



MASTER OF ARTS

MASTER UNIT
ETHICS AND ECONOMICS



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UNIVERSITY OF FRIBOURG / FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
INTERDISCIPLINARY INSTITUTE OF ETHICS AND HUMAN RIGHTS (IIEDH)

sciences économiques

PROGRAMME PURPOSE

Ethics and Economics are two disciplines with a common field, namely, the issue of justice in market and non-market based relations. The interdisciplinary education jointly offered by the IIEDH and the Economics Department is unique in this subject matter in Switzerland. It intends to provide students with those methods and analytical basis that are required for a practical approach to ethical questions in two areas: private and public governance, and sustainable development.

This unit is based on extensive research carried out both within the IIEDH as regards economic, social and cultural rights, and by the Chairs of the Economics Department in Development Economics, Public Finance, Environmental Economics, and Business and Finance Ethics.

In order to strengthen the links between theoretical and practical issues, lectures are completed with two interdisciplinary seminars as well as conferences given by invited speakers

This unit leads to obtaining an “Ethics and Economics” mention for those students that are enrolled for the Master of Arts in Economics and Social Sciences and an elective course (30 credits) for all interested students from other faculties.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the usual career opportunities for economists in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, this Master unit provides a suitable qualification for executives who will be confronted with ethical issues, in particular:

- executives responsible for economic justice issues (such as fair trade, and economic and social rights) in NGOs, government agencies, and private foundations;
- programme leaders dealing with corporate social responsibility, standards and codes of conduct;
- experts in sustainable development issues.

CONTENTS

This program consists in two compulsory modules of 15 credits each.

- Module I : Ethics and Human Rights – This module provides an interdisciplinary approach to ethical issues from the perspective of human rights (economic, social and cultural rights) and of justice theories.
- Module II : Economics and Ethics – This module offers an analysis of current ethical issues in the field of economics.



CURRICULUM

Course title	h/semester	Credits ECTS
Module I : Ethics and Human Rights		15
▪ Théories de la justice globale	2	3
▪ Economie ouverte et droits culturels	2	3
▪ Éthique en affaires et en finance	3	4.5
▪ La réalisation des droits économiques, sociaux et culturels	2	3
▪ Séminaire interdisciplinaire	1	1.5
Module II : Economics and Ethics (10h/semester chosen in the following list)		15
▪ Economie du développement I : Ethique et capacités	2	3
▪ Politiques sociales	3	4.5
▪ L'économie des droits de l'homme	3	4.5
▪ Gouvernance d'entreprise et développement durable	2	3
▪ Fiscal federalism, second generation	2	3
▪ Evaluation des dommages et politiques environnementales	3	4.5
▪ Séminaire interdisciplinaire	1	1.5

ELIGIBILITY

- Admission to this unit is open without restriction to students enrolled for the Master of Arts in Economics and Social Sciences.
- This unit may also be attended as a complementary programme or as an elective course (30 credits) by students from other faculties. In this case, admission requires achieving an additional elective course in economics (30 credits). These credits can be obtained during the student's Master programme.

EXAM RULES

Exam rules are those applying for the Master of Arts in Economics and Social Sciences at the University of Fribourg.

DURATION OF STUDIES

Two semesters, which can be achieved during the length of a regular Master programme.

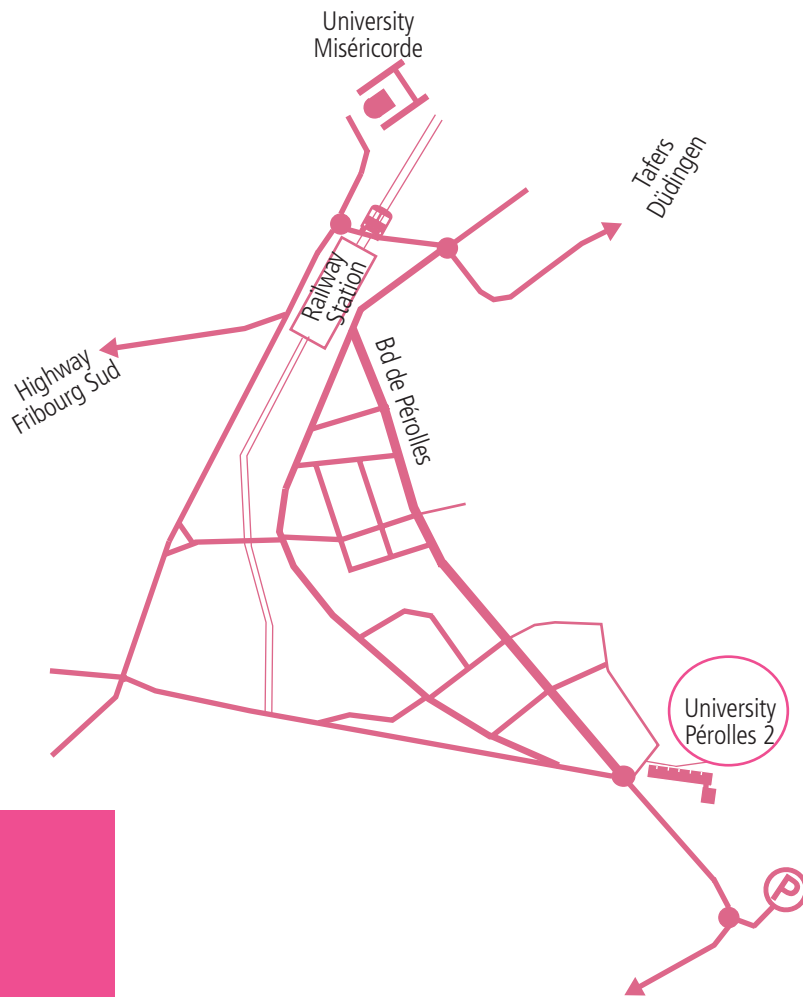
TEACHING LANGUAGE

French (and elective courses in English)

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