

The Master program has a normal duration of 3 semesters and comprises 90 ECTS :

- 15 ECTS : Compulsory (5.5 ECTS) and Optional courses (9.5 ECTS) (Module 1)
- 15 ECTS : First Step Project (Module 2)
- 30 ECTS : Compulsory (5 ECTS) and Optional courses (25 ECTS) (Module 3)
- 30 ECTS : Personal Research Project (Master Thesis) (Module 4)

For specialisation Geosciences, Ecology and Environment (GEE) (30 ECTS), the student must obtain :

- 5.5 ECTS with Compulsory courses (marked in green) and at least one Cross-disciplinary course (marked in blue) in Module 1
- 5 ECTS with Inter-disciplinary compulsory courses in Module 3
- 19.5 ECTS with at least 15 ECTS with Disciplinary and Cross-disciplinary Optional courses in the Module 3
- Modules 2 and 4 have to be in geosciences, ecology or environment fields, validated by the head of GEE specialisation

Training objectives are available in its programme regulations.

Specific training objectives: At the end of the course the students will be able to :

- Solve complex ecological problems through quantitative and modelling approaches, using complementary knowledge acquired in geosciences and environmental sciences
- Have an integrated view of natural systems and conduct interdisciplinary research projects in ecology / environment
- Transfer scientific knowledge and skills acquired to applied problems in the field of ecology, environment and conservation

Autumn Semester (semester 1)

	Courses / Enseignement	Hours per semester			Teaching Staff	ECTS Credits	Limited nb of students
		C	E/S	PW			
Compulsory / Obligatoires							
	Data Analysis <i>Analyses de données</i>	6	-	6	Salamin N., Bergmann S., Ciriello G., Trejo Banos D.	2	
	Introduction into Scientific Writing <i>Introduction à la rédaction scientifique</i>	7	9	-	Waterhouse R.	2	
	Spatial Analysis and GIS in Ecology <i>Analyses spatiales et SIG en écologie</i>	7	10	-	Guisan A.	1,5	
	Master BEC Retreat <i>Retraite Master BEC</i>	-	-	-	Kawecki T.	-	
	Subtotal	20	19	6		5,5	
Optional / Optionnel							
MODULE 1	Environmental chemistry and toxicology (GSE) <i>Chimie environnementale et toxicologie</i>	56 CPW	Chèvre N., Asta M.		5		
	Environmental time-series analysis (GSE) <i>Traitement du signal et analyse de séries temporelles</i>	56 CPW	Irving J.		5		
	Nature Conservation (in French) (GSE) <i>Conservation de la nature</i>	28 CPW	Chanteloup L., Reynard E., Badman T., Walters G.		4		
	Remote sensing of Earth Systems (GSE) <i>Télédétection des systèmes terrestres</i>	56 CPW	Mariethoz G., Lane S., Mettra F.		5		
	Advanced Data Analysis <i>Analyses de données : niveau avancé</i>	6	-	6	Salamin N., Bergmann S., Ciriello G., Trejo Banos D.	2,5	
	Animal Communication and Parasitism <i>Communication animale et parasitisme</i>	14	-	-	Christe P., Roulin A.	1,5	
	Major Transitions in Evolution <i>Les grandes étapes de l'évolution</i>	14	-	-	Keller L.	1,5	12
	Molecular Methods in Ecology and Evolution <i>Méthodes moléculaires en écologie et évolution</i>	18	-	42	Sanders I., Fumagalli L., Salamin N.	5	
	Phylogeography <i>Phylogéographie</i>	7	10	-	Fumagalli L.	1,5	
	Population Genetics and Dynamics <i>Génétique et dynamique des populations</i>	7	10	-	Goudet J.	1,5	
	Animal Experimentation and Wild Animals * <i>Expérimentation animale et animaux sauvages</i>	20	-	20	Rubin J.-F.	-	
	Introduction to R (optional support) <i>Introduction à R (mise à niveau optionnelle)</i>				Schütz F.	-	
	Total					15	
	Practical Project / Travail pratique						
	First Step Project <i>Travail d'initiation à la recherche</i>	-	-	224	Kawecki T., Guisan A.	15	
* Only students who choose a master project with animal experimentation are allowed to select this course							
Disciplinary courses marked in green							
Cross-disciplinary optional courses marked in blue							

Abbreviations

- C = Course
- E/S = Exercise/Seminar
- PW = Practical Work
- CPW or CE = Course/Practical Work or Course/Exercise

Spring Semester (semester 2)

	Courses / Enseignement	Hours per semester			Teaching Staff	ECTS Credits	Limited nb of students				
		C	E/S	PW							
Interdisciplinary Compulsory Courses											
Enseignements interdisciplinaires obligatoires											
	Integrated course Mountain Ecosystems - Ecology & Evolution <i>Cours intégré écosystèmes de montagne - écologie et évolution</i>	14	-	-	Guisan A.	1,5					
	Integrated course Mountain Ecosystems - Geo-Environmental Sciences <i>Cours intégré écosystèmes de montagne - sciences géo-environnementales</i>	14	-	-	Guisan A.	1,5					
	Integrated Practical Work Mountain Ecosystems in the Alps <i>Travaux pratiques intégrés écosystèmes de montagne dans les Alpes</i>	-	-	44	Guisan A.	2					
		Subtotal	28	0	44		5				
Optional Courses / Enseignements optionnels *											
MODULE 3	Environmental data mining (GSE) <i>Fouille de données environnementales</i>	56 CPW			Kanevski M.	5					
	Geostatistics and GIS (GSE) <i>Géostatistique et SIG (Syst. d'inform. Géogra.)</i>	56 CPW			Kanevski M.	5					
	Aquatic Ecosystems : Glaciers, Rivers and Lakes (GSE) <i>Ecosystèmes aquatiques : glaciers, rivières et lacs</i>	56 CPW			Perga M.-E., Mettra F.	5					
	Environmental biogeochemistry (GSE) <i>Biochimie environnementale</i>	30 CE			Peña J., Asta M.	5					
	Field and laboratory methods (I) : The UNIL campus as a microcosm (GSE) <i>Méthodes de terrain et de laboratoire : le campus UNIL comme microcosme</i>	56 PW			Peña J., Chèvre N., Vennemann T.	5					
	Field and laboratory methods (II) : Alpine catchments (GSE) <i>Méthodes de terrain et de laboratoire (II) : bassin versant alpin</i>	40 PW			Perga M.-E.	5					
	Applied Ecology <i>Ecologie appliquée</i>	14	-	28	Pellet J.	3					
	Biological Invasions <i>Invasions biologiques</i>	14	-	-	Bertelsmeier C.	1,5					
	Co-evolution, Mutualism, Parasitism <i>Co-évolution, mutualisme, parasitisme</i>	14	-	-	Sanders I.	1,5					
	Current Problems in Conservation Biology <i>Problèmes actuels en biologie de la conservation</i>	14	14	-	Wedekind C.	3	10				
	Ecology of the Fishes of Switzerland <i>Ecologie des poissons de Suisse</i>	7	-	10	Rubin J.-F.	1,5					
	Honeybee Ecology, Evolution and Conservation <i>Ecologie des abeilles, évolution et conservation</i>	14	-	-	Dietemann V.	1,5					
	Phylogeny and Comparative Methods <i>Phylogénie et méthodes comparatives</i>	7	14	-	Salamin N.	1,5					
	Plant Population Genetics and Conservation <i>Génétique des populations végétales et biologie de la conservation</i>	7	-	10	Felber F.	1,5					
	Spatial Modelling of Species and Biodiversity <i>Modélisation spatiale des espèces et de la biodiversité</i>	14	14	-	Guisan A.	3					
	Comparative Genomics : from Thousands of Genomes to Single Cells <i>Génomique comparative : des milliers de génomes aux cellules individuelles</i>	7	7	-	Arguello R.	1,5					
	Evolutionary Consequences of Hybridization and whole Genome Duplication <i>Conséquences évolutives de l'hybridation et de la duplication de génome</i>	14	-	-	Arrigo N.	1,5					
	Introduction to Primate Behaviour, Cognition and Culture <i>Introduction au comportement, à la cognition et à la culture des primates</i>	10	8	-	Van de Waal E.	1,5					
	Scientific Communication - Scientific Hands-on Workshop Module (in French only) <i>Médiation scientifique - module atelier scientifique</i>	14	14	-	Kaufmann A., Reymond P., Ducoulombier D., Trouilloud S.	3	8				
	Scientific Mediation and Communication - Museum Module <i>Communication et médiation scientifique - module musée</i>	6	-	22	Sartori M., Glaizot O.	3	6				
	The Environment, addressed in an interdisciplinary way (most in French) (GSE) <i>Séminaire interfacultaire en environnement</i>	-	10	-	Guisan A.	2					
	The Evolution of Cooperation : from Genes to Learning and Culture <i>L'évolution de la coopération : des gènes à l'apprentissage et la culture</i>	28	-	-	Lehmann L.	3					
	Social Genetics <i>Génétique sociale</i>	2	12	-	Keller L., Kay T.	1,5					
Optional Field Courses (Financial participation required by the student)											
Etudes de terrain optionnelles											
	Ecology and Faunistics of the Sea Shore, Roscoff <i>Ecologie et faunistique du bord de mer, Roscoff</i>	7	-	49	Schwander T.	3	20				
	Evolution and Biogeography of Semi-arid and Island Floras <i>Évolution et biogéographie des flores insulaires en zone semi-aride</i>	-	-	40	Pannell J.	2	14				
	Total					30					

- * Possibility of taking Cross-disciplinary optional courses from the module 1 during semester 3 according to their availability

Disciplinary courses marked in green

Cross-disciplinary optional courses marked in blue

Spring semester (semester 2) and Autumn Semester (semester 3)

MODULE 4	Course / Enseignement	ECTS Credits	
		Master Thesis GEE <i>Travail de Master GEE</i>	Thesis Director <i>Directeur du travail de Master</i>
			30

Due to the sanitary evolution related to COVID-19, the study plans may be adapted during the semester as follows:

- possibility to switch from one mode of teaching to another (face-to-face <-> distance, synchronous <-> asynchronous, switch to co-modal teaching where it was not initially planned).
- adaptation of evaluation modalities, without inducing derogations from the Study Regulations (oral <-> written, exam <-> validation, individual work <-> group work, practical work <-> theoretical work, face-to-face evaluation <-> online evaluation, etc.).
- alternative or time-shifted modalities for teachings, internships, practical work, fieldworks and camps that could not take place or teachings that could no longer take place in the form initially planned.

Students are invited to consult this document regularly (Study Plan & Evaluation Procedure)