

## Teacher Education for Secondary Level I

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### Degree conferred

Master of Arts in Secondary Education. The «Master of Arts in Secondary Education» is conferred after completion of the complete course of study (Bachelor + Master). This degree also qualifies students for the «Teaching diploma for lower secondary education». The DEDS/LDS is a state diploma recognised by the Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Education (CDIP/EDK). This sole diploma gives graduates authority to teach at secondary school level I.

### Languages of study

Possibility to study in French or in German

### Commencement of studies

Students taking the training course in French may only start their studies in the autumn semester (September).

### Special features for admission

Late application is not possible for the training course offered in French.

### Access to further studies

This master programme qualifies students for the doctoral programme **Education Sciences**.

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This training course enables people wishing to teach at the Cycle d'Orientation/Orientierungsschulen level to acquire the requisite professional skills. The future teachers who choose this course already have a bachelor's degree in at least two teaching subjects. The master programme covers three areas: educational sciences (including a large section devoted to research as a means of training), general and specialised didactics, teaching practice and analysis. Students start on their master's thesis from the first semester and continue until the end of the course. The thesis should demonstrate the students' ability to investigate in depth a subject related to teaching and to produce an academic work according to scientific principles and criteria.

## Profile of the study programme

The University of Fribourg offers a course in Teacher Education for Secondary Level I in either German (LDS I) or in French (DEDS I). This training course consists of a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education Level I comprising 180 ECTS credits (BA\_SI in the Faculties of Theology, Humanities or Education) or a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education Level I comprising 180 ECTS credits (BSc\_SI in the Faculty of Science and Medicine) followed by a «Master of Arts en enseignement pour le degré secondaire I/Master of Arts für den Unterricht auf der Sekundarstufe I».

### Objective

The master's degree course enables people who already have a qualification in three to four teaching subjects to acquire the requisite professional skills to teach pupils in the three final years of compulsory education (*écoles du Cycle d'Orientation/Orientierungsschulen*).

The DEDS I and LDS I diplomas are recognised by the Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Education (CDIP/EDK) and entitle holders to teach anywhere in Switzerland.

### Course description

The master's degree course enables candidates to acquire the requisite professional skills to teach pupils in the three final years of compulsory education. It is structured so as to expose students systematically to findings from the fields of educational sciences and didactics.

It comprises acquisition (knowledge, know-how and soft skills) while confronting students with multiple teaching situations and encouraging reflection and analysis. As a result, students learn progressively to mobilise resources so as to provide an adequate response in real time to complex educational situations. The three areas covered by the training course are: educational sciences (including a large section devoted to research as a means of training); general and specialised didactics; teaching practice and analysis.

Similarly, the objective of the master's thesis is to demonstrate the students' ability to investigate in depth a subject related to teaching and to produce an academic work according to scientific principles and criteria.

### General course organisation

There are two variants of this training course: it is either integrated into students' studies from their first year, or during the course of their university studies on condition that they catch up the number of ECTS credits required for the education and didactics course.

### Find out more

For further information, please consult the following websites:

- French-language training course (DEDS I): <https://studies.unifr.ch/go/w17jv>
- German-language training course (LDS I): <https://studies.unifr.ch/go/de-master-lds1>

## Studies organisation

### Structure of studies

90 ECTS credits (teacher training), 3 semesters

### Curriculum

<https://studies.unifr.ch/go/1l> (French)  
<https://studies.unifr.ch/go/1j> (German)

### Comments

To enrol in the French course, a preliminary registration file for practical training must be submitted to the *Centre de formation à l'enseignement pour le degré secondaire I* between 1<sup>st</sup> and 28

February prior to the start of the course.

### Admission

Holders of the «Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education Level I» can be admitted to this master programme **without any additional requirements**.

Holders of a **bachelor's degree awarded from a Swiss university or holders of a bachelor's degree awarded by a foreign university, provided that the bachelor's degree is recognised and considered equivalent** by the University of Fribourg, can be admitted to this master programme **within another discipline with prerequisites** (must be successfully completed before starting the master programme). According to existing agreements, holders of a bachelor's degree awarded from a Swiss university of applied sciences can also be admitted with prerequisites.

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