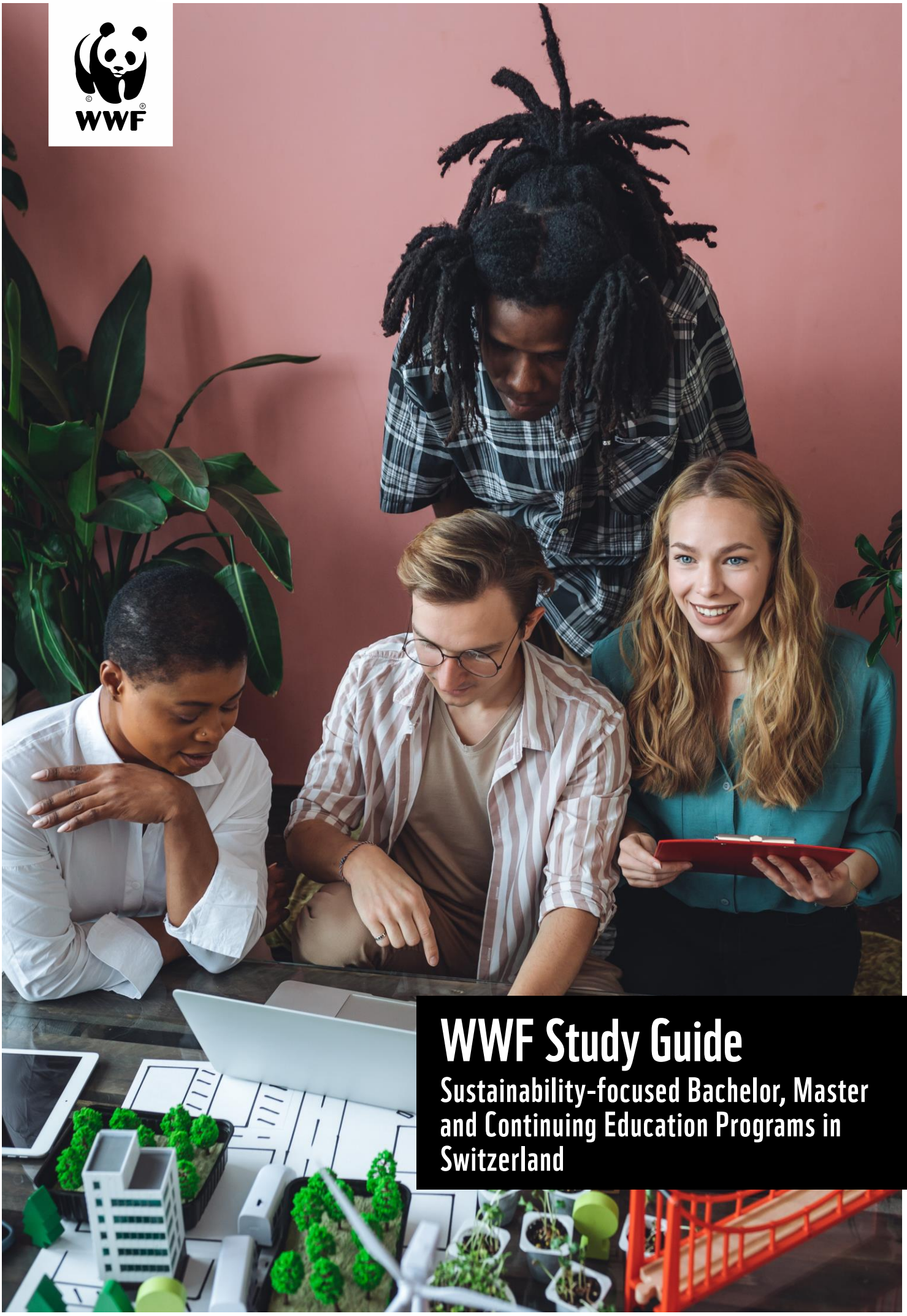

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Introduction

Humanity is facing complex and pressing challenges: the climate crisis, water scarcity, habitat and biodiversity loss, famine, international migration flows, overexploitation of natural resources and global financial market risks—to name just a few. Tackling these issues requires dedicated individuals with the knowledge, skills and drive to shape a more sustainable future.

Do you need information on sustainability-oriented bachelor, master and continuing eduaction programs in Switzerland? Are you looking for a study program that provides the necessary foundations and strengthens relevant practical skills? Or are you a working professional looking for a continuing education program to deepen your expertise in sustainability? This study guide is for all those who want to drive positive change towards sustainability through their work.

When choosing a study program, WWF recommends to clarify the following questions:

1. Type of university: university or university of applied sciences?
2. Sustainability-focused major or study of a traditional discipline combined with a sustainability-focused minor course or specialization? And related to this:
3. Degree program with a broad focus or with a disciplinary or thematic focus?

The decision-making process depends on personal interests and motivations, as well as the anticipated opportunities for meaningful and engaging work and development after graduation. Practical factors also play a role, such as admission requirements, tuition costs, study location, and language(s) of instruction.

Additionally, the choice of university is an important factor in selecting a degree program, as different institutions integrate sustainability to varying degrees.You can find more information on this in the ***WWF University Rating 2024.***

WWF hopes this study guide helps you find the degree program that best suits your interests and ambitions. We wish you success in completing it and hope it opens opportunities for you to actively contribute to sustainability in your professional life. WWF wishes you joy and success on your journey—the environment, society, and economy need you!

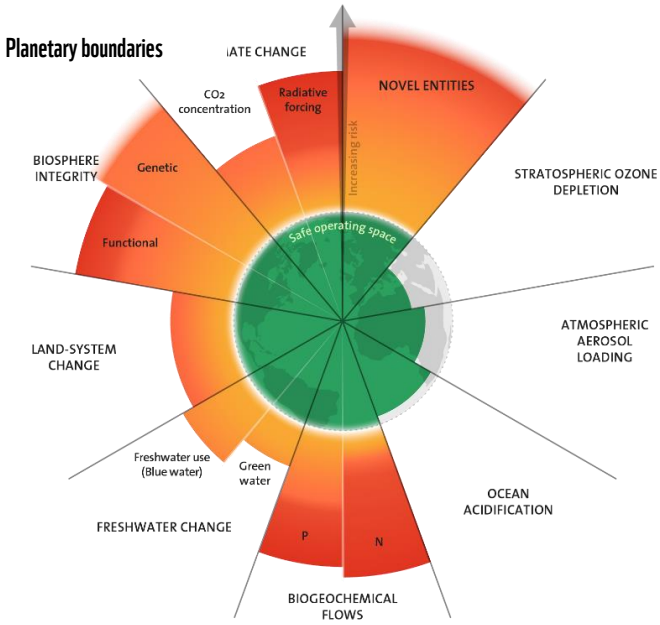
Understanding of Sustainability

The WWF's understanding of sustainability is characterized as follows:

Broad understanding of Sustainability and Sustainable Development: The ecological, social and economic dimensions are important for sustainability. A broad understanding of sustainability goes beyond those dimensions and also considers technological, cultural, psychological, and philosophical perspectives, recognizing the complex interconnections that shape sustainable development. This approach emphasizes long-term resilience, ethical responsibility, and the need for systemic change at local, national, and global levels. Sustainable development as defined by the Brundtland Report (1987) is the process of meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own. It balances environmental protection, social equity, and economic prosperity while respecting planetary boundaries.

Strong sustainability: According to the concept of strong sustainability, the dimensions of sustainability mentioned above cannot be substituted with one another: Ecological systems provide fundamental life-supporting functions that cannot simply be replaced by human-made assets. Planetary boundaries must be respected and the remaining stocks of "natural capital" must be preserved. On this basis, peaceful and adaptable societies can develop. An intact environment and a functioning society are prerequisites for a sustainable economy. This understanding of the dependence of the economy and society on the environment is particularly relevant in the case of conflicting goals. Furthermore, for WWF, the non-human environment ("nature") has an intrinsic value that goes beyond being viewed merely as a "resource".

Education for sustainable development: Education is essential for sustainable development. The concept of education for sustainable development (ESD) encompasses not only topics and content, but also principles, teaching/learning approaches and learning methods that promote sustainability-related skills and behavior at all levels of education, including university teaching. According to the United Nations Agenda 21, environmental and development education should address the dynamics of both the physical/biological and socio-economic environments, as well as human (including spiritual) development to be effective. It should be integrated across all disciplines and utilize both formal and informal methods, along with effective communication channels.



Study Programs

Only study programs with a primary focus on sustainable development or key areas of sustainability have been included. If this could only be achieved through a specific specialization, the specialization is listed below the program name. Emphasis was also placed on thematic breadth and therefore providing insights from different disciplines and perspectives. This means that programs that solely focus on a single aspect (e.g., energy) or single discipline (i.e. biology) were not considered. Such specialized programs can be easily found under the relevant keyword in the comprehensive overview ***of courses of study in Switzerland***.

Instruction manual

The programs are divided into universities of applied sciences and universities and are then organized in alphabetical order. If you are looking for a specific discipline or teaching language i.e. you can quickly find relevant programs using the search function *Ctrl + F*.

The study program name is linked to its corresponding website, while the university name directs you to its sustainability webpage. Clicking on a program name will take you to its official site, where you can find detailed information and contact details for any inquiries. Program descriptions are provided in the primary language of instruction. If a program's duration differs from the standard length (six semesters for a full-time bachelor, four semesters for a master), this is indicated.

Disciplines

Econ – Economic Sciences
SocSci– Social Sciences
NatSci - Natural and Environmental Sciences
EngSci- Engineering Sciences
ArtDes - Arts, Design
ComSci - Computer Science
EdProf - Education, Pedagogical Professions

Language

DE – German
EN – English
FR – French
IT – Italian

Inter- Transdisciplinarty

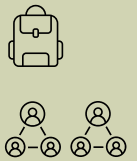
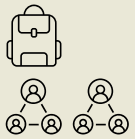
Provides a comprehensive overview of sustainability topics by integrating interdisciplinary perspectives

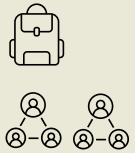
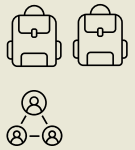
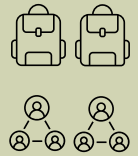
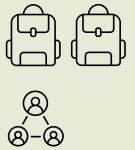
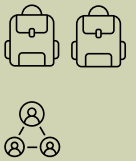
Made up of several subject areas and thus conveys a highly interdisciplinary understanding

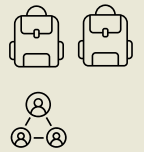
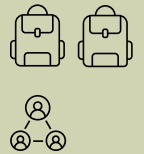
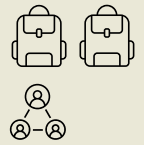
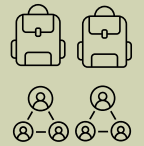
Practical inputs from external stakeholders through project work, case studies, field trips, company visits etc.

Practical experience is a firmly integrated and strong component of the course structure. Fosters deep collaboration with different stakeholders like practitioners, policymakers, and communities

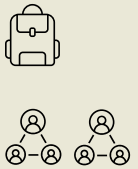
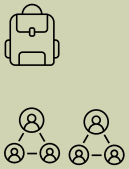
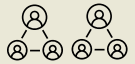
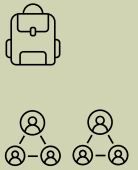
Bachelor - Universities of Applied Sciences

Study program	Description	Practical Information	Language	Main Discipline	Inter + Trans
BSc Betriebsökonomie **Spezialisierung Sustainable Business** **BFH**	BWL-Studium mit Praxisbezug und nachhaltigkeitsbezogenen Inhalten In der Spezialisierung werden Themen wie Kreislaufwirtschaft, CSR und Social Innovation behandelt	Option für Double Degree und Austauschsemester Option für Zusatzzertifikat Engagement in Sustainability Projektarbeiten (mit externen Partnern)	DE (EN)	Econ	
BSc International Business Administration **Specialization Sustainable Business** **BFH**	Business studies with practical relevance and sustainability-related content Preparing for an international and intercultural work environment The specialization covers topics such as circular economy, CSR and social innovation, economics of gender and frontiers of economics	Option for double degree and exchange semester Option for Certificate of Engagement in Sustainability Projects (with external partners)	EN (DE)	Econ	
BSc Umwelt- und Ressourcenmanagement **BFH**	Interdisziplinäres und mehrsprachiges Studium mit Praxisbezug und Fokus auf Land- Forst- und Ernährungswirtschaft Vertiefungen: *Nachhaltige Land- und Wassernutzung, Nachhaltige Wertschöpfungssysteme, Nachhaltiges Energiemanagement* Minor: *Unterricht /Beratung, Entrepreneurship, Neue Technologien, Klimawandel*	Option für ein Austauschsemester Lernmethode: Challenge based learning	DE FR EN	NatSci	
BSc Waldwissenschaften **Vertiefung Waldökosystem und Multifunktionalität** **BFH**	Behandelt Themen wie Biodiversität und Waldökosystemmanagement, Holzwirtschaft, forstliche Planung/Unternehmensführung, Produktion/Verfahrenstechnik Die Vertiefung beschäftigt sich mit den vielfältigen Funktionen der Waldökosysteme, den unterschiedlichen Ansprüche von Waldeigentümer*innen und Gesellschaft an die Wälder sowie die Herausforderungen durch den Klimawandel Mögliche Minor: *Unterricht und Beratung, Entrepreneurship, Neue Technologien, Klimawandel, Fokus Internationales*	Option für ein Austauschsemester Mitarbeit in Forschungsprojekten Exkursionen im In- und Ausland	DE FR	NatSci	
BSc Agronomie **Vertiefung Internationale Landwirtschaft** **Minor Klimawandel** **BFH**	Befasst sich mit den vielfältigen Aspekten einer nachhaltigen landwirtschaftlichen Produktion, von der Natur bis zur neusten Technologie Im interdisziplinären Minor werden sowohl Klimatologie sowie auch sozioökonomische Aspekte des Klimawandels behandelt Diverse weitere Wahlmodule zum Thema Nachhaltigkeit	Zusatzqualifikation «Biologische Landwirtschaft und Ressourcenschutz»	DE EN	NatSci	
BSc Energie- und Umwelttechnik **FHNW**	Das Grundlagenstudium behandelt Themen wie Kreislaufwirtschaft, nachhaltiges Bauen, Gebäude und Städte sowie Basiskompetenzen in Naturwissenschaften Studienrichtungen: *Nachhaltige Gebäude und Städte, Erneuerbare Energien und Energiesysteme, Kreislaufwirtschaft und Ressourcenmanagement*	Projektarbeiten mit Partnern Möglichkeit zu praxisintegriertem Studium (Dauer min. 4 Jahre)	DE, (EN)	EngSci, NatSci, (Econ)	

BSc Umweltwissenschaften und Technologie **FHNW**	Vermittelt Wissen in nachhaltiger Ressourcenwirtschaft, Umweltverfahrenstechnik, Umweltbiotechnologie, Cleaner Production, Abfall- und Kreislaufwirtschaft, Biosicherheit und Risikomanagement Spezialisierung: *Umweltwissenschaften* oder *Umweltingenieurwesen*	Option für ein Austauschsemester Projektarbeiten (teils mit externen Partnern) Möglichkeit zu Querschnittsqualifikation in Digitalisierung	DE	EngSci, NatSci	
BSc Gestion de la nature **HES-SO**	Fondée sur l'écologie, tout en intégrant les dimensions économiques et socio-culturelles Orientations: *problématiques liées au territoire agricole* ou *à la valorisation touristique des espaces naturels*	Travaux pratiques et excursions Mobilité national et internationale possible	FR	NatSci, EngSci	
BSc International Sustainable Tourism **HSLU**	Broad range of research-based and practically oriented knowledge of sustainable tourism Practice-oriented teaching Global perspective	Curriculum developed and delivered in cooperation with UN Tourism Internship in destination of choice Studying in Madrid and Lucerne	EN	Econ	
BA Transformation & Nachhaltigkeit **HSLU**	Vermittelt transdisziplinäre Kompetenzen, um nachhaltige Veränderungsprozesse in Wirtschaft, Gesellschaft und Kultur zu gestalten Baut auf Systemwissen, Gestaltungswissen, Orientierungswissen und Umsetzungswissen	Projektbasiertes Studium mit Praxispartnern aus Wirtschaft, Zivilgesellschaft, öffentlicher Verwaltung und Kultur	DE, EN	ArtDes,	
BSc Energy and Environmental Systems Engineering **HSLU**	Building on a holistic understanding of environmental and energy systems with a technological, economic, ecological and social perspective. Interdisciplinary approach that combines foundational knowledge, electrical, mechanical and environmental engineering, and business subjects Specializations: *Energy Systems* or *Environmental Systems*	Option for exchange semester Project work with national and international industry partners Option for obtaining a Business Certificate	EN	EngSci, NatSci	
BA Objektdesign mit Kompetenzfeld Nachhaltigkeit **HSLU**	vielfältiges Zusammenspiel verschiedenster Faktoren: in den Werkstätten, am Laptop und beim Skizzieren, zwischen Tradition und Experiment, Nachhaltigkeit und Forschung	Arbeiten in Werkstätten	DE	ArtDes	

BA Textildesign **mit Kompetenzfeld Nachhaltigkeit** **HSLU**	Bietet Mix aus handwerklichen Fertigkeiten, digitalem Wissen, Nachhaltigkeit, kritischem Forschen und kreativem Unternehmertum Befasst sich mit Konzepten und Debatten der ökologischen, wirtschaftlichen und sozialen Nachhaltigkeit	Arbeiten im Atelier und in den Werkstätten für Druck, Gewebe, Tuft, Stickerei und Strickerei Besichtigungen von Firmen und Designbüros	DE	ArtDes	
BSc Erneuerbare Energien und Umwelttechnik **Schwerpunkte Kreislaufwirtschaft oder Nachhaltigkeitsmanagement** **OST**	Vermittelt Kombination aus naturwissenschaftlichen Grundlagen und Ingenieurskompetenz mit dem Wissen um die Bedeutung natürlicher Ressourcen für Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft Das technisch ausgerichtet Studium öffnet mit Gastreferaten und durch interdisziplinäre Projekte immer wieder den Blick auch für gesellschaftspolitische und wirtschaftliche Standpunkte	Praxisintergiertes Studium (min. 4 Jahre) möglich Möglichkeit für Austauschsemester Laborpraktika und Exkursionen Interdisziplinäre Projektarbeiten	DE	EngSci NatSci	
BSc Stadt-, Verkehrs- und Raumplanung **OST**	Vermittlelt Grundlagen zu Raumentwicklung, Verkehrsplanung und Städtebau sowie Kompetenzen in Umwelt- und Landschaftsplanung Nachhaltige Gestaltung der Umwelt und Entwicklung von Strategien zur Bewältigung und Anpassung an die Folgen des Klimawandels Vertiefungen: *Städtebau, Verkehrsplanung, Raumentwicklung*	Praktikum Zusammenarbeit mit wechselnder Partnergemeinde	DE	EngSci	
BSc Landschaftsarchitektur **OST**	Baut auf ökologische, gestalterische und technische Kenntnisse Vertiefungen: *Planung und Entwurf urbaner Freiräume, Landschaftsbau und -management oder Landschaftsentwicklung und -gestaltung*	Projektarbeiten (mit Praxispartnern) Exkursionen	DE	EngSci	
BSc Umweltingenieurwesen **ZHAW**	Deckt naturwissenschaftliche Fächer und interdisziplinäre Kompetenzen ab Vertiefungen: *Biologische Landwirtschaft und Hortikultur, Erneuerbare Energien und Ökotechnologien, Naturmanagement, Umweltsysteme und Nachhaltige Entwicklung, Urbane Ökosysteme* Minor: *Aquakultur und Aquaponik, Arten und Biodiversität, Bildung und Beratung, Nachhaltigkeitsbeurteilung, Spatial Data Science, Umweltanalytik*	Option für Austauschsemester, Auslandspraktika, Summer und Winter Schools und Bachelorarbeiten im Ausland Certificate of International Profile	DE (EN)	EngSci NatSci	
BSc in Food Science **Vertiefung Food Management & Sustainability** **ZHAW**	Vereint Naturwissenschaften, Technologie und Wirtschaft und vermittelt alle Grundlagen und Methoden der Entwicklung gesunder, sicherer und nachhaltiger Lebensmittel Die Vertiefung vermittelt fundiertes Wissen und praxisorientierte Kompetenzen im Bereich nachhaltige Ernährungssysteme	50 % Praxisanteil Praktika und Forschungsprojekte Option für Austauschsemester und Bachelorarbeiten im Ausland	DE	NatSci, Econ	

Bachelor - Universities

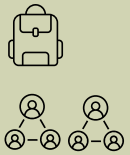
BSc Environmental Sciences and Engineering **EPFL**	Teaching of fundamental scientific basics in mathematics and physics, environmental science and engineering techniques Specializations: *Biological and chemical processes in environmental engineering, Climate change anticipation and adaptation, Environmental sensing and computation, Water resources and management*	Interdisciplinary project work	EN FR	EngSci NatSci	
BSc Umweltingenieurwissenschaften **ETH**	Vermittelt mathematisch-naturwissenschaftlichen und ingenieurwissenschaftlichen Grundlagen Kernkompetenzen in den Bereichen Gewässer- und Bodenschutz, nachhaltige Nutzung natürlicher Ressourcen, Wasserversorgung und Abwasserentsorgung, Überwachung von Umweltauswirkungen und Verminderung von Umweltbelastungen	Praktikum in Umweltbeobachtung Erste praktische Erfahrung in Umweltlabor und Exkursionen	DE (EN)	EngSci NatSci	
BSc Umweltnaturwissenschaften **ETH**	Vermittelt die naturwissenschaftlichen Grundlagen als auch die sozialen und ökonomischen Mechanismen im Umgang mit Ressourcen Vertiefungen: *Atmosphäre und Klima, Biogeochemie, Mensch-Umwelt Systeme, Umweltbiologie, Wald und Landschaft*	Praktika und Exkursionen Möglichkeit für Austauschsemester	DE (EN)	NatSci	
BSc Geographie **Uni Bern**	Vermittelt eine grundlegende wissenschaftliche Bildung und eine breite Ausbildung in physischer Geographie, Humangeographie und Geographien der Nachhaltigkeit Vertiefungen: *physischer Geographie, Humangeographie, Geographien der Nachhaltigkeit*	Exkursionen	DE	NatSci	
BSc Systèmes naturels - sciences de l'environnement **Uni Neuchâtel**	La formation comprend un tronc commun en sciences de base (mathématiques, informatique, chimie, physique, biologie et géosciences) et sciences économiques, ainsi que des cours spécialisés en ressources énergétiques, hydrologie-hydrogéologie, économie du développement durable ou cartographie numérique. Orientations: *biologie, informatique, sciences économiques et hydrogéologie*	Projet personnel (stage en entreprise, d'un projet dans un laboratoire de recherche ou d'un travail en groupe)	FR	NatSci Econ	
BSc Économiques, Orientation "Durabilité" **Uni Neuchâtel**	Examine les théories et les méthodes d'analyse les plus modernes, les systèmes de pensée du management et de la durabilité ainsi que leurs instruments d'aide à la décision L'orientation se penche sur les défis actuels en matière de développement durable et sur l'impact des activités économiques sur l'environnement et la société, et propose des solutions innovantes		FR, EN	Econ	

BSc en biologie et ethnologie **Uni Neuchâtel**	L'ethnobiologie se définit comme l'étude des rapports existants entre les différentes sociétés humaines, ainsi que les relations complexes et dynamiques qu'elles entretiennent avec leur environnement naturel Par une approche de terrain, appliquée aux questions sociétales actuelles, il répond à un intérêt croissant pour les interrogations autour du développement durable, des relations sociétés-nature, de l'agroécologie et du déclin de la biodiversité	Possibilité de séjourner un ou deux semestres dans une université appartenant au réseau de mobilité	FR	NatSci, SocSci	
BSc Géographie et environnement **Uni Genève**	La première partie est constituée d'enseignements transdisciplinaires communs de cours et de séminaires d'introduction à la géographie et aux autres disciplines que les étudiant-es choisiront En plus des enseignements de méthodes quantitatives et qualitatives communs, la seconde partie permet de se spécialiser en géographie humaine tout en se familiarisant avec les sciences de l'environnement	Projet de recherche	FR (EN)	NatSci SocSci	
Joint Bachelor in Sustainability (Basus) **Track Social Sciences & Humanities** **Uni Zürich, Una Europa**	International, interdisciplinary bachelor's program offered by six leading European universities in the Una Europa Alliance (Krakow, Helsinki, Leiden, Madrid, Paris, and Zurich), leading to a joint degree. Students begin in Krakow with a broad foundation in sustainability studies and specialize from the second year onward at a partner university. The "Social Sciences and Humanities" track at the University of Zurich combines disciplinary insights (e.g., sociology, anthropology, ethics) with interdisciplinary themes (e.g., governance) and transdisciplinary sustainability research.	First year in Krakow for common core study Second and third year at a partner university Mobility semester possible in the third year	EN	SocSci, Econ, NatSci	

Bachelor Minor - Universities of Applied Sciences

Minor Nachhaltige Entwicklung und Soziale Arbeit **HSLU**	Wissen um ökologische, ökonomische und soziale Zusammenhänge Behandelt die Rolle der Sozialen Arbeit in gesellschaftlichen Veränderungsprozessen Aufbau nach Grundlagen, Entwicklung und Achtsamkeit und Kreative Ansätze für Nachhaltige Entwicklung in der Sozialen Arbeit	Interdisziplinäre Workshops Problem based learning Methode Zugänglich für Bachelorstudierende Soziale Arbeit	DE	SocSci	
Minor Sustainable Design **ZHdK**	Vermittelt Designkompetenzen für gesellschaftlichen Wandel Schwerpunkt auf ökologische Nachhaltigkeit, ohne dabei soziale und ökonomische Aspekte zu vernachlässigen	Projektarbeit mit externen Partnern	DE (EN)	ArtDes	
Minor Alternative Zukünfte: Nachhaltigkeit und Ökologie in der Praxis **ZHdK**	Reflektiert ökologische, soziale und ökonomische Phänomene vor dem Hintergrund unterschiedlicher kultureller Realitäten und Sichtweisen künstlerisch-gestalterisch Vertiefung: *Alternative Futures* oder *Critical Ecologies*	Projekt zu Nachhaltigkeit und Ökologie	DE EN	ArtDes	

Bachelor Minor – Universities

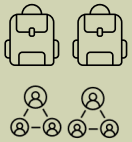
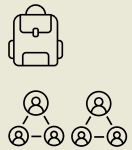
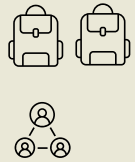
Minor in Environment and Energy **Uni Basel**	Behandelt Themen wie Umwelt- und Ressourcenökonomie, Energieökonomie, Umweltpolitik sowie der politischen Ökonomie im Zusammenhang mit Energie und Klimazielen		EN DE	Econ	
Minor Nachhaltige Entwicklung **Uni Bern**	Vermitteln disziplinäres und interdisziplinäres Grundwissen zu Nachhaltiger Entwicklung (bei 15, 30 und 60 ECTS) Interdisziplinäres Arbeiten in Gruppen und an Fallstudien (bei 30 und 60 ECTS) Förderung von Sozial-, Kommunikations- und Gestaltungskompetenzen	Option für Praktikum (bei 60 ECTS)	DE (EN)	NatSci SocSci	
Minor Geographie **Uni Bern**	Vermittelt eine grundlegende wissenschaftliche Bildung und eine breite Ausbildung in physischer Geographie, Humangeographie und Geographien der Nachhaltigkeit	Exkursionen	DE	NatSci	

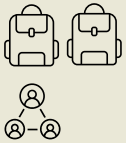
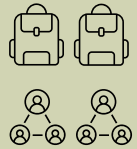
Minor Umweltwissenschaften und Umweltgeisteswissenschaften **Uni Fribourg/Freiburg**	Einführende naturwissenschaftliche, ökonomische und juristische Kenntnisse über die umweltpolitischen Herausforderungen und ethischen Implikationen in der Umweltpraxis Wahl zwischen Umweltwissenschaften (30 ECTS), Umweltrecht oder Umweltpraxis (jeweils 60 ECTS) Zusätzlich Wahlprogramm aus allen fünf Fakultäten	Exkursionen	DE FR	NatSci, SocSi	

Bachelor - Additional Certificate

Integrative Sustainability Management **Uni St. Gallen**	Through coursework and applied projects, students gain hands-on experience making decisions, collaborating across sectors and generations, and building practical interventions to drive progress on sustainability from a systemic perspective	24 ECTS Project work with various stakeholders Immersive one-week experiential learning journey in Lenzerheide	EN	Econ	

Master – Universities of Applied Sciences

Study program	Description	Practical Information	Language	Main Discipline	Inter + Trans
MSc Circular Innovation and Sustainability **BFH**	Combines business skills with a technical and ecological understanding of production cycles and the sustainable use of our natural resources Lecturers from the fields of Engineering, Business, and Life Sciences Targeted at professionals from diverse fields	High flexibility for full time study with 40% lectures Option for internship Highly practice-oriented, project-based learning at 3 different locations	EN	Econ, NatSci, EngSci	
MSc Life Sciences – Regionalmanagement in Gebirgsräumen (Alpenmaster) **BFH**	Behandlung ökologischer und sozio-ökonomischer Fragen im Management der Regionalentwicklung für Berggebiete Zulassung aus: Agronomie, Waldwissenschaften, Geografie, Biologie, Tourismus, Landschaftsarchitektur, Umweltingenieurwesen, Naturmanagement o.Ä. Vertiefungen: *Agrarwissenschaften* oder *Waldwissenschaften*	Vollzeitstudium 3 Semester Exkursionen und Praxisprojekte Zusammenarbeit mit national und international vernetzten Fachleuten	EN, DE	NatSci	
MSc Life Sciences – Agricultural Science Specialization: Sustainable Production Systems **BFH**	Deals with the growing demand for agricultural products on less land and with less water, while managing social, economic and climate-related issues Aimed at bachelors in agronomy, oenology, environmental engineering, landscape architecture, forest sciences, geography or similar fields of study	Full-time study 3 semester Close cooperation with partner from research, business and society Modular structure allowing for flexibility	EN	NatSci	
MSc Business Administration Specialization Sustainability and Circular Innovation **FFHS (SUPSI)**	Combines sustainability and circular economy with innovation, entrepreneurship, suitable investment strategies and internationality. The focus is on a holistic view of companies and society with practical problems and networking with experts as well as a scientific foundation	Duration 5 Semester Field visits and practical project with business partners / start-ups Blended learning or fully online Modular structure allowing for flexibility	EN	Econ	
MSc Business Administration Sustainable Business Development **FHGR**	Fördert Wissen um nachhaltige Geschäftsmodelle und Verknüpfung von wirtschaftlicher, sozialer und ökologischer Verantwortung in Unternehmen Baut auf interdisziplinären Ansätzen, praxisnahen Lösungen und innovativen Führungsstrategien	3 Semester Vollzeit Blended learning (online und vor Ort) Exkursionen und Projektarbeiten mit Praxispartnern	DE	Econ	
MSc Sustainable Business Development (trinational) **FHNW**	Kombiniert Wissen aus Nachhaltigkeit, Unternehmensführung und Digitalisierung Integriert wirtschaftliche, ökologische und soziale Aspekte, um langfristig tragfähige Geschäftsmodelle zu entwickeln	Triple Degree: 3 international anerkannte Masterdiplome (Basel, Offenburg und Strasbourg Mehr als die Hälfte des Studiums ist für konkrete Praxisprojekte reserviert	DE	Econ	

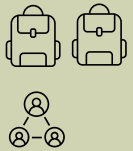
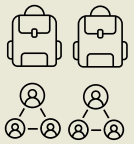
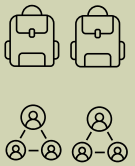
MSc IT, Digitalization and Sustainability **HSLU**	Establishes technical know-how, knowledge of human behavior and understanding of processes Interdisciplinary thinking and international cooperation are used to think outside the box	Compulsory exchange semester Option for dual/double degree	EN	ComSci	
MA Eco-Social Design **HSLU**	Through system thinking, future literacy, and environmental literacy, students learn to collaborate with bottom-up initiatives and government bodies Navigating intricate systems and collaborate with human and non-human actors to design interventions at multiple scales from experimental prototyping and community activism to policymaking and organizational redesign	Workshops translating concepts into prototypes Low student teacher ratio of 1:7 Exploratory and research-driven	EN	ArtDes	
MA in kollaborativer Raumentwicklung **HSLU**	Greift Raumentwicklung au seiner inter- und transdisziplinären Perspektive auf Kollaboration lässt in Planungsprozessen neue Potenziale bezüglich Ästhetik, Innovation, Zirkularität und Wirtschaftlichkeit erkennen, die integriert und nachhaltig umgesetzt werden können	Hälfte des Studiums Praxisprojekte mit externen Partnern Exkursionen	DE	EngSci	
MA Architecture **HSLU**	Der Fokus liegt auf der gebauten Umwelt als Lebensraum mit ihren komplexen sozialen, ökonomischen und ökologischen Zusammenhängen. Dabei werden alle Formen der Koexistenz und der Umgang mit Ressourcen intensiv beleuchtet	Projektarbeiten in Atelier und Werkstätten Austauschsemester möglich	DE, EN	EngSci	
MSE Energy and Environment **Vertiefung Umwelttechnik** **OST**	Minimierung von Umweltauswirkungen von Abgas, Abwasser und Abfall Behandlung von Systemdenken, Ökobilanzierung, Umsetzung von zirkulärwirtschaftlichen Konzepten, Innovation und integriertem Risikomanagement	3 Semester Vollzeit Projektarbeit mit externen Partnern	DE, EN	EngSci	
MSE Raumentwicklung und Landschaftsarchitektur **Schwerpunkt Klimaanpassung & Klimaschutz** **OST**	Bearbeitet Fragestellungen zum Klimaschutz in der Areal- und Nutzungsplanung und Städtebau sowie Gesundheit und Umweltgerechtigkeit in Planung und Prozessgestaltung Erlernen von Grundlagen und Prinzipen zur Klimaanpassung von Siedlungsräumen (z.B. Hitzeminderung, der Integration von Schwammstadt-Prinzipien und der Siedlungsökologie)	3 Semester Vollzeit Projektarbeiten	DE	EngSci	

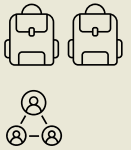
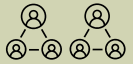
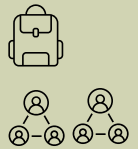
MSc Preneurship for Regenerative Food Systems **ZHAW**	Initiate, develop and implement innovative business models for a sustainable and regenerative food system as a Preneur The focus is on the Agro Food Project, which aims to create a regenerative business model, develop solutions and innovations, and test prototypes in the market	Part-time program (min 4 semester) Agro Food Project over 4 semesters in interdisciplinary teams, supported by a mentor	EN (DE)	NatSci, Econ	
Master Circular Economy Management **ZHAW**	Combines all dimensions of the circular economy – technical, environmental, social, and economic Strong emphasis on developing critical thinking, creativity, communication, teamwork, self-management, and self-reflection	Full-time study 3 semester Exchange semester possible Real life business case studies	EN	Econ, EngSci	
MSc Umwelt und Natürliche Ressourcen **ZHAW**	Kombiniert technologische, natur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Disziplinen Auch für Quereinsteiger zugänglich Vertiefungen: *Agrarökologie und Ernährungssysteme, Biodiversität und Ökosysteme, Ökotechnologien und Erneuerbare Energien*	Option für Double degree und Austauschsemester Einblick in Forschung durch Forschungsgruppe	DE, EN	NatSci	
MSE Energy and Environment **Institute of Sustainable Development** **ZHAW**	Technical focus i.e. in mechanical and chemical engineering but also topics such as circular economy and sustainable treatment of air, water and waste The institute conducts research in sustainable energy systems and smart cities, sustainable supply chain management and mobility or risk management and technology assessment	Practical application of the knowledge acquired at the institutes	EN	EngSci	
MA Fachdidaktik Natur, Mensch, Gesellschaft und Nachhaltige Entwicklung **PHBE / PHLU**	Behandelt Fachdidaktik, Nachhaltige Entwicklung und BNE, Fachdidaktische Forschung und Entwicklung und eine Auswahl von Bezugsdisziplinen (3 von 13) Doppelter Schwerpunkt möglich; z.B. Wirtschaft, Biologie, Philosophie	Zusammenarbeit mit Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) der Uni Bern Praktikum und Service Learning Fallarbeit zu BNE bei einer NGO	DE	EdProf	

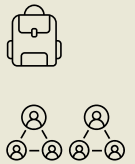
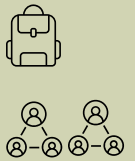
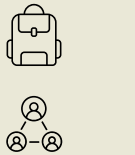
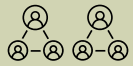
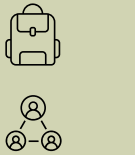
« My studies in environmental engineering provided me with scientific knowledge and practical solutions for environmental problems. I found the connection between technology, nature, and society particularly fascinating, as it enables the development of sustainable solutions for global environmental crises. »

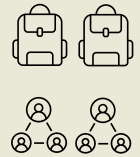
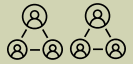
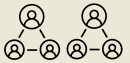
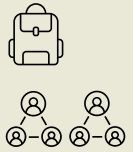
Lisa Aegerter
Bachelor Umweltingenieurwesen

Master – Universities

MSc Urban Systems **EPFL**	Navigating the interactions between technological and physical systems, regulatory frameworks and human behavior Open for students with backgrounds in engineering and architecture Specializations: *Mobility and transportation in a changing climate, Sustainable transitions in urban systems, Health and well-being in urban environment*	Learning method: Project based learning (i.e. social and human sciences, specialization project) Compulsory 8 week -6 month internship	EN or EN/FR	EngSci	
MSc Environmental Sciences and Engineering **EPFL**	Focuses on environmental engineering in natural systems Specializations: *water resources and management, climate change anticipation and adaptation, environmental sensing and computation, biological and chemical processes in environmental engineering*	Learning method: Project based learning (social and human sciences, environmental sciences) Compulsory 8 week -6 month internship	EN or EN/FR	EngSci NatSci	
MSc Sustainable Management and Technology **EPFL / Uni Lausanne**	Bridging the gap between economy, management and technology to tackle sustainable challenges Learn how to integrate better governance with thoughtful and innovative technology to address the world's toughest challenges	Project work with external partners in a highly interdisciplinary, diverse, and international environment Internship	EN	EngSci Econ	
MSc Environmental Sciences **ETH**	Follows a system-oriented approach to think and act along interdisciplinary lines to view entire systems from a scientific, sociological and technical perspective (with a focus on environmental science) Specializations: *Atmosphere and Climate, Biogeochemistry and Pollutant Dynamics, Ecology and Evolution, Environmental Systems and Policy, Forest and Landscape Management, Human Health, Nutrition and Environment*	Internship (abroad or in Switzerland) Option for exchange semester	EN (DE)	NatSci	
MSc Spatial Development and Infrastructure Systems **ETH**	Imparts disciplinary knowledge and trains its to navigate effective methods and instruments to foster sustainable spatial and infrastructure development Draws on socially responsible and sustainable solutions and the moderating of conflicts with regard to spatial use in the best possible way Specializations: *Spatial and Landscape Development, Transport Systems and Behaviour, Network Infrastructure*	Mandatory semester paper in the form of interdisciplinary group project work Option for exchange semester	EN	EngSci	

MSc Environmental Engineering **ETH**	Transfers knowledge and skillsets to solve issues around reducing environmental pollution, designing resilient and climate-adapted cities and providing sustainable supply of water, food and energy Specializations: *Urban Water Management, Environmental Technologies, Resource Management, Water Resources Management, River and Hydraulic Engineering*	Semester project work 1-year Experimental Computer Laboratory	EN	EngSci	
MSc Sustainable Development **Uni Basel**	Highly interdisciplinary program drawing on concerns of sustainability that are generated by the natural, social and economic sciences Three-faculty-structure Focus areas: *Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Economics*	Exchange semester is possible	EN	NatSci, Econ, SoSci	
MA African Studies **Vertiefung Environment and Development** **Uni Basel**	Drawing on the social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences The specialization looks at how environmental factors of global change impact the built environment and the conditions that need to be met to ensure sustainable use of urban and rural habitats	Options for internship Most theses are based on field research stays in Africa	EN	SocSci	
MA Changing Societies: Migration - Resources - Conflicts **Uni Basel**	Behandelt den gesellschaftlichen Wandel vor dem Hintergrund der drei Schwerpunktthemen Migration, Konflikte und Ressourcen u.a. aus anthropologischer, politologischer und soziologischer Perspektive	Option für im «Changing Societies Lab» und an Forschungsprojekten mitzuarbeiten	DE, EN	SocSci	
MSc Geowissenschaften, Schwerpunkt Sustainable Ressource and Soil Management **Uni Basel**	Behandelt Themen wie Globaler Wandel, Landnutzungswandel, Naturgefahren, Nachhaltigkeit, aquatische Ökologie, Geoökologie sowie Bodenökologie Nebst dem Schwerpunkt können auch andere Fachbereiche kennengelernt werden	3 Semester Exkursionen Masterarbeit als Forschungsprojekt	DE, EN	NatSci	
MSc Sustainability Transformations **Uni Bern**	Educates students to become proficient in building pathways to sustainable futures and in spearheading transformations in an international context The study program is inter- and transdisciplinary and focuses on education for Sustainable Development and transformative science Promotes resilience, inter-cultural awareness, and an ethic of self-care	Learning method: Serious games Interactive modules with practice partners	EN	SocSci, NatSci	

MSc Climate Sciences **Uni Bern**	Facilitates a general qualification in the field of climate sciences and a sound expertise in an elective climate-related topic International setting Specializations: *Climate and Earth System Science, Atmospheric Science, Economics, Ecology and Agriculture, Social Sciences, Humanities*	Possibility for internship Half of the study is reserved for the thesis (project) Option for taking courses at ETH	EN	NatSci, (Econ), (SocSci)	
MSc Nature, Society and Politics **Uni Fribourg/Freiburg**	Analyzes socio-environmental issues such as the consequences of climate change, urban and rural development and change and extraction of natural resources Open for students with backgrounds in Geography Partly based on the complementarity between the approaches and methods used in the natural and social sciences	Option to practice in fieldwork on excursions Option to participate in national or international research teams Half of the study is reserved for the thesis (project)	EN	NatSci, SocSci	
MSc Environmental Biology **Specialization Applied Environmental Biology** **Uni Fribourg/Freiburg**	Covers biological invasions, conservation, sustainable crop protection, and global change impacts. Students explore environmental ethics, policy, and sustainable development in collaboration with the Environmental Sciences and Humanities Institute	Field/Lab experiments Option for 4 week internship or research project in cooperation with institutions	EN	NatSci (EdProf)	
MSc Environmental Sciences and Humanities **Uni Fribourg/Freiburg**	Interdisciplinary topics in environmental sciences ranging from biology, geosciences to environmental economy and law to a key focus on the environmental humanities with a special emphasis on ethical decision-making in environmental practice Based on an interfaculty and a humanistic approach		EN, DE, FR	NatSci, SocSci	
MSc Economics, Option Sustainable Development and Social Responsibility **Uni Fribourg/Freiburg**	Focuses on the analysis and evaluation of economic, social and development policies The specialization offers multidisciplinary courses, dealing with development in the poorest countries, inequality and environment protection. The teaching includes primarily economics, but also philosophy, management, law and environmental sciences	3 semester	(EN), DE, FR	Econ	
MSc Sustainable Societies and Social Change **Uni Genève**	Addresses the role of society as central to transformative social change and offers conceptual handles and practical tools for better understanding how societies are organized and regulated Partnership with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)) Highly international and interdisciplinary student and faculty body	Exchange semester possible Option for internship (and internship-based thesis) Project based semester workshop	EN	SocSci	

MSc Innovation, Human Development and Sustainability **Uni Genève**	Stems from a partnership with organizations from International Geneva in the framework of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals High proportion of practical courses but also fundamental courses on sustainability development in all its dimensions Highly international and interdisciplinary student and faculty body Specializations: *Sustainable Human Development, Sustainable consumption, production and organizations, Future cities and regions*	Close connection to international Geneva and its organizations Compulsory exchange semester and option for internship Option for dual degree (Tsinghua) Project work and workshops with external partner (Some are combined with international fieldwork)	EN	SocSci	
MSc Sciences de l'environnement **Uni Genève**	L'enseignement et la recherche interdisciplinaires dans les domaines du climat, de l'énergie, de l'eau, de la biodiversité, de la gouvernance environnementale, de la transition écologique ou encore de la santé Spécialisation: *Biodiversité, écosystèmes et société, Impacts climatiques, Transition écologique et sociétés, Energie, Sciences de l'eau*	La mobilité est possible Possibilité d'ajouter un Certificat en géomatique (30 crédits) en complément	FR, EN	NatSci,	
MA Fondements et pratiques de la durabilité **Uni Lausanne**	Se concentre sur la durabilité « forte » et aborde les défis liés à la réduction des flux d'énergie et de matières afin de rendre les activités économiques compatibles avec la biosphère Large choix de modules avec des contenus scientifiques, sociaux et économiques	Possibilité d'échange	FR	NatSci, SocSci. Econ	
MSc Géographie environnement et aménagement **Uni Lausanne**	Formation commune sur des approches contemporaines plurielles et de pointe en géographie, environnement et aménagement, de même que sur des outils et pratiques nécessaires pour la gestion durable des projets territoriaux et socio-environnementaux Possible spécialisations: *Développement durable Nord/Sud, Urbanisme durable, Gestion durable de régions de montagne, Analyse et modélisation territoriales*	Possibilité d'échange ou de stage	FR, EN	NatSci	
MA Climate Politics, Economics, and Law **Uni Luzern**	Interdisziplinäre Studienangebot im Bereich Klima, Umwelt und Nachhaltigkeit mit dezidiert sozialwissenschaftlichem Fokus Kombiniert Wissen aus Politik, Wirtschaft und Recht, um ein tiefgehendes Verständnis der vielschichtigen Aspekte des Klimawandels zu vermitteln Schwerpunkt: *Politik, Ökonomie* oder *Recht*	Option für Austauschsemester Wahl zwischen Praktikum, Capstone-Projekt oder freien Studienleistungen	DE, (EN)	SocSci	

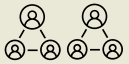
MSc Biology **Orientation Biodiversity and conservation** **Uni Neuchâtel**	Core courses include key topics in biology, with particular emphasis on methodological and quantitative aspects The specialization deals with legal, economic and social aspects. It articulates different approaches, looking at conservation through the lenses of law, economics and social anthropology		EN	NatSci	
MSc or MA Biodiversity Conservation **Uni Neuchâtel**	Interdisciplinary program that responds to the major environmental and societal challenge of understanding the causes and halting the global erosion of biodiversity Courses are balanced between plant, animal, and ecosystem conservation biology and the human dimensions of conservation such as anthropology, economics, law and psychology	3 semester Fieldwork Internship	EN	NatSci	 
MSc Social science -Géographie humaine **Spécialisation Changements climatiques et sociétés** **Uni Neuchâtel**	Forme à l'analyse des questions cruciales auxquelles les sociétés sont aujourd'hui confrontées, telles que la numérisation, l'urbanisation planétaire, les migrations ou le changement climatique La spécialisation fournit des clés pour comprendre les grands enjeux de sociétés avec un fort point de vue de répartition spatiale		FR, EN	NatSci	
MA Public Management and Policy **Specialization public policy & sustainability** **Uni della Svizzera Italiana (USI)**	Teaching involvers faculties of Economics, Communication, Culture, and Society Interdisciplinary approach based on a solid theoretical foundation that ranges from public management to governance, from administration to public policies, with particular attention to the adaptability of public systems to the constantly changing global dynamics	Option for internship thesis	EN, IT	Econ, SocSci	
MA International Tourism **Minor Sustainability** **Uni della Svizzera Italiana (USI)**	Multidisciplinary programme designed for driven learners who are eager to shape the sustainable future of international travel and tourism deeply involved in the USI UNESCO Chair in ICT to develop and promote Sustainable Tourism in World Heritage Sites Highly international lecturer and student body	Projects, labs, international study trip and conferences and company visits Internship in Switzerland or abroad Exchange semester possible Double degree in Food Industry Management (UNISG)	EN	Econ	 

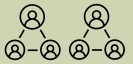
MSc Environmental Sciences **Specialization Environmental Systems and Policy** **Uni Zürich**	Provides knowledge and understanding of the functioning of the environment and explores the interaction between human beings and the environment Includes natural sciences, social and humanity sciences as well as environmental technologies	Compulsory Internship (at least 18 weeks) in Switzerland or abroad Option for exchange semester	EN	NatSci	

Master Minor - Universities of Applied Sciences

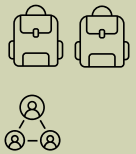
Minor Sustainable Design **ZHdK**	Vermittelt Designkompetenzen für gesellschaftlichen Wandel Schwerpunkt auf ökologische Nachhaltigkeit, ohne dabei soziale und ökonomische Aspekte zu vernachlässigen	Projektarbeit mit externen Partnern	DE (EN	ArtDes	
Minor Alternative Zukünfte: **Nachhaltigkeit und Ökologie in der Praxis** **ZHdK**	Reflektiert ökologische, soziale und ökonomische Phänomene vor dem Hintergrund unterschiedlicher kultureller Realitäten und Sichtweisen künstlerisch-gestalterisch Vertiefung: *Alternative Futures* oder *Critical Ecologies*	Projekt zu Nachhaltigkeit und Ökologie	DE EN	ArtDes	

Master Minor - Universities

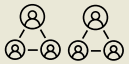
Minor Sustainable Agricultural Development **ETH**	Concerns the environmental, economic, and social aspects of sustainable food systems, analyzing potential interlinkages to ensure food security for present and future generations		EN	NatSci	
Minor Sustainable Development **Uni Bern**	Equips students with a comprehensive education in the scientific principles underlying sustainable development (natural, social, and human sciences) Enables graduates to tackle sustainable development challenges scientifically and collaboratively through inter- and transdisciplinary approaches	30 ECTS Offered by the Centre for Development and Environment (CDE)	EN, (DE)	NatSci, SocSci	
Minor Sustainability Management **Uni Neuchâtel**	Option for the MSc Innovation, Major in Innovation Management or the MSc International Business Development Courses dealing with topics like public policy, energy economics, environmental economics and some interdisciplinary insights	30 ECTS	EN, FR	Econ	
Minor Sustainable Finance **Uni Zürich**	Provides an in-depth insight into the role that financial markets play in addressing global sustainability issues Combines courses on Sustainable Finance in banking and finance with relevant courses from related disciplines and Faculties	30 ECTS	EN	Econ	

Environmental, Resource and Food Economics **ETH**	Provides the necessary knowledge and skills to address economic and socio-economic issues related to natural resource management with a focus on food lectures and seminars on topics such as environmental, resource, agricultural and food economics, and agricultural policy		EN	NatSci, Econ	
Sustainable Energy Use **ETH**	Introduces students to the production, distribution, and consumption of energy Depending on the selected courses, the learning objects include renewable energy production, storage and energy conservation, electricity market and the strategic positioning of renewable energies or with planning of renewable energy projects		EN	NatSci	
MSc Environmental Sciences and Humanities **Uni Fribourg/Freiburg**	Interdisciplinary topics in environmental sciences from biology, geosciences to environmental economy and law to a key focus on the environmental humanities Special emphasis on ethical decision-making in environmental practice Based on an interfaculty and a humanistic approach		EN, DE, FR	NatSci, SocSci	
MSc Éthique et économie politique **Uni Fribourg/Freiburg**	La formation interdisciplinaire mise en place conjointement par l'Institut interdisciplinaire d'éthique et des droits de l'homme et le Département d'économie politique Réflexion et les méthodes nécessaires à une approche concrète des questions éthiques dans deux domaines: la gouvernance (privée et publique) et le développement durable	Les cours sont également sous le label chaire UNESCO des droits de l'homme et de la démocratie	FR	Econ	

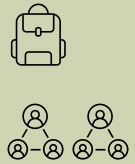
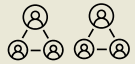
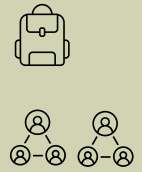
Master - Additional Certificate

Managing Climate Solutions **Uni St. Gallen**	Fosters entrepreneurial solutions to climate change Mandatory courses on “Climate Solutions 101” and “Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Climate Solutions and set of elective courses	24 ECTS Deep collaboration with different stakeholders Field trips engaging with local stakeholders	EN	Econ	

CAS – Universities of Applied Sciences

Study program	Description	Practical Information	Language	Main Discipline	Inter + Trans
CAS Nachhaltige Ernährung **BFH**	Untersucht die Komplexität der verschiedenen Dimensionen der nachhaltigen Ernährung (soziale, gesundheitliche, ethische, ökonomische und ökologische) Betrachtet globale und nationale Herausforderungen und stärkt Sie in der Kooperation mit anderen Akteur*innen des Ernährungssystems	Lernmethode: Blended learning	DE	NatSci, Health	
CAS Nachhaltige Infrastrukturen **BFH / OST**	Vermittelt Wissen, um Nachhaltigkeit in Planung, Bau und Betrieb von Infrastrukturprojekten zu integrieren Gesamtzusammenhänge, Entwicklungen und Standards im Bereich der Nachhaltigen Entwicklungen Schweiz im Kontext der SDG's der UNO	Live-Case anhand eines realen Projekts Exkursionen und Besichtigungen von Projekten	DE	EngSci	 
CAS Nachhaltige Unternehmensentwicklung **BFH**	Erfassen der ökonomischen, ökologischen und gesellschaftlichen Perspektive von aktuellen und zukünftigen Geschäftsmodellen Lernen von Methoden, Werkzeuge und Techniken, um eine nachhaltige Geschäftsentwicklung zu fördern	Firmenbesuche/Exkursionen	DE	Econ	
CAS Nachhaltigkeitsmanagement, ESG & Reporting **BFH**	Erlernen wirtschaftswissenschaftlichen, technologischen und rechtlichen Aspekten eines zukunftsfähigen Nachhaltigkeitsmanagements Behandlung aktueller Trends und Herausforderungen, Verbesserung ESG-Datenmanagement und Stakeholder-Kommunikation	Interaktive Workshops Exkursion	DE	Econ	
CAS Nachhaltigkeit und Gesellschaft im Wandel **BFH**	Analyse der Beziehungen zwischen Gesellschaft und Umwelt sowie sozialer Bewegungen und Trends Auseinandersetzung mit Indikatoren der nachhaltigen Entwicklung unter Einbezug historischer und aktueller umweltpolitischer und gesellschaftlicher Diskurse	Praxisrelevante Exkursionen zu innovativen und an Nachhaltigkeit-orientierten Projekten Verknüpfung mit Inner Development Goals (IDGs)	DE	NatSci, SocSci	
CAS Entwicklung und Umwelt **FHNW**	Analysiert die Zusammenhänge zwischen der Entwicklung unserer Gesellschaft und den daraus resultierenden Umweltherausforderungen Behandelt Themen wie Nachhaltige Entwicklung, Biodiversität, Resilienz, Ökosystemleistungen, Ressourcen, Ernährung und Umwelt, Nachhaltiger Konsum	Projektarbeit in einer Kleingruppe	DE	NatSci, SocSci	 

CAS Erfolgsfaktor Nachhaltigkeit **FHNW**	Aufbau einer Nachhaltigkeitsstrategie unter Berücksichtigung der wichtigsten Themen wie CO2-Ausstoss, Energie, materielle Ressourcen usw. Entwicklung nachhaltiger, kreislaufwirtschaftlicher Geschäftsmodelle	Zwei thematische Exkursionen und Rundgang durch ein führendes Unternehmen in Bereich Nachhaltigkeit	DE	Econ	
CAS Gesundheit und Umwelt **FHNW**	Behandelt den Zusammenhang zwischen Umwelteinflüssen und menschlicher Gesundheit, mit einem Fokus auf Themen wie Klimawandel, Biodiversitätsverlust und Umweltverschmutzung Vermittelt konkrete Handlungsansätze in Bereichen wie Mobilität, Energie, Ernährung, Städtebau, Arbeit und Konsum		DE	Health	
CAS Circular Economy & Innovation **FHNW**	In dem CAS werden Kompetenzen aus Ökonomie und Design dreier Hochschulen sowie Erfahrungen von Expert:innen dreier Länder (Österreich, Niederlande und der Schweiz) verknüpft In dem Kurs werden Theorien der Zirkularität in bewährten Prozessen und Modellen praxisnah vermittelt	Die Hälfte der Module finden online statt (Wien) Optionale Studienreise nach Amsterdam	DE	Econ, ArtDes	
CAS Industrie und Umwelt **FHNW**	Vermittelt Grundlagen und bewährte Massnahmen im Gewässer- und Bodenschutz, Luftreinhaltung, zur Minderung der Lichtverschmutzung und von Lärm Diskutierte Wege von einer linearen in eine zirkulare, grüne und CO2-neutrale Wirtschaft	Projektarbeit in einer Kleingruppe	DE	Econ, NatSci	 
CAS Santé environnementale et durabilité **HES-SO**	Vise à développer une perspective éclairée et critique, permettant d'appréhender de manière approfondie les enjeux de la santé environnementale et de la durabilité dans la pratique des soins et dans la communauté		FR	Health	
CAS Sustainable Management **HSLU**	Die Basismodule behandelt Themen wie Klimawandel, Ökobilanzen, Verantwortung für Menschenrechte, strategische Verankerung oder Themen der Compliance sowie Kreislaufwirtschaft Die Vertiefungen behandeln Themen wie «Green Leadership», «grüne Innovation» oder KI-unterstützten Datenmanagements sowie konkrete Rating-Tools	Unternehmenssimulation	DE	Econ	

CAS Nachhaltigkeit im Tourismus **Kaleidos**	Behandlung der komplexen ökologischen, ökonomischen und sozialen Interessen und Konflikte rund um nachhaltige Tourismusentwicklung und Evaluation bestehender Lösungsansätze	Fernstudium im Online Studienformat	DE	Econ	
CAS Nachhaltigkeitsmanagement **OST**	Entwickeln und kommunizieren Strategien für umweltfreundliches, sozial verantwortungsbewusstes und wirtschaftlich sinnvolles Handeln		DE	Econ	
CAS WASH – Water sanitation and Hygiene for humanitarian and developing contexts **SUPSI / Uni Neuchâtel /Eawag**	Designed to empower practitioners with an understanding of the fundamentals of the WASH sector, both in the humanitarian and development contexts Introduces the core principles for planning, designing and implementing activities to improve sustainable and equitable access to domestic water supply and sanitation services and to improve hygiene behaviours	Practical final module held in Ticino with humanitarian situation simulation Visits to water facilities	EN	NatSci, EngSci	
CAS Formarsi per formare in didattica dello Studio d'ambiente **SUPSI**	Lo studio d'ambiente è una materia presente nel piano di studio della scuola dell'obbligo ticinese che ha come elementi caratterizzarti il pensiero sistemico, il valore del patrimonio e il processo d'esplorazione. Questi elementi vengono approfonditi nella formazione CAS, favorendo così l'implementazione di un approccio volto alla sostenibilità e alla promozione dei principi dell'educazione allo sviluppo sostenibile	Affiancati da un lavoro sul campo e da una formazione nell'accompagnamento degli adulti	IT	EdProf, NatSci	
CAS Cooperazione e sviluppo **SUPSI / FOSIT**	Fornisce le conoscenze e le competenze per comprendere e affrontare le sfide dello sviluppo globale, con particolare attenzione alla cooperazione, agli aiuti umanitari e allo sviluppo sostenibile combinando approfondimenti teorici e strumenti pratici per la gestione di progetti internazionali e la costruzione della pace	Moduli tenuti da stakeholders esterni e professionisti del settore attraverso studi di caso e collegamenti virtuali dal terreno. Visite di studio a organizzazioni internazionali a Roma o Ginevra e alla DSC a Berna	IT, EN	SocSci	
CAS Food Responsibility **ZHAW**	Vermittelt Wissen darüber, wie Unternehmen nachhaltige Praktiken entlang ihrer gesamten Wertschöpfungskette umsetzen können Umfasst die Module: Nachhaltigkeit im Unternehmen, Geography of Food und Wettbewerbsfaktor Qualitätslabel	Besichtigungen von Unternehmen	DE	NatSci, Econ	

CAS Nachhaltiges Bauen **ZHAW, BFH, HSLU, FHNW**	Lernen ökologische, ökonomische und soziokulturelle Auswirkungen von Bauprojekten zu beurteilen und den gesamtheitlichen Blick des Nachhaltigen Bauens verstehen und anwenden Vermittelt einen Überblick über die aktuellen nationalen und internationalen Standards und Labels im nachhaltigen Planen und Bauen	Exkursionen	DE	EngSci	
CAS Nachhaltiges Entwerfen und Konstruieren **ZHAW**	Vermittelt praxisorientierte Kompetenzen für Architekt:innen und Bauspezialist:innen, um nachhaltige Entwurfs- und Konstruktionsprozesse zu entwickeln Behandelt Wechselwirkungen zwischen Architektur, Gesellschaft, Wirtschaft und Ökologie	Exkursionen	DE	EngSci	
CAS Sustainable Investing **ZHAW**	Vermittelt ein ganzheitliches Verständnis für die Konzepte des nachhaltigen Investierens Fördert das Verständnis, wie sich mit nachhaltigen Anlagen ein Impact auf die reale Welt erzielen lässt	Fallstudien	DE	Econ	

MAS / DAS – Universities of Applied Sciences

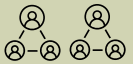
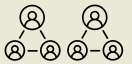
MAS Nachhaltige Transformation **BFH**	Vermittelt fundiertes Wissen und praxisorientierte Kompetenzen zu Nachhaltigkeitskonzepte wie Kreislaufwirtschaft, Sustainable Development Goals, Corporate Social Responsibility und setzen diese in Ihrer Organisation Vertiefungen: *Unternehmensführung, Strategie und Innovation, Bauwesen und Stadtentwicklung, Gesellschaft und Kultur, Ernährungssysteme oder Technologie*	Dauer zwischen 2,5 bis 8 Jahre (60 ECTS)	DE	Econ	
MAS Umwelttechnik und Umweltmanagement **FHNW**	Bereitet darauf vor Umweltprobleme ganzheitlich zu analysieren, innovative Lösungsoptionen zu generieren und adäquat zu kommunizieren Besteht aus fünf CAS-Programme. Diese widerspiegeln verschiedene Perspektiven aus Management, Gesundheit, Recht, Industrie und Entwicklung		DE	EngSci	
MAS Nachhaltige Quartier- und Siedlungsentwicklung **FHNW**	Berücksichtigt soziale, ökologische und ökonomische Aspekte, um so lebenswerte, chancengerechte und zukunftsfähige Quartiere und Siedlungen für gegenwärtige und zukünftige Generationen zu schaffen Behandelt: Sozial nachhaltige Prozessgestaltung in der Quartier- und Siedlungsentwicklung, Gesundheit in Quartier und Siedlungen fördern, Ernährungssysteme lokal gestalten		DE	SocSci	
MAS Klimamanagement und Leadership **HSLU**	Fördert Fach-, Methoden- und Handlungskompetenz, um die grössten klimarelevanten Herausforderungen zu erkennen, Lösungen zum Erreichen von Netto-Null-Emissionen zu entwickeln und den Change-Prozess in Unternehmen zu begleiten Vertiefungsmodul in Technik, Innovation oder Management		DE	Econ EngSci	

«Through my studies, I gained a broad and holistic understanding of our food system. I explored best practices, worked on my own project and developed resilience along the way. With professional guidance and hands-on experience, I discovered how sustainability and personal growth go hand in hand.»

Christoph Härri

Master Preneurship for Regenerative Food Systems

CAS – Universities

CAS Climate Innovation **ETH**	Fosters the necessary skills and knowledge to support and lead the transition towards net zero emissions Work collaboratively and in interdisciplinary teams on real-world case studies		EN	Econ, EngSci, NatSci	
CAS Sustainable Real Estate **Uni Basel**	Focuses on the analysis, evaluation and transformation of real estate investments and real estate portfolios with regard to sustainability Looks at real estate economics, ecological framework conditions and the social environment and the interfaces between these three areas		EN	Econ	
CAS Nachhaltige Entwicklung **Uni Bern**	Vermittelt den theoretischen Kern nachhaltiger Entwicklung, zeigt Handlungsfelder und begleitet bei der Umsetzung Setzt dabei auf vernetztes Denken und kritische Reflexion		DE, EN, FR	Econ, (SocSci, NatSci, EngSci)	
CAS Développement durable **Uni Genève**	Le projet CAS est introduit par une présentation du contexte thématique, des principes pédagogiques, du fonctionnement et des modalités d'évaluation L'Agenda 2030 est ensuite replacé dans son contexte historique et une réflexion est menée sur les scénarios de transition. Encourage la pensée systémique et les facultés interpersonnelles et de négociation interprofessionnelle		FR	SocSci, Econ	
CAS in Circular Value Networks **EPFL**	Fosters the ability to balance Sustainable Development Goals, ESG reporting and materiality, circular economy, human wellbeing and resilient supply chains		EN	Econ	
CAS Tourisme, Innovation et Durabilité **EPFL / Uni Lausanne**	Envisage le développement durable non seulement comme une manière de diminuer la pression écologique et les inégalités sociales mais aussi comme un déclencheur d'innovation afin de permettre au secteur touristique de s'adapter à l'évolution du marché tout en assurant un rythme et un mode de développement compatible avec les limites de nos écosystèmes et les principes de responsabilité sociale	Visites sur le terrain	FR	Econ	 

CAS Renewable Energy Management **Uni St. Gallen**	Teaches how to turn the economic, environmental, and social challenges of today's energy supply into new business opportunities A particular focus is on managing disruptive decentralization in the energy market, driven by the convergence of solar photovoltaics, battery storage, digitization, and electric mobility	Field trips (one of them to Berlin to discuss renewable energy policy risk with a variety of stakeholders)	EN	Econ	
CAS Leading Sustainability Transformation **Uni St. Gallen**	Provides the tools and skills to anchor sustainability as a strategic cornerstone in your organization	Site visits to companies and organizations Real-life case studies with organizations	EN	Econ	
CAS Sustainable Aviation Management **Uni St. Gallen**	Provides comprehensive overview of the burning topic of environmental sustainability in aviation Blends the environmental specific courses with corporate social responsibility, organizational ethics and responsible leadership		EN	Econ	
CAS Governing Energy Transitions **Uni St. Gallen**	Thematisiert die sozialen, technischen, wirtschaftlichen und regulatorischen Dimensionen der Energiewende und vermittelt damit die notwendigen Kompetenzen, um dieses Wissen auf lokaler Ebene anzuwenden	Praxisprojekt	DE	Econ	
CAS Sustainable Finance **Uni Zürich**	Enables you to acquire theoretical and practical knowledge in sustainable finance and related topics. The core aspects of sustainability in investments and banking, and corporate finance, will be complemented by applied, case-specific expertise	ECTS credits gained can be transferred to contribute towards the DAS or MAS in Sustainable Finance	EN	Econ	

MAS / DAS - Universities

MAS Global Cooperation and Sustainable Development **ETH**	Strengthens knowledge and skills in all five key areas of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnerships) Prepares for careers in international development	On-the-job training (8 months) at an international organization	EN	SocSci	
MAS Sustainable Finance **Uni Zürich**	Ermöglicht vertiefte Kenntnisse und praktische Fähigkeiten im Bereich der Nachhaltigkeit in Finanzinstitutionen und -märkten zu erwerben durch Module wie Biodiversity and Finance, Climate Change Finance, Ethics and Sustainability in Finance Die Kernaspekte der Nachhaltigkeit in Investitionen, Bankwesen und Unternehmensfinanzierung werden durch angewandtes, fallspezifisches Fachwissen ergänzt	Teilweise ergänzt mit Elementen aus dem Game-based Learning	EN, DE	Econ	
DAS Sustainable Finance **Uni Zürich**	Ermöglicht vertiefte Kenntnisse und praktische Fähigkeiten im Bereich der Nachhaltigkeit in Finanzinstitutionen und -märkten zu erwerben durch Module wie Biodiversity and Finance, Climate Change Finance, Ethics and Sustainability in Finance Die Kernaspekte der Nachhaltigkeit in Investitionen, Bankwesen und Unternehmensfinanzierung werden durch angewandtes, fallspezifisches Fachwissen ergänzt	ECTS können an das MAS Sustainable Finance angerechnet werden Teilweise ergänzt mit Elementen aus dem Game-based Learning	EN, DE	Econ	

«My Bachelor provided me with essential scientific foundations and connected them to societal issues. Thanks to its interdisciplinary approach, it enables a broad engagement with the environmental crisis, which is more urgent than ever.»

Carmen Weh

Bachelor Umweltnaturwissenschaften

Career prospects

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The **business landscape** is undergoing a major transformation as industries integrate sustainability into their core strategies. This shift extends from manufacturing and commerce to finance and other service sectors, creating new roles focused on sustainable development.

Professionals may work in corporate social responsibility (CSR) or sustainable management roles. Job responsibilities may include conducting impact and life cycle assessments, monitoring and ensuring compliance with environmental regulations and sustainability standards, writing sustainability, ESG disclosures and compliance reports, developing and improving products and services, developing carbon footprint reduction strategies and corporate climate action plans, advising and collaborating with other departments and external stakeholders and leading sustainability training programs and workshops. Sustainability professionals may also take on project management roles, overseeing specific sustainability initiatives, or work in research and development to drive innovation. Additionally, opportunities exist in consulting, where professionals advise companies or public adminsitrations on environmental and social impacts and the implementation of sustainability strategies.

«For us, sustainability means aligning economic activity with our responsibility for the environment and society. Sustainable finance and sustainable business models are a driver for prosperity. Therefore, it is highly beneficial to acquire academic know how in these fields. »

Romina Schwarz
Head of Sustainability at Zürcher Kantonalbank

In organizations where sustainability is central to the business model, such as sustainability **startups**, professionals often assume multifaceted roles that blend various functions to advance the organization's mission. These roles may encompass but are not limited to areas like product development, marketing and communication.

« As a sustainability graduate myself, I have seen how our mindset challenges the status quo. We question today's challenges, think in systems, and act with purpose. In start-ups, that's powerful. We're not just building businesses—we're shaping a future that works for both people and planet. »

Jeannette Morath
Founder and CEO reCIRCLE

Similarly, **public administration** at municipal, regional, and national/international levels is placing greater emphasis on sustainability-driven policies, generating demand for professionals with relevant expertise. Depending on the department you can work on topics such as urban planning, water, mountain or forest management, biodiversity and nature conservation, renewable energy, mobility, international cooperation, gender equality, public health, policy development and regulation, public engagement and education.

«Drawing on my background in economics, ecology, and education, I recommend integrating environmental skills into the education of future specialists and managers across all professions in Switzerland. In doing so, the Federal Office for the Environment supports the transition to a circular and resource-efficient economy.»

Nadine Gehrig
Environmental Education Specialist, Department of Economics and Innovation,
Federal Office for the Environment FOEN

Beyond these sectors, opportunities exist in **education, communication, and research**, where new knowledge and innovative solutions contribute to sustainable progress.

« Tomorrow's leaders need vital skillsets to tackle grand environmental and social challenges. Business school education is therefore essential to develop sustainability talent and innovative solutions. In preparing our students via dedicated programs or integrating sustainability into existing studies, our graduates are well placed to leverage sustainability insight for impact. »

Prof. Dr. Judith Walls
Full Professor of Sustainability Management, University of St. Gallen

«Graduates in the field of sustainability have been shown to play a pivotal role in raising awareness, fostering dialogue, and generating solution-oriented knowledge through education, communication, and research. Their knowledge and passion are vital for promoting environmental awareness and embedding sustainable practices in society. Bern University of Applied Sciences acknowledges the pivotal function it performs in promoting sustainability, adopting a comprehensive, whole-institution approach.»

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Wörwag
Rector, Bern University of Applied Sciences

Potential employers also include **nonprofit organizations** such as environmental, human rights, development, or health organizations, as well as cultural and sports associations, churches, and other religious communities. There job functions often include fundraising, activism, awarenss raising and communication and project management.

« We need many more motivated and committed graduates of sustainability-oriented degree programs. They bring with them the in-depth knowledge and broad skills that are essential for driving the transformation towards truly sustainable development. »

Thomas Vellacott
CEO WWF Switzerland

Key Questions to ask yourself

Before choosing your study program we advise you to ask yourself the following questions:

What is a meaningful and fulfilling job for me?

The first question to ask yourself is what you expect from your future job: good career opportunities, the highest possible salary, challenging tasks, an innovative and creative work environment, collaboration with interesting people, a good work-life balance, or contributing to solving a relevant (sustainability) problem? Depending on your priorities, different fields of work, industries, and preparatory degree programs may be suitable.

However, hardly anyone stays in the same job for their entire life anymore and priorities can change over the course of a career. During your studies, you should acquire the tools you'll need for your first 5–10 years on the job. Depending on the direction in which you want to develop later, you can choose suitable further education options, such as continuing education programs. This allows you to gain additional and possibly specialized knowledge and skills.

One more thing is important: not all your goals, ideas, and desires need to be fulfilled through your job. Alongside your main occupation, you can pursue a part-time job, volunteer, perhaps hold an honorary position or even a political role (see below).

What sustainability challenges am I most passionate about solving?

Which sustainable development challenge is particularly important to you? Which SDGs (***Sustainable Development Goal)*** would you like to contribute to and which problems do you want to help solve? For most people, there is at least one area that they are particularly passionate about. This could be nature or a specific social group or an economic or technical area or something else. This passion often begins in childhood or adolescence and is usually tied to your core values.

If you're already in the workforce, perhaps you've come across a problem that continues to occupy your thoughts. Allowing such meaningful goals to guide your educational or career choices increases the likelihood that your interest will remain strong in the long term and that you'll stay motivated to make a lasting impact.

What are my skills and interests?

Which subject areas, fields, and disciplines interest me? And which ones do I want to avoid in my studies? For example, if you're not interested in mathematics, you should avoid choosing a science-based degree, as math is a fundamental component of every natural science. The field of study is just as important as the topics that interest you. A single topic can be explored by different disciplines, each with its own way of thinking and methods. To develop a deep understanding of a problem and find effective solutions, it's often necessary to integrate multiple academic perspectives. That's why interdisciplinary approaches are especially important for sustainable development.

In a Master's and even more so in a continuing education program, the key question is how you can complement your existing knowledge with another area of expertise in order to build a competence profile that opens up new functions or job opportunities. You might choose to pursue a broad range of subjects or specialize more deeply in one or two areas.

Which industries or sectors interest me the most? What are the skills and profiles needed in that sector?

It's worthwhile to research different sectors and industries, as there is almost always at least one sub-industry that is relevant and could be a good fit for you. Broadly speaking, you can choose between the private sector, public administration, the non-profit sector, academia, or the field of education (see above). Within the private sector, industries are typically divided into services, manufacturing, and agriculture. Each sector and industry is shaped by its own ways of thinking, values, conditions, and challenges, which may or may not align with your personal interests and strengths.

You don't need to decide on a specific sector or industry when choosing your field of study; these choices can evolve throughout your career. However, if you plan to switch industries later on, it may be helpful to pursue a continuing education program that aligns with your target sector.

What specific sustainability roles align with my skills? How could my tasks look like?

Finally, the question arises regarding the company or organization you want to work for and the specific role you want to have. There's a big difference between working at a small or medium-sized enterprise (SME), a large corporation, a municipal, cantonal, or federal government agency, a non-profit organization (NPO), being self-employed, or starting your own business. In addition to size, the company culture is important for most people: is a dynamic, competitive, reflective, harmonious or intellectual work culture important to you?

In a company, there are usually different departments and functions: e.g. production, sales and distribution, development, communication/marketing, central services and specialized departments (e.g. sustainability department). Whether a function is suitable for you depends mainly on the tasks it involves. You probably have the most influence in a management role, but you can also make an effective contribution to sustainability as a competent specialist.

Of course, you don't have to decide in favor of a specific employer or a specific function when you start your studies. However, it is worth researching which employers and which functions might interest you at the latest when choosing a Master's program. After all, subject knowledge alone is not enough: graduates are often expected to possess certain personal, social, and methodological skills. These can be acquired through practice-oriented and transdisciplinary learning methods during your studies, in a part-time job, through an internship, or through volunteer work (see below).

Job portals for sustainability-related jobs in Switzerland

https://www.oebu.ch/jobs/aktuelle-jobs

https://www.kampajobs.ch/

https://www.umweltprofis.ch/

https://umwelt-stellen.ch/

https://klima-jobs.ch/home

https://naturschutz.ch/jobliste

https://www.publicjobs.ch/

Getting involved

Explore your University's sustainability initiatives

Many universities have dedicated sustainability offices or student committee that organize events and support student-led projects

Swiss Association of Student Organisations for Sustainability
Umbrella association of Swiss student organisations for sustainability such as **AG Nachhaltigkeit** (University of Basel), **Student Sustainability Committee** (ETH Zurich), **NHK** (Uni Zurich) **Venalu** (University, University of applied sciences and teacher education Lucerne), **L'EDD** (University of Geneva) etc.

Students4Sustainability
A joint hub of the Bern University of Applied Sciences, the University of Bern, the University of Teacher Education Bern, and the NMS Bern Teacher Education Institute. It offers opportunities to implement sustainability projects and provides the necessary support and resources to do so.

Sustainability Week Switzerland
Network for student-led Sustainability Weeks at higher education institutions. Empower students to bring sustainability into all aspects of higher education institutions

Participate in national and international student led programs

Rethinking economics Switzerland
Promotes pluralism in Economics teaching at the Swiss Universities

Oikos International
A global network of students committed to sustainable business and management

Attend events, study weeks, Summer Schools and workshops

Check your (and also other) Universities offerings on Summer Schools and Hackathons. A few examples:
Swiss Sustainability Challenge, SDG Summer School, THRIVE Summer School, Design Ideas for Sustainable Food Systems, International School for Sustainability, Hack4social good.

Volunteering

Countless non-profit organisations are committed to sustainable development goals. Depending on your interests and goals, you can get involved with an organization working in areas such as the environment, social issues, education, culture, health, development cooperation, human rights, or animal welfare. The types of involvement range from hands-on activities like maintaining a nature reserve or supporting refugees to organizational and communication work, behind-the-scenes tasks on the computer or on a board, and even political advocacy. You can choose a one-time volunteer opportunity, contribute to a specific project, or take on a longer-term volunteer role. You might even decide to launch your own project with others and start an association. Perhaps you'd like to discover a new region through your volunteer work or even take part in a program abroad. This is possible, but requires a little more planning and organization. In addition to the sense of purpose that comes from contributing to a meaningful cause and connecting with other committed individuals, volunteering also gives you the chance to gain experience in new areas, expand your network, and most importantly, strengthen your professional, methodological, personal, and social skills. Employers recognize and value this when reviewing job applications. It implies that you take initiative, pursue goals, and are willing to make a difference. You can find information on volunteering and volunteering opportunities ***here*** (in DE, FR and IT).

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Together, we protect the environment and create a future worth living for generations to come.

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