SUPSI
Master of Arts in Conservation-Restoration

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Overview
In Switzerland, university studies in conservation-restoration are structured with a three-year degree (Bachelor’s degree in Conservation) followed by a two-year specialization (Master’s degree in Conservation-Restoration).
The curricula are defined at the federal level within the Swiss Conservation-Restoration Campus (www.swiss-crc.ch), a network of schools offering research and education on different types of materials. SUPSI is responsible for the specialization in wall paintings, stucco, stone and architectural surfaces. Courses are in English.

Aims
The Master of Arts in Conservation-Restoration trains students to become professionals able to plan, implement and manage conservation interventions and long-term monitoring and maintenance programs. Combining lectures and field work, students develop the knowledge acquired during the Bachelor, considering in detail the methods, materials and techniques of conservation-restoration.

Structure
The training course is two years full-time or four years part-time. The modules are divided into three integrated and complementary areas: theoretical courses, practical work and research leading to the Master thesis.

Career prospects
At the end of the program, the students obtain a Master of Arts degree in Conservation-Restoration. As required by European professional associations (www.ecco.org), this degree enables the graduate to:
- work as a professional conservator-restorer of cultural heritage both in public and private sectors and to be able to manage projects and execute the work independently;
- register for PhD studies.

Admission requirement
To be accepted to the Master program of studies, it is necessary to pass an entrance examination. Applicants need to have a Bachelor’s degree in Conservation or an equivalent title and must demonstrate that they have developed, parallel to their theoretical studies, good practical and manual skills.

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