Latin Studies

Degree conferred
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Options
For information on the optional award of the distinction «Bilingual curriculum, French/German», please contact the relevant Department (see Contact).

Languages of study
Possibility to study in French, in German or in French and German. Some courses are offered in English.

Commencement of studies
Commencement of studies in the Autumn Semester (September) or in the Spring Semester (February)

Access to further studies
Ph.D.

This master programme broadens students' Latin language skills and enhances their knowledge of the culture and literature of Latin antiquity. It further encompasses the lasting influence of this heritage through the centuries of Late Antiquity, the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.
The study programme consists of a common core made up of a literature course, a reading course and two seminars on Latin language and culture. A practical workshop gives students the opportunity to learn the basics of scientific research and do hands-on training in areas such as papyrology, palaeography, codicology and text edition.

Profile of the study programme

The master programme in Latin studies offers both general training and specialisation. Building on the bachelor's degree, it broadens students' Latin language skills, also enhancing their knowledge of the culture and literature of classical antiquity and giving them additional insights into the continuity of classical antiquity through the centuries of Late Antiquity, the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. Pride of place is given to the reading and interpretation of texts in their original language and their reception in European intellectual life.

Fribourg profile
According to the special focus of the University of Fribourg in the field of classical studies, particular emphasis is placed on the culture and literature of Late Antiquity and, in collaboration with the Medieval Institute (*Institut d'études médiévales/Mediävistisches Institut*), on that of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. Students also study the influence of literary forms and ancient mythology on modern literature in partnership with the Institute of General and Comparative Literature (*Institut de littérature générale et comparée/Institut für Allgemeine und Vergleichende Literaturwissenschaft*). A practical workshop gives students the opportunity to learn the basics of scientific research and do hands-on training in areas such as papyrology, palaeography, codicology and text edition. In line with University of Fribourg's language policy, students of Latin studies have the possibility of taking their course in two languages (French and German).

Learning outcomes and career openings
On completing their course, students will have acquired a command of Latin and in-depth knowledge of Roman literature and culture. They will be capable of translating a Latin text, analysing it grammatically and stylistically, placing it in its literary, historical and cultural context and establishing links with modern literature. For a given problem, they will have acquired the methodological skills allowing them to draw up a pertinent bibliography, search for sources, analyse them critically and in detail, put forward a summary of the issues and give an oral and/or written presentation of the results of their research. Thanks to their practical training, they will be capable of working on original documents (papyri, manuscripts, etc.) and producing a text edition.

The principal career openings for students of Latin studies are:

- Teaching Latin at secondary school level I and II;
- An academic or scientific career in classical studies;
- Public administration and cultural policy;
- Administrative posts in scientific bodies;
- Private sector (human resources).

Studies organisation

Structure of studies

30 ECTS credits as a minor study programme, 2 to 4 semesters

Curriculum

http://studies.unifr.ch/go/9E-Ps *(French)*
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/jXVrf *(German)*

Comments

The master programme *Greek Studies* is also offered as a minor study programme (30 ECTS credits).
The master programme *Classics* is offered as a major study programme (90 ECTS credits).

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