Social Work and Social Policy

Degree conferred
Philosophiae Doctor in Scientia Operae Socialis et Politica Sociali / Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work and Social Policy (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 Social Work, Social Policy and Global Development supervises doctoral theses in Social Work and Social Policy on various topics and various methods. Doctoral theses at the Department of Social Work, Social Policy and Global Development encompass both basic research and applied research. Supervision takes place individually and/or within a doctoral programme.

Individual supervision includes regular colloquia where doctoral students present their work and receive feedback from their supervisors.

The doctoral programme PROWEL (*Social Problems and Social Welfare*; see link below) is offered in English in the field of Social Work and Social Policy. Doctoral students present their work at regular intervals throughout the doctoral programme. They receive comments and feedback on their work from colleagues, professors and international experts. Doctoral students are motivated to and supported when presenting their results at national and international conferences. They are also given national and international networking opportunities. PROWEL does not dispose of grants for doctoral students.

Content, methods and language of the thesis work are agreed with the supervising professor, supervising assistant professor.

Professors who are eligible to supervise theses

- **Prof. Géraldine Bugnon**

Areas of specialisation:
– Juvenile justice and child protection systems
– Social work and criminal justice
– Judicialisation of social problems
– Alternative dispute resolution processes
– Sociology of law and justice
– Sociology of deviance and regulation
– Ethnography of the State

Theses can be supervised in French.

- **Prof. Andreas Hadjar**

Areas of specialisation:
– Inequalities along the axes of social origin, gender, migration
– Social structures in comparison: educational systems, welfare state regimes
– Education and status acquisition, life chances
– Subjective well-being
– Values, attitudes, political participation
– Youth: socialisation, violence, delinquency
– Quantitative methods, mixed-method designs, qualitative methods, longitudinal analyses, comparative methods/multilevel analyses

Theses can be supervised in German and English.

- **Prof. Ingela Naumann**

Areas of specialisation:
– International and comparative welfare state analysis (welfare regimes, gender regimes, social care regimes, historical development of welfare systems)
– Early childhood education and care, work/life reconciliation
– Gender and socio-economic inequalities
– Childhood and society
– Religion and social policy
– Multi-level governance, regional/local policy developments
– Comparative and qualitative methods; discourse analysis, historical institutionalism
– Applied social policy, public engagement and knowledge exchange

Theses can be supervised in German and English.

Studies organisation

Structure of studies

No ECTS credits can be earned.

Doctoral school

http://studies.unifr.ch/go/phd-prowel

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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