

University of Fribourg – Switzerland

Factsheet 2021/22 for European Partners

University

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Academic Calendar and Important Deadlines

Website www.unifr.ch/apps/calacad

Fall Semester

Nomination Deadline	30 th April (if possible)
Application Deadline	31 st May
Intensive Language Course	30.08.2021 – 17.09.2021
Welcome and Orientation Day	17.09.2021
Lecture Period	20.09.2021 – 24.12.2021
Examination Period	Mid-December until February, depending on the faculty

Spring Semester

Nomination Deadline	30 th September (if possible)
Application Deadline	31 st October
Intensive Language Course	07.02.2022 – 18.02.2022
Welcome and Orientation Day	18.02.2022
Lecture Period	21.02.2022 – 03.06.2022
Examination Period	End of May until July, depending on the faculty
Easter Break	15.04.2022 – 24.04.2022

Language Requirements and Courses

Main Teaching Languages French, German, English

Language Requirements No official certificate is required. Student must have sufficient oral and written proficiency in the study language(s) corresponding to the courses they have listed on their learning agreement. Please check the teaching language of each course in the course catalogue.

The minimum expected level to succeed at taking notes and writing papers is B1 upon arrival in Fribourg ([Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)).

Pre-semester – Intensive Language Courses A French intensive course for different levels including a programme of cultural and sports activities is offered before the semester starts:

- 3 weeks before the fall semester:
30.08.2021 -17.09.2021; 90 hours / 6 credits
- 2 weeks before the spring semester:
07.02.2022 - 18.02.2022; 60 hours / 4 credits

There may be an offer for a German intensive course as well. This will be decided at the beginning of 2021. Please check the website.

More information: [Pre-Semester Intensive Courses](#)

Language Center at the University During the semester language courses are offered in French, German, Italian and English at level A1 to C2. They are free of charge for all students.

Online registration opens from **two weeks before** the beginning of the semester (fall semester: September 6, 2021; spring semester: February 7, 2022). First students have to pass an online placement test and can then register for a course at their level.

More information: [Language Centre](#).

Courses and Grades

Course Catalogue www.unifr.ch/timetable

Different filters can be used to facilitate the search (semester, language, level etc.).

Grading System Students are assessed either by oral or written exams or by papers. The credit system is based on the European Credit Transfer System ECTS. One ECTS credit corresponds to a workload of 25 to 30 hours.

More information: [Credit and Grading System](#)

Credit Load More than 30 ECTS per semester are not recommended. There is no minimum of ECTS required by the University of Fribourg, but a reasonable workload is expected. Students should indicate on their Learning Agreement if they do any thesis research.

Exchange students usually take fewer courses if they study in a foreign language. This has to be discussed prior to departure with the home coordinator.

Transcript of Records Transcripts of records are issued to each student:

- Around mid-March for the Fall Semester
- Around mid-July for the Spring Semester or the Academic Year

If a student writes a paper after the examination period, the issue of the Transcript of records will be therefore delayed.

Nomination and Application Procedure

Nomination Procedure IROs send their nominations by email to international-incoming@unifr.ch with the name and surname of the student, gender, nationality, date of birth, email address, field of study, level of study and study period.

Deadlines for the nominations: end of April for the fall semester and end of September for the spring semester. Exceptions are possible.

Application Procedure After reception of the nomination an online application link is sent to the student by email. This is a personal link, which can be used only once.

For stays starting in fall application links are sent starting from March; for stays during the spring semester, they are sent starting from September.

The student has to upload the following documents:

1. Summary of the application, signed by the student and her or his home coordinator
2. Course list or learning agreement (to be found in the online application)
3. Official transcript of former records
4. Europass language passport (to be found in the online application)
5. Curriculum vitae
6. Check list (to be found in the online application)
7. Copy of the passport

At the end of the application procedure students find the information regarding the application for housing (Apartis residencies) and the pre-semester language intensive course.

SEMP Scholarship

- Beneficiary** All students who attend the University of Fribourg as part of the *Swiss European Mobility Programme* are entitled to a scholarship funded by the Swiss Confederation and paid by Unifr.
- Amount** Students receive a lump sum per semester: either CHF 1900.- or CHF 2'200.- depending the country of their home university and under the condition that they live at least 3 months in Fribourg or it's surroundings.
More information: [SEMP Scholarship](#)

Practical Information

- Visa Application** Most **non-EU** or **-EFTA** citizens need a visa for their exchange stay at Unifr. Please read carefully the information on our website and start as early as possible the visa procedure which can take 3-4 months. More information: [Visa](#)
- Housing** A limited number of furnished rooms with shared bathroom and kitchen are available at the student residencies Apartis. The application for these rooms is integrated in the application process. Find other options and more information: [Accommodation](#)
- Living Costs** The living costs in Switzerland are higher than in many others European countries, but in Fribourg they are lower than in other Swiss cities. More information: [Budget](#)
- Health Insurance** All students must have a health insurance. A civil liability insurance is highly recommended. More information: [Insurance](#)

Choose the University of Fribourg

- University Sports** <https://www3.unifr.ch/campus/en/activities/sports.html>
- Cultural and Social Life** <https://www3.unifr.ch/campus/en/activities/culture-and-social-life.html>
- City and Surroundings** <https://www3.unifr.ch/studies/en/choose-fribourg/life-in-fribourg.html>
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