



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **1. I am an undergraduate student. Am I eligible to apply for the Summer University?**

No. The Summer University is aimed at post-graduate students. However we'll be happy to welcome you next year or as soon as you finish your BA.

### **2. Do I need to have a Law degree in order to apply?**

No. You can apply if you study/studied law, political science, economics, journalism or other related programme.

### **3. I already finished my studies. Can I still apply for the Summer University?**

Yes. The course is also aimed at PhD candidates and young professionals keen to improve their knowledge of federalism, decentralisation and conflict resolution.

### **4. Do I need to specify a contact person in case of emergency? Does the person have to be a Swiss resident?**

Yes. You do, but it doesn't have to be someone from Switzerland. It should be a reachable acquaintance that we can contact. (e.g. close relative, like parents, spouse, sibling or a good friend).

### **5. I come from a country in Western Europe, North America, Australia or New Zealand. However I cannot afford to pay the costs for the Summer University. Can I apply for a scholarship?**

Unfortunately we cannot offer you a scholarship. We advise you to check with your department/ university/ employer if they can cover these costs. Federalism and decentralisation are important in many countries; therefore check also with Embassies, donor agencies or NGOs in your home country if they can contribute to the costs.

### **6. Which documents do I need to send?**

Via the online application form you must upload the following documents:

- letter of reference
- copy of the highest educational diploma
- copy of the passport
- one passport photograph

**Incomplete dossiers will not be accepted!**

**7. I study at the University of Fribourg. Do I need to fill in the online application form, send a letter of reference and a copy of the passport?**

Students of the University of Fribourg must only register via **Gestens**. Please observe the deadline of the Faculty of Law for BIC. However we recommend to you to apply as the international applicants as well and fill in the online application form. In this way you will have more time to write your seminar paper and you will have the chance to comment a paper of a fellow participant from abroad.

**8. I study at the University of Fribourg. Do I need to write a seminar paper too? When do I have to send it?**

Yes. There are different registration rules for students of the University of Fribourg. However, once accepted, same rules for participation apply to all students. If you register later via Gestens, the deadline for the seminar paper submission is **4 August 2013** and the deadline for commentary submission is **11 August 2013**.

**9. What about preparatory reading?**

Before the Summer University starts, you will receive some preparatory readings (sometimes we call it **reader**). We give you this homework so you will be better prepared and to be sure that all participants have a basic knowledge on federalism and decentralisation. During the first day all participants will have to pass a written examination with questions from the preparatory reading.

**10. Will I receive a diploma?**

It depends. In order to receive a diploma, the participants must submit a paper, write a short commentary on a paper of a fellow participant, actively participate in the classes, and pass the exams.

**11. Active participation? Exams?**

Yes. We expect you not only to attend the classes but also to be active. Your participation will count 1/6 from the final grade. This does not mean that you have to talk all the time; your inputs should add value to the discussion.

You will have to pass an exam in the first day with questions from the reader (counting 1/6 of your final grade) and another one during the last week (counting 2/6 of the final grade).

**12. Do you still have questions?**

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