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FACULTIES

FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

The Faculty of Catholic Theology is the **only one in Switzerland that is integrated into a state university**. In its research and in its promotion of the dialogue between science and faith it wants to relate the message of the Gospel to the contemporary world. It encourages exchanges between its two language sections; it plays its part in the life of the church and of society.

The four teaching and research specializations of the Faculty

- Biblical Science (Biblical Institute)
- Old and New Testament
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- Pastoral Theology (Institute of Pastoral Theology; Institute of Missiology and Science of Religion)
- Liturgy
- Catechetic
- Canon Law
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- Missiology and Science of Religion
- Historical Studies
- Oriental Languages
- Patristics and History of Dogma
- History of the Church
- Medieval Studies (with the Faculty of Arts)
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- Systematic Theology (Institute of Ecumenical Studies; Institute of Moral Theology)
- Fundamental Theology
- Dogmatic Theology
- Philosophy (with the Faculty of Arts)

Courses and Degrees

4 to 5 year course in French and/or German. 4 study alternatives: single subject (theology degree, systemic or pastoral option), principal subject (degree in Science of Religion, with 2 subsidiary subjects of which 1 or 2 in another faculty), subsidiary subject (degree from another faculty), subsidiary subject as part of a teaching diploma for secondary or grammar school. Awards: degree, ecclesiastical diploma, doctorate.

FACULTY OF LAW

On the 7th of February 1751 the "Chambre secrète" decided to establish a school of law. An academy was then constructed on the "Halle aux vins" (today "Place du Collège") and finished in the year 1762. It was in this academy that first a school of law was introduced and second, **in the year 1882, a fully independent law faculty was established.**

Today, the Faculty of law offers a comprehensive program of legal education that leads to a degree in law called *Lizenziat der Rechte* or *Licence en droit*. The instruction is in the main branches of Swiss national law, as well as the most important areas of international and European law. In addition to this, it is obligatory to take important complementary courses in legal history, Roman law, legal philosophy and economics.

There are currently 18 full professors as well as numerous associate, guest professors and teaching assistants. The faculty also employs around 50 research assistants. At last count there were approximately 2100 students enrolled in the law faculty. **The mother tongue of 51% of the students**

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is German, 32% are French speakers, 10 % are Italian speakers and 7% speak another first language.

Compared to other law faculties in Switzerland, Fribourg is a fairly large sized department, currently representing the second biggest Swiss law faculty after Zurich.

The five teaching and research specializations of the Faculty

General

- Introduction to Law
- Roman Law
- History of Law
- Philosophy of Law
- Canon Law
- Political Economy for Jurists

Public Law

- General Constitutional Law
- Swiss Constitutional Law
- Administrative Law
- Public and Private Labor Law

Civil and Commercial Law

- Civil Law
 - Law of Contract
 - Commercial Law
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- Civil-Procedure Law
- Civil Claims Law

International and European Law

- Public International Law
- Private International Law
- European Law

Criminal Law

- Criminal Law
- Criminal-Procedure Law

Courses and Degrees

4-year course, following a single study plan, apart from certain options. Awards: degree, doctorate. Specialization degree with the mention "European Law". Specialization degree with the mention "Ecclesiastical Law". Degree with the mention "bilingual".

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Economic Sciences had been taught at the Faculty of Law since the founding of the university in 1889. After entering the new building Miséricorde in 1942, Economic Sciences is established as an independent section with a specialized library. **In 1950, four professors founded the Institute for Economic and Social Sciences** (called ISES: *Institut des sciences économiques et sociales*) and thus the above-mentioned library became an autonomous institute. This was the first step to an independent department of economic and social sciences, which was realized in 1974 within the Faculty of Legal, Economic and Social Sciences.

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In the course of this development and due to the fact that the amount of students and instructors was increasing, the Faculty of Legal, Economic and Social Sciences was divided into two autonomous faculties. The Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences as "ordo oeconomorum et sociologorum" has existed since the autumn of 1989. It is organized in five departments, the Department of Economics, Department of Business Administration, Department of Computer Sciences, Department of Social Sciences and Department of Econometrics and Statistics.

There are 27 full professors, numerous associates as well as guest professors and teaching assistants. At last count there were **approximately 1300 students enrolled at the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences.**

In research and teaching importance is attached to the balance between theory and practice, between specialization and interdisciplinarity.

The five teaching and research specializations of the Faculty

- Political Economics
- Economic Theory
- Economic History
- Economic Politics
- International and Regional Economics
- Public Economics
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- Computer Science
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- Business Economics
- Management
- Planning

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- Strategy
- Human Resources
- Finance and Accounting
- Marketing
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- Management Information Systems
- Econometrics
- Operations Research
- Statistics
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- Sociology
- Journalism
- Social Communications

Courses and Degrees

4-year course: 2-year basic course, then, for 3rd and 4th years, 3 options: business administration, political economics or management information systems. Awards: degree, doctorate, teaching diploma, degree with the mention "bilingual." Complementary diploma in information systems; diploma in computer science (with the Faculty of Science); diploma in journalism.

FACULTY OF ARTS and HUMANITIES

The Faculty consists of seven departments, covering a very large field of interests. All of the branches are academic, though some are oriented towards professional training. Because of its diversity, **the Faculty is multi-cultural, international, interdisciplinary and humanist**. Bilingualism is encouraged; lectures are generally given in both languages. Literature, however, is taught in its own language.

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The seven departments of the Faculty

Philosophy

- Systematic Philosophy (logic, epistemology, ethics, political philosophy, theological philosophy)
- History of Philosophy

Languages and Literature

- French
- German Studies
- Italian
- Spanish
- English
- Slavic Studies
- Classical Philology
- Multilingualism and Didactics of Foreign Languages

Historical Sciences

- History
- History of Modern and Contemporary Societies
- European Studies
- Art History and Archeology
- Musicology and History of Musical Theater

Social Sciences

- Sociology, Social Policy, and Social Work
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- Social, Cultural and Religious Sciences

Educational Sciences

Curative and Specialized Pedagogy

Psychology

Courses and Degrees

3-4year course (BA). Awards: degree (1 main subject + 2 subsidiary subjects); degree with the mention "bilingual" in history or philosophy; teaching diploma (secondary and grammar school); doctorate; diploma in special education (educational and clinical), in logopedics (German only), and in social work.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

The six departments of the Faculty provide a complete theoretical and practical education, with the exceptions of medicine and pharmacology (two years only). Teaching is bilingual: **each student takes courses, does course and practical lab work in both languages (with linguistic support).** However, students can choose to take exams in either French or German.

The six departments of the Faculty

- Mathematics
- Computer Science (with the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences)
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- Physics
- Theoretical Physics
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- Inorganic Chemistry
- Organic Chemistry
- Physical Chemistry
- Biochemistry (with the Medicine Department)
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- Geosciences
- Mineralogy and Petrography
- Geology and Paleontology
- Geography
-
- Biology
- Plant Biology
- Zoology
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- Medicine
- Physiology
- Anatomy and Special
- Embryology
- Histology and General Biochemistry (with the Chemistry Department)

Courses and Degrees

4-year course. Awards: degrees in: mathematics, computer science, physics, chemistry, biochemistry, geology, geography, biology; doctorates in mathematics, in natural sciences, in computer science; diploma for secondary and grammar school teaching. In medicine and pharmacology: two-year foundation course without clinical semesters.

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