae Doctor in Studiis Europaeis / Doctor of Philosophy in European Studies (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

At the Department of European Studies and Slavic Studies, students can pursue a doctorate in European Studies in English, French or German. The European Studies section offers trilingual teaching in the social sciences and humanities with a focus on Political Science and in particular on issues of European integration and democracy. Moreover, the European Studies section is part of the Swiss PhD Network in Democracy Studies (https://studies.unifr.ch/go/phd-democracy-studies), which allows PhD students to take specialist courses and participate in the annual summer school organised by the network.

PhD proposals in European Studies at the Department of European Studies and Slavic Studies are welcomed particularly in the following areas:

- Democratic processes and challenges in Europe
- Euroscepticism
- European integration and institutions
- Political behaviour in Europe
- Enlargement and foreign policy of the European Union

The European Studies section conducts theory-guided empirical research grounded in the social sciences, especially Political Science. During the academic year, the PhD students also have the opportunity to take part in the master and PhD colloquium in European Studies.

Professors who are eligible to supervise theses

- **Prof. Natasha Wunsch**

Areas of specialisation:
– Democratisation and democratic regression in Europe
– Enlargement and the neighbourhood policy of the EU
– Euroscepticism

Theses can be supervised in English, German and French.

Studies organisation

Structure of studies

No ECTS credits can be earned.

Doctoral school

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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.

Contact

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