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Online International Winter School on Sustainable Development for Bachelor's and Master's Students
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Achieving human well-being and eradicating poverty for all people on earth – while protecting our planet's climate and biodiversity – will require transformative change.

You can be a part of this change. But to help transform the world, we need to understand the challenges we face and our role in these.

Join us at the 2027 International Winter School on Sustainable Development to deepen your understanding of these issues – through creative, interactive, and participatory learning.

Current global sustainability challenges are increasingly complex. Really understanding what's at stake requires knowledge on systemic interactions and on competing claims by different actors. Science, has a major role to play in informing negotiations and solutions to guide the societal transformations needed to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The purpose of this online Winter School is to empower you to act in the face of these challenges. In a kick-off event you will meet your peers and get an introduction to the topic and the preparatory tasks. In the five-day online course, experienced sustainability researchers will highlight the most important development issues in their respective fields. These presentations will alternate with study time where you can deepen your knowledge individually or in groups. Moreover, you will form interdisciplinary teams in which they will co-design solutions to concrete sustainability challenges.

Kick-off event: 20 November 2026,
9–12am CET

When: 1 to 5 February 2027,
8:45am–5pm CET

Where: Online

Who can participate: Bachelor's and Master's students of all disciplines.
Participation is limited to 20 students.

Registration fee: CHF 225
Reduced fees on request.

Registration deadline: 15 October 2026

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Further information:
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