

Bachelor of Arts HES-SO in Conservation, 180 ECTS, 2022-2025

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							180					
							24	36	24	36	30	30
							S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6
Module	Coef unit	Module / Unit titel	Courses description	Teacher	Course hours BA ²							
AC1	180	Conservation 1			88	6						
AC1.1	0.4	Managing collections and their environment 1	Physics of buildings Environmental basics: Relative Humidity, Temperature. Measurements and tools	TJA	12							
			Principles of preventive conservation. Interaction of objects with their environment.	NDU	16							
			Processus, documentation and terminology in CR	RBE	4							
AC1.2	0.4	Visual documentation 1	Computer tools	TJA	8							
			Photography - studio and on site, and computer graphics 1	Brodard	20							
			Introduction to microscopy for conservators	AME	12							
AC1.3	0.2	Introduction to materials used for artifacts 1	Ceramic, glass 1 - material, technology and degradation processes	CMA	16							
AH1	180	Humanities 1			81	6						
AH1.1	0.4	History of art and culture 1	Antiquity	Freymond (HDE)	10							
			From the "big bang" to our days, geographical survey, Paleolithic, neolithic, protohistory	AGM	19							
AH1.2	0.3	Written documentation and methodology 1	Method of documentation, assessment of the conditions of conservation, establishment of a repository and choice of indicator	NDU	28							
AH1.3	0.3	Interdisciplinary studies 1	Ethnographic object and Society	AGM	12							
			Technological objects and history 1	JBO	12							
AN1	180	Natural sciences 1			92	6						
AN1.1	0.4	Basics in Chemistry 1	Composition and binding in materials ; Stoichiometry Thermodynamic and kinetic of chemical reactions ; Chemical equilibrium	ADO	36							
AN1.2	0.3	Basics in Physics 1	Applied physics to conservation 1	LBR	24							
AN1.3	0.1	Introduction to properties of materials 1	Inorganic material	ADO	12							
AN1.4	0.2	Health and safety 1	Occupational health and safety prevention: legal bases and statistics, chemical, physical, biological, mechanical and fall hazards, ergonomics, personal protective equipment, prevention methods.	Gerber	8							
			Introduction to Basic Life Support and First aid	Seghairia / Mayeur	12							
AN1.5	sans éval.		Basics in Maths : support course open to every CR students	LBR	4							
AW1	180	Conservation workshop 1			166	6						
AW1.1	0.3	Collections conservation survey and monitoring 1	Monitoring and monitoring tools, data capture with Excel.	TJA	44							
AW1.2	0.4	Ceramic	Project management : examination, diagnostic, propositions, documentation Cleaning Adhesives and coating Labelling Visits : handworkers, workshops, museum collections, laboratories	CMA	64							
AW1.3	0.2	Moulds and copies		Hug	36							
AW1.4	0.1	Basic tools and documentation in CR	Basic tools in CR	ARC	8							
			Computer tools for collections management system and CR-documentation 1	Brodard	14							

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AC2	180	Conservation 2				71		6			
AC2.1	0.1	Managing collections and their environment 2	Processus, documentation and terminology in CR	ACU	4						
			Environmentatl basics: light and pollutants. Measurements and tools	TJA	3						
AC2.2	0.3	Visual documentation 2	Drawing : vector drawing and image processing 1	RJE	20						
AC2.3	0.6	Introduction to materials used for artifacts 2	Vegetal, animal and composite materials - materials, technology and degradation processes	Goron	20						
			Paleoecology. Introduction to geology.	AME	12						
			Polymers and resines 1 - material and degradation processes	ADO	8						
			Mosaics 1 - material and degradation processes	Chantriaux	4						
AH2	180	Humanities 2				71		6			
AH2.1	0.3	History of art and culture 2	Early Middle Ages, Late Middle Ages	Freymond (HDE)	19						
AH2.2	0.4	History, ethics and theory of conservation	Method of documentation, assessment of the conditions of conservation, establishment of a repository and choice of indicator	NDU	28						
AH2.3	0.3	Interdisciplinary studies 2	Ethnographic object and Society	AGM	12						
			Technological objects and history 2	JBO	12						
AN2	180	Natural sciences 2				72		6			
AN2.1	0.5	Basics in Chemistry 2	Acids and bases; redox reactions, oxydation and reduction, electrochemistry.	ADO	36						
AN2.2	0.3	Basics in Physics 2	Applied physics to conservation 2	LBR	24						
AN2.3	0.2	Introduction to properties of materials 2	Organic materials	ADO	12						
AW3	180	Conservation workshop 3				164		6			
AW3.1	0.6	Collections conservation survey and monitoring 2	Climate studies. Collections conservation assessment. Long term storage materials. Handling and transportation.	TJA	96						
			Object labelling or marking. Inventory number	Kissel	4						
AW3.2	0.3	Packing 1 : Conservation storage materials and systems	Packing system, material working (synthetic	Boulangé	48						
AW3.3	0.1	Materials identification tests	Oddy test and material identification tests.	ADO	16						
AW2	180	Conservation workshop 2 - external						6			
AW2		Preventive conservation for heritage collections 1. Traineeship.	Collections conservation assessment. Handling, transportation, storage, packing	TJA	4.5 weeks						
AW4	180	Conservation workshop 4 - external						6			
AW4		Preventive conservation for heritage collections 2. Traineeship.	Collections conservation assessment. Handling, transportation, storage, packing	TJA	4.5 weeks						

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BC1	180	Conservation 3		86			6			
BC1.1	0.6	Managing the collection and its environment 1	Compatibility of storage and exhibition materials	ADO	12					
			Origin and sensitiveness (interactions)	NDU	8					
			Photography - studio and on site, and computer graphics 2	Brodard	16					
			Cultural values, authenticity and conservation principles	RBE	12					
BC1.2	0.2	Technology of artifacts 1	Identification of traces of manufacturing and use	TSC	4					
			Metal and alloys 1 - materials and technology	VBO	8					
			Metal and alloys 2 - structure and degradation processes	VBO	8					
BC1.3	0.2	Introduction to degradation processes 1	Architecture, stone, mortar, wall paintings 2 - Materials, technology and degradation processes	Guyot	12					
			Polymers (artificial and synthetic materials) - Materials and degradation processes	Rouzet	6					
BH1	180	Humanities 3		62			6			
BH1.1	0.4	History of art and culture 3	Renaissance, 17th to 18th Century	HDE	24					
BH1.2	0.2	Written documentation and methodology 2	Terms and language of conservation (8h). Aims, documentation forms, permanence of information (6h).	GRA	14					
BH1.3	0.4	Interdisciplinary studies 3	Heritage objects : the Ethnologist point of view	AGM	12					
			Scientific and technological heritage in History	JBO	12					
BN1	180	Natural sciences 3		67			6			
BN1.1	0.4	Chemistry for conservation 1	Organic chemistry: Organic Nomenclature	ADO	24					
			Laboratory techniques: weighting and	ADO	4					
BN1.2	0.3	Basics in Biology 1	The living : plant and animal cells, protozootes,	AME	24					
BN1.3	0.2	Introduction to instrumental analysis	Photo, UV, NIR, X-Ray, Radiography, IR-	Degrigny	12					
BN1.4	0.1	Health and safety 2	Introduction to Basic Life Support and First aid (Reminder)	Seghairia / Mayeur	3					
BW1	180	Conservation workshop 5		190			6			
BW1.1	0.3	Composites : dismantling 1	Dismantling and reassembling methods	TSC	64					
BW1.2	0.5	Basics in wood and metal working	Basics in woodworking	Grall Burst	40					
			Material working, wood working, metal working, mounting, boxes, packing, working with synthetic polymers	GRA	56					
BW1.3	0.1	Documentation	Collections management systems and documentation in CR (advanced)	Brodard	14					
BW1.4	0.1	Polymers: artificial and synthetic materials - identification and condition assessment		Rouzet	16					

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BC2	180	Conservation 4					67					
BC2.1	0.2	Visual documentation 3	Photography - studio and on site, and computer graphics 3	Brodard		12						
BC2.2	0.6	Technology of artifacts 2	Sculpture and painting - Materials, technology and degradation processes	ANG		20						
			Paper, Photography - materials, technology and degradation processes	Dobruskin		8						
			Textiles 1 - materials and degradation processes	Vogt		8						
			Textiles 2 - technology	Schorta		4						
			Pigments and dyes	CDE		3						
BC2.3	0.2	Introduction to degradation processes 2	Collection assesment : Storage plans and management, calcul of space and volume	TJA		12						
BH2	180	Humanities 4					72			6		
BH2.1	0.4	History of art and culture 4	17th to 18th Century, 19th Century	HDE		14						
			20th and 21st Centuries	Bodenmann		10						
BH2.2	0.3	Legal aspects, business and work management in conservation	Business and work management in conservation ; Organisation and legal forms of a company; Taxes, financing, administration, contracts, accounting	Ludwig		16						
			Legal aspects	Fischer		8						
BH2.3	0.3	Interdisciplinary studies 4	Ethnographic objects in museums	AGM		12						
			Scientific and technological Heritage in Museography	JBO		12						
BN2	180	Natural sciences 4					80			6		
BN2.1	0.6	Chemistry for conservation 2	Atomic and molecular orbitals; Hybridization;	ADO		36						
			Linseed oil polymerisation workshop & FTIR analysis	LBR		8						
BN2.2	0.3	Basics in Biology 2	Interpretation of cultures, preparation and	AME		12						
			Identification of micro-organisms	EJO		12						
BN2.3	0.1	Basic concepts of scientific analysis	An elementary approach to analytical	CDE		12						
BW3	180	Conservation workshop 7					210			6		
BW3.1	0.4	Metal and wood working applied to objects mounting.	Introduction to wood-turning. Coloring and painting. Conception of objects mounting and application.	TSC		82						
BW3.2	0.3	Packing 2 : Conservation systems for transport	Packing for storage and transport. Introduction to shock tests.	Boulangé		60						
BW3.3	0.2	Collections conservation survey and monitoring 3	Collection assesment. Storage plans and management. Showcases conception project	TJA		36						
BW3.4	0.1	Colour and retouching	Colour and retouching	ANG		32						
BW2	180	Conservation workshop 6 - external								6		
BW2		Preventive conservation for heritage collections 3. Traineeship.	Climate control, storage and display conditions, packing and transportation. Survey, assessment and management. Evaluation of storage and display conditions.	VBO		4.5 weeks						
BW4	180	Conservation workshop 8 - external								6		
BW4		Preventive conservation for heritage collections 4. Traineeship.	Climate control, storage and display conditions, packing and transportation. Survey, assessment and management. Evaluation of storage and display conditions.	VBO/TJA		4.5 weeks						

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CC1	180	Conservation 5				104					6	
CC1.1	0.2	Advanced studies in technology, degradation and conservation of cultural heritage objects - metal and alloys	Archaeological and historic metals	VBO	14							
			Modern metal alloys	TSC	8							
CC1.2	0.2	Advanced studies in technology, degradation and conservation of cultural heritage objects - ceramic and glass	Ceramic, glass	CMA	16							
CC1.3	0.1	Advanced studies in technology, degradation and conservation of cultural heritage objects - organic materials	Organic materials	Goron	14							
CC1.4	0.1	Advanced course in physics	Applied physics to conservation 3	LBR	12							
CC1.5	0.4	Managing collections and their environment 4	Risk analysis	TJA	8							
				von Lerber	16							
				Sauvagnargues	16							
CH1	180	Humanities 5				72					6	
CH1.1	0.3	Interdisciplinary studies 5	Archaeological artefacts	AGM	12							
			Scientific and technological objects in museums 2	JBO	12							
CH1.2-AE	0.3	Archaeology	Archaeological artefacts	AGM	16							
CH1.3-STH	0.4	Scientific revolution and experimental science	History of sciences and techniques	JBO	32							
CW1	180	Conservation workshop 9				78					6	
CW1.1	0.8	Glasses	Glasses	CMA	64							
CW1.2	0.2	Security and safety, risk assessment	Security and safety : management, control, equipment	TJA	14							
CW2	180	Conservation workshop 10				128					6	
CW2		Metal and alloys	Metal and alloys	VBO	92							
			Heat treatments of steel. Introduction to mechanical cleaning.	TSC	36							
CW4	180	Conservation workshop 12				120					6	
CW4		Approach of technical objects	Project management on technical objects conservation. Team working. Dismantling and cleaning treatments.	TSC/CBT	120							
CW3	180	Conservation workshop 11									6	
CW3		Basics in cleaning of organic materials	Basics in cleaning of organic materials	CAL	112							
CW5	180	Conservation workshop 13									6	
CW5		Disaster response		NDU, Kissel, von Lerber, Desplanches, etc.	128							
CW6	180	Bachelor thesis preparation									6	
CW6		Bachelor thesis preparation		RBE, TJA, TSC, VBO	128							
CC2	360	Bachelor thesis										12
CC2		Bachelor thesis		RBE, TJA, TSC, VBO	9 weeks							

¹SWH = Student Workin Hours, coef. = ponderation of the unit

²1 course hour = 60 minutes