

The University of Fribourg Switzerland

Why Fribourg?

We've asked our students why you should choose the University of Fribourg. Here are their reasons!

- **Bilingualism**- The University of Fribourg is the sole in all of Switzerland to offer classes in French, German, as well as some Master classes in English
- **The International Environment**- 20% of the students come from 100 different countries, and 35% of teachers hail from foreign countries
- **Tradition and Reputation**- Founded in 1889, the University has always prided itself in having an internationally recognized faculty teaching at Fribourg
- **First Class Facilities**- The University provides modern facilities despite its medieval surroundings, such as a complete wireless network, a self-learning center a state of the art gym!
- **The Student City of Fribourg**- You will fall in love with the medieval town of Fribourg, and the city is always alive with the large student population



The City of Fribourg

Located on the edge of the Pre Alps, Fribourg finds itself surrounded by the Sarine river, with surrounding mountains completing the Swiss landscape.

The “Vieille Ville” (old town) of Fribourg is anchored by the Cathedral of St. Nicolas, with surrounding shops, cafes, restaurants, and attractions adding to the atmosphere.

Fribourg’s location adds to its appeal as well, with beautiful Pre Alps such as the “Lac Noir” (Black Lake) and Gruyères only 20 minutes away, and getaways such as Verbier, Gstaad, Lausanne, Berne and Zürich only a couple of hours by train or car.

In addition, Fribourg’s location gives easy access to all of Europe, with France, Germany and Italy all within a day by Europe’s incredible train system.



The University

The University of Fribourg is the image of Switzerland today: modern and multicultural.

While still remembering its roots, the University is constantly evolving to match the fast pace of today's world.



The Five Faculties



In Switzerland, the term “faculties” is the equivalent of “school” as in “School of Medicine” in the United States.

The University of Fribourg has five faculties:

- Faculty of Humanities

- Faculty of Law

- Faculty of Sciences

- Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences

- Faculty of Theology



Language



As the only bilingual university in Switzerland, the University of Fribourg can offer an array of options regarding classes.

Students can take classes in French, German, or a combination of both, with several Master level courses in English as well.

For students who want to improve their language skills, the Language Center offers several different programs, including interactive self-taught lessons, and a short program before the semester to introduce students to Fribourg as well as brush up on language skills.

In order to attend the University of Fribourg, students are **required to have basic knowledge of French or German prior to their arrival.**



Facilities

The University of Fribourg prides itself on its state of the art facilities, from research centers to fully equipped gymnasiums.



Classes

The University of Fribourg places a heavy emphasis on its quality of education.

As a result, the relationship between teacher and student is very alive.

Teaching is mostly in the form of lectures or seminars.





FAQs



Here are some frequently asked questions potential students ask:

- **How is the academic year divided?** The academic year is divided into two semesters, each of fourteen teaching weeks. An 8 week inter-semester break will separate them. During this period students take the opportunity to prepare seminar works, dissertations and exams.
- **Is the choice of courses restricted for exchange students?** There are no particular restrictions for exchange students to choose and follow courses. Nevertheless the number of students in some lectures or seminars might be limited. To ensure a place, the students should contact the departmental coordinator or the professor beforehand to make sure he/she can follow the course.
- **Where can I find the courses catalogue?** A link to the courses catalogue "Programme des cours / Vorlesungsverzeichnis" can be found on the menu of the university website, <http://www.unifr.ch>, or also on: <http://gestens.unifr.ch> or on the department web pages.
- **When do exams take place?** Exams normally take place at the end of the semester:
Autumn semester: last week before the courses end (December) and/or during January.
Spring semester: last week before the courses end (May) and/or during June.

Thank you!

We hope that this presentation has given you an idea of what it's like to study in Fribourg, good luck with your studies and we hope to see you soon.



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