Bachelor

Sustainability and Systemic Transition

New Bachelor's degree unique in Switzerland



SUPSI

Title issued	Bachelor of Science SUPSI in Sustainability and Systemic Transition
Scope	Interdisciplinary (environmental, social and economic)
Language	Italian, with some courses in English
Location	SUPSI Campus Mendrisio and SUPSI Campus Manno
Modality of study	Full-Time FT 180 ECTS over 3 years
Programme start	September 2027 Applications open from 16.11.2026
Professional practice year 2027-2028 start	From October 2027 Only for those who do not meet the direct admission requirements for the Bachelor's degree

For further information

What it is about

A new interdisciplinary, practice-oriented and strategic programme, unique in Switzerland, designed to address the challenges of the transition towards a more equitable and inclusive, innovative and regenerative society. The Bachelor's degree trains professionals capable of understanding the complexity of environmental, social and economic systems and of designing operational solutions aimed at improving people's well-being, fostering social inclusion, and preserving natural and energy resources.

Why choose this Bachelor's degree

- The programme adresses a real, growing demand in the job market
- It trains professionals to coordinate complex processes
- It prepares students to work with local stakeholders and sustainability professionals
- It combines systems thinking with technical, relational and design skills, offering a unique profile in Switzerland

Professional perspectives

Sustainability and Systemic Transition Coordinators will be able to operate across sectors with a systemic approach and contributing to the concrete implementation of sustainability strategies and measures in the public, private and third sectors. Examples of possible roles include: Coordinator of territorial development plans and strategies; Sustainability Officer / CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) Assistant; Facilitator of integrated territorial projects; ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) Officer; ESG Data Analyst; Project Officer in public institutions, companies, NGOs and startups; Consultant for sustainable transition; Diversity and Inclusion Officer.

Educational perspectives

The degree, recognised in Switzerland and abroad, provides access to Master's programmes, either general or specialised (for example in building management, smart cities, development cooperation, circular economy), as well as continuing education programmes.

Admission requirements

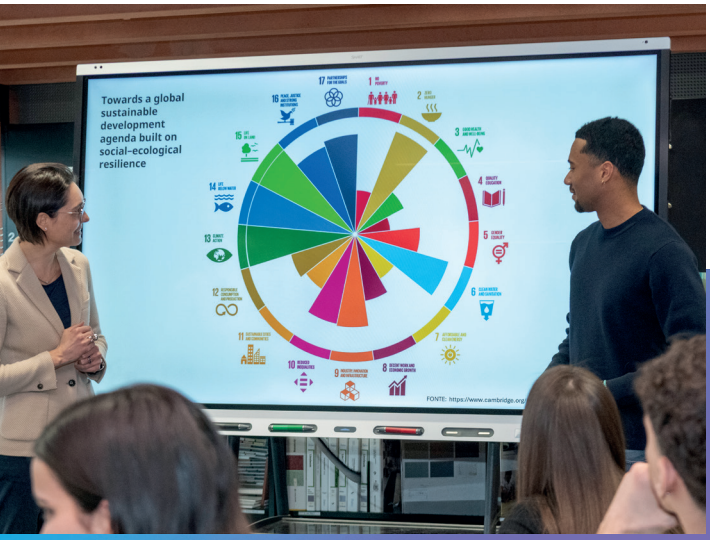
Applicants are admitted directly if they hold a baccalaureate from the Bellinzona Cantonal School of Commerce, a Swiss Federal Vocational baccalaureate or equivalent qualification, a specialised baccalaureate or a diploma from a Tertiary-level Specialized Vocational School.

Professional practice year

Those holding a baccalaureate or coming from unrelated educational backgrounds are required to complete one year of professional work experience before commencing the Bachelor's degree. This requirement can be met through the professional practice year offered by SUPSI, combined with a nine-month work placement or voluntary work in Switzerland or abroad. Alternatively, previous professional experience may be recognised by submitting a dossier during the aptitude interview.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted exclusively online via the SUPSI Student Portal.



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