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The Universities are autonomous and thus vary. Those in the German speaking zones grant doctorate degrees. The universities in the French speaking areas award licentiates and doctor degrees.

There are also State examinations which confer on successful candidates the right to practice a profession, such as teaching, medicine, law. These awards are usually reserved for Swiss nationals.

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In Switzerland very little specifically professional training is provided at the undergraduate level, except in medicine and for the purposes of secondary school teaching. Yet in practice a great many students, after leaving the university, take up occupations in commerce and industry.

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Foreign students wishing to enrol as candidates for a doctor's degree need not necessarily have a first degree from one of their own universities. Neither is such a degree always accepted as a suitable qualification.

Acceptance often depends on a student's successful work during one semester (half year).

There are also orientation courses for foreign students.

The examinations of foreign students are conducted by committees designated by the faculty concerned. A thesis, or shorter paper, and examinations in subsidiary subjects are required.

There is less distinction than in England between undergraduates and graduate studies in Swiss universities.

Of the seven universities, three are located in the German-speaking part of the country, where the lectures are in German. Three are located in the French-speaking part of the country, where the lectures are given in French. The Catholic University of Fribourg is bilingual, French and German being the languages of instruction.

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