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Information Master curriculum

[Bern-Fribourg Master's in Earth Sciences](#)

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Deadlines

Fall: 30 April Spring: 15 December (BE) / 30 November (FR)	Final date for regular enrolment at the University of Bern and Fribourg (external students)
April – September	Meeting with advisors for selection master thesis
31 August (fall) / 31 January (spring)	Late enrolment with additional fee of CHF 100.- (BE) / 50.- (FR) (external students) Renewal of enrolment (for Bernese students) www.selfservice.studis.unibe.ch
	Activation campus account: www.campusaccount.unibe.ch
19 September	Start fall semester
19-23 September	Dynamic alps excursion
Fall: 8 October Spring: 3 days after start lectures	Course registration KSL: www.ksl.unibe.ch Registration deadlines: check “registration periods” in KSL
30 September and 28 February	Registration BeNeFri convention (every semester) Bern: www.selfservice.studis.unibe.ch (checkbox) Fribourg: my.unifr.ch (GeFri) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st semester: Secretary’s Office sends a list with all Bernese master students to the University Fribourg. Wait for login information for GeFri. • Every semester: sign the “declaration sur l'honneur”.
in October	Information login for course registration Fribourg in GeFri
End of each semester	Travel expenses
31 January and 31 August	Renewal of enrolment (for Bernese students) www.selfservice.studis.unibe.ch

Websites

You find all information about [courses](#), [thesis](#), [travel expenses](#) and [field expenses](#) on the Website of the Bern-Fribourg Master in Earth Sciences: earth-science-master.unibe.ch

The regulations are on the factsheet, incl. BEFRI reglement:

www.geo.unibe.ch/factsheetmsc

Enrolment

1. Enrolment University
2. Registration BeNeFri convention (Bern: checkbox in semester data sheet)
3. Registration for courses and examinations in
 - a. Bern: in KSL www.ksl.unibe.ch
 - b. Fribourg: in GeFri my.unifr.ch

Please Register at the **home university of your MSc supervisor!**

All information about registration in Fribourg: <https://www.unifr.ch/scimed/en/studies/register>

Advisors

Once a potential thesis supervisor has been found, you should arrange a personal interview with the supervisor. The aim of this meeting is to create an individual study plan that satisfies your interests and aims, but also makes sense from practical, academic and professional points of view.

Coordinators of the specialties

ELE: Earth and Life Evolution	Prof. Klaus Mezger (BE), Prof. Walter Joyce (FR)
EM: Earth Materials	Prof. Sergey Churakov (BE), Prof. Jörg Hermann (BE) or Prof. Bernard Grobéty (FR)
ERG: Environmental & Resource Geochemistry	Dr. Peter Alt-Epping (BE), Prof. Laryyn Diamond (BE) or Prof. Bernard Grobéty (FR)
GEOL: Geology	Prof. Marco Herwegh (BE), Prof. Fritz Schlunegger (BE) or Prof. tit. J. Mosar (FR)
PAQS: Pure & Applied Quaternary Sciences	Prof. Flavio Anselmetti (BE), Prof. Fritz Schlunegger (BE) or Prof. tit. J. Mosar (FR)

Degree structure

Modul A	Modul B	Modul C	Modul D
Mandatory Courses	Specialty Courses	Elective Courses	Research Thesis
6 EC	30 EC	24 EC	60 EC

Modul A: Soft Skills (mandatory)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Dynamic Alps</u> (3 EC), Excursion: first week of autumn semester • <u>Soft Skills I</u> Communication in Earth Sciences (1.5 EC), Paper and Poster • <u>Soft Skills II</u> Research Seminar (1.5 EC) 2 oral presentations attendance at 30 seminar talks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Dynamic Alps</u> (3 EC) Excursion: first week of autumn semester • <u>Further Soft Skills</u> Academic English for science I, B2 (3 EC) Academic English I, C2 Academic English II, C2 Philosophie et éthique des Sciences Sciences et société

Registration for Courses and Examinations

Courses held entirely in Bern	Courses held entirely in Fribourg	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.ksl.unibe.ch • Login with campus account • Registration for excursions in KSL (further information by email) • Registration deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fall: October, 8th ○ Spring: 3 days after start of lectures ○ Check “registration periods” in KSL 	1 st semester:	a) Email to lecturer for course registration b) Secretary’s Office sends list to University for BEFRI Convention c) Wait for Login information for GeFri my.unifr.ch
	Further semesters:	a) Checkbox BeNeFri Convention in www.selfservice.studis.unibe.ch (every semester) b) Then registration of courses in GeFri online Database my.unifr.ch

Examinations

- Registration **at the latest 14 days** before the examination date (same for withdrawal!)
 - If registered, but failure to attend = lowest possible grade (1)
- If you fail an examination you may sit it only once more (second mark is valid)

Course Teaching System KSL (Bern)

KSL, Bern	GeFri, Fribourg
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.ksl.unibe.ch • Login with campus account <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Choose the courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ transfer to “planning“ ○ “place requested“ (= Platzantrag) 2) Planning view: Control of registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ no more dark grey courses “Open to course registration“ ○ Yellow “LV” means “registered for course” 3) Registration for examinations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purple courses are “Open to registration to exam” ○ Yellow “LK” means “registered for examination” • Have a look at the manual and legend • Search with coursenumber or coursename you find on internal course calendar on the website • Consider deadlines! • Courses held in Fribourg are visible, but can only be registered for in GeFri. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Courseware

Ilias, Bern	Moodle, Fribourg
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.ilias.unibe.ch • Login with campus account or direct links in KSL • Magazin / Phil. Nat. Fakultät / Erdwissenschaften 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.moodle.unifr.ch • Login with your unifr email address and password

Information channels

Bern	Fribourg
Information coming from the University of Bern (Earth Sciences, Dean’s office etc.) are sent to the students unibe email address (not to the unifr address).	Information coming from the University of Fribourg (Earth Sciences, Dean’s office etc.) are sent to the students unifr email address (not to the unibe address).

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Student data sheet

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Login with campus account for re-registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Activation: www.campusaccount.unibe.ch ● Invitation on student email account to register for the next semester (@student.unibe.ch) ● Checkbox for BeNeFri-Convention! (every semester) ● Deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January, 31st for spring semester (email in mid December) ○ August, 31st for fall semester (email end of May) ● Control of personal data ● Payment of semester fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The students have to renew the registration for the BeFri-program each semester in order to attend the courses in Fribourg. ● Registration is done through the Bernese administration (KSL). ● The registrations will be sent beginning of October to the admission service of the University of Fribourg. ● No action other than the renewal is necessary.

SEMP (Erasmus)

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