Department of Biology

Welcome Guide
A very warm Welcome to our Department!

This guide is made for you to get all the information you need for a bright start here in Fribourg.

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You can also search for people in the University Directory under www.unifr.ch/directory
3. Life on Campus

Campus Card
Shortly after the registration at University you will receive a Campus Card. You can activate it at Campus Card Terminals in PER14 or PER10 buildings. You will have to reactivate it once a month. You can use it to access buildings outside of opening hours, access specific rooms, use printers.

Room Reservations
You can ask Sabrina Lutz for room reservations. Room availabilities can be checked by scanning the QR code at the entrance of each room. sabrina.lutz@unifr.ch

Course Catalogue
Courses can be found at this link: www.unifr.ch/timetable

Seminars
Department Seminars are organised every Tuesday at 11:15 in Auditorium 0.110 during the semester. They are announced in the newsletter you receive every Friday and everyone is welcome. Main events are in our agenda at this link: www.unifr.ch/bio/en/info/agenda

Fedex
Please contact the administration team for your Fedex shipment.

Safety
Rules can be found at this link: www.unifr.ch/scimed/en/safety

Cafeteria
The cafeteria is located on the first floor of the PER04 building. Please put your name on the list if you use the coffee machine. There are also some coffee and/or snacks dispensers in the PER04 and PER05 buildings.

Photocopiers and Printers
2 common photocopiers/printers can be found in PER04 and PER05 buildings. Your Campus Card gives you access to the printer. If you do not have a Campus Card please contact the administration team.

Intranet
You can manage several admin tasks or register to courses via your personal account on my.unifr.ch

Emergency numbers
- Police: 117
- Fire: 118
- Ambulance: 144
- Intoxication: 145
4. Platforms

Metabolomics and Proteomics platform
The Metabolomics and Proteomics Platform (MAPP) is a service of the Department of Biology of the University of Fribourg. The mission of the platform is to provide expertise, instrumentation, and manpower to enable state-of-the-art implementation of metabolomic and proteomic analyses. To this end, the MAPP offers support in the planning and execution of experiments, including custom-tailored method development, sample preparation, data acquisition and analysis, and researcher training. Since its official start in January 2017, the MAPP has provided its services to many research groups of the Department of Biology as well as to some external customers. Notably, our activities have already contributed to several publications. Contact: mapp-biol@unifr.ch

Bioimage Core Facility
The Bioimage Core Facility was built and is now run by the Department of Biology and the Section of Medicine of the University of Fribourg. It provides access to shared instrumentation and software for state-of-the-art light microscopy. Its aim is to assist you along the path from sample to knowledge with our know-how in image acquisition optimisation and our expertise in image processing and data mining. All research groups from the University of Fribourg and associated Institutes can get access to the facility infrastructure following standard procedure. Contact: bioimage-admin@unifr.ch

Bioinformatics & Biostatistics Platforms
This core facility is dedicated to provide bioinformatics & biostatistics support to life-science researchers of the University of Fribourg. We are organised with two heads, one for the bioinformatics (Dr. Falquet) and one for the biostatistics (Dr. Rohr). Informal meetings around a coffee/tea and croissants called BAOBAB (Bioinformatics & Biostatistics Open Bar and Breakfast) are regularly organised. This is an opportunity to discuss with the experts of the core facilities about NGS planning and data analysis issues. Contact: bugfri@unifr.ch

Facilities & Core Services
The Department of Biology and the Faculty of Science and Medicine provide different services such as equipment booking.
You can find facilities and core services at this link:
www.unifr.ch/bio/en/services/facilities
www.unifr.ch/scimed/facilities
5. Graduate School FGLM

Fribourg Graduate School of Life Sciences and Medicine

The FGLM is an interdisciplinary graduate school, which offers a coordinated doctoral program in the life sciences. The program offers a wide variety of courses to PhD students, ensures regular thesis committee meetings, and supports PhD students in scientific and personal matters. FGLM members have the unique opportunity to self-organize activities such as workshops, seminars, courses, social events, retreats, etc. Student representatives are elected every year. More information at this link: www.unifr.ch/bio/en/studies/graduate-school-fglm

6. Daily life

Restaurants
La MÉNSA is the official restaurant of the University. Le Cyclo, l’Imprévu or the HEIA-FR restaurant are also close to the Department. You will find a variety of restaurants along the “Boulevard de Pérolles”. More information: www.fribourgtourisme.ch

Where to withdraw money?
There is a BCF cashpoint on the Pérolles campus in front of PERO9 building.

Sport
There is a sports service of the University of Fribourg that offers activities to university members. You can find more information on their website: www.unifr.ch/sportuni

DOKPE
DOKPE is a public library that provides books and periodicals of natural and exact sciences in free access: Physics, chemistry, geology, geography, biology, anatomy, physiology, microbiology, immunology, and basic books in mathematics: www.unifr.ch/dokpe
The Doctoral Program in Ecology and Evolution (DPEE) has been founded by 5 Western Switzerland universities. It aims to facilitate the acquisition of knowledge and scientific methods through courses, seminars and workshops to which foreign experts will be invited. The doctoral program will also allow doctoral students to improve their aptitude for communication about their research, and offers a possibility to improve scientific English. Furthermore, the school encourages the doctoral students to acquire experience in the organization of their own scientific events (congress, course) and to establish networks of collaboration. Other programs exist.

Our Department Newsletter is sent out every Friday. It updates you on the following week’s events.