



The Swiss Conservation-Restoration Campus

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Overview & Resources

The study programme in **Conservation-Restoration** is coordinated by the partner institutions of the Swiss Conservation-Restoration Campus (Swiss CRC):

- BFH Berner Fachhochschule
Abegg-Stiftung, Riggisberg
- BFH Berner Fachhochschule
Hochschule der Künste Bern (HKB), Bern
- HES-SO Haute école spécialisée de Suisse occidentale
Haute Ecole Arc Conservation-restauration (HE-Arc CR), Neuchâtel
- SUPSI Scuola universitaria professionale della Svizzera italiana
Dipartimento ambiente costruzioni e design (DACD), Mendrisio

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1. The Swiss Conservation-Restoration Campus



1.1. Introduction

The Swiss Conservation-Restoration Campus (Swiss CRC) comprises the four institutions offering conservation-restoration education at university level in Switzerland. It offers a three year Bachelor's and a two year Master's programme. The titles are recognised by the Swiss Confederation and they are valid internationally. Each institution is a centre of learning and research with an interdisciplinary team of lecturers and professionals specialised in different fields of conservation-restoration. Each institution is responsible for one or more specialisations (see table under point 1.3). The teaching languages are German, French or Italian according to the site, as well as English. Students are expected to have a good understanding of the teaching language of their own institution and are encouraged to profit from the different languages used in the various programmes.

The aims of the Swiss Conservation-Restoration Campus are:

- to coordinate the study programmes in conservation and restoration
- to collaborate in teaching and applied research
- to build a powerful competences network at federal level

1.2. Swiss CRC Central office

The coordination of the Swiss CRC's common activities and projects is done by the Central office.

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| Specialisations | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Textiles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture and furnishings • Paintings and sculptures • Books, graphic and photographic objects • Modern materials and media | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeological and ethnological objects • Scientific, technical and horological objects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall paintings, stone, stucco and architectural surfaces |
| Main teaching language | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Italian • English |

1.3.1 Abegg-Stiftung, BFH Berner Fachhochschule

The Abegg-Stiftung in Riggisberg was founded in 1961 and established regular vocational training in textile conservation-restoration in 1962. The Abegg-Stiftung is a research institute and museum with a large textile collection. It is an international centre of excellence specialising in the research of historic textiles and in textile conservation and restoration. The degree-course in Textile Conservation-Restoration at the Abegg-Stiftung has continuously developed, in line with both, general developments in the field of conservation-restoration and changes in the Swiss higher education system. When the Berner Fachhochschule (BFH) was established in 1997, the degree-course of the Abegg-Stiftung was attached to it by contract. After implementing the declaration of Bologna in 2005, the Abegg-Stiftung offers a three-year Bachelor's programme in conservation followed by a two-year Master's programme in Conservation-Restoration, in collaboration with the partner institutions of the Swiss Conservation-Restoration Campus (Swiss CRC). The Abegg-Stiftung collaborates with universities and cultural institutions nationally and internationally

and is represented in national and international organisations and associations.

1.3.2 Hochschule der Künste Bern (HKB), BFH Berner Fachhochschule

The Berne Academy of the Arts (HKB) was founded in 2003 as the first all-encompassing university of the arts in Switzerland. It delivers teaching, research, further education and services in Music, Opera, Theatre, Literary Writing, Art, Design and Conservation-Restoration. The Y Institute (Institute for Transdisciplinarity) organises and moderates exchange between the disciplines. About 1000 students enrolled on Bachelor or Master programmes, 170 in further education programmes and 500 teaching and research staff study and work at the academy. The HKB cooperates with numerous universities within Switzerland and abroad, and is represented in national and international organisations and associations. The courses of study on offer comprise eight Bachelor's and nine Master's Degrees and additional postgraduate programmes (Certificate, Diploma and Master's of Advanced Studies). Research at the HKB is characterised by the link between academic and artistic approaches. The HKB carries out research within four transdisciplinary areas of Communication Design, Interpretation Research, Intermediality, and Materiality in Art and Culture. The HKB is one of six departments of the Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH). It has an interdisciplinary PhD programme (Doctoral Programme Studies in the Arts SINTA, part of the graduate schools of the Arts and Humanities GSAH), which is conducted in cooperation with the University of Berne.

1.3.3 Haute Ecole Arc Conservation-restauration (HE-Arc CR), HES-SO Haute école spécialisée de Suisse occidentale

Established in 1997, the HES-SO is a public-law institution under the jurisdiction of the cantons of western Switzerland (Fribourg, Geneva, Jura, Neuchâtel, Valais, Vaud and the French-speaking part of the canton of Berne).

The conservation-restoration programme, created in 1997, was originally located in La Chaux-de-Fonds (Canton of Neuchâtel) before moving to Neuchâtel in 2011.

Since 2003, the Haute Ecole Arc Conservation-restauration (HE-Arc CR) is one of the four departments of the Haute Ecole Arc (HE-Arc) along with the Engineering, Management and Health departments. The Haute Ecole Arc regroups the UAS (Universities of Applied Sciences) level training programmes of the cantons of Neuchâtel, Jura and the French speaking part of the canton of Berne. The Jura region is well known for both its watchmakers and microtechniques industries, as well as its archaeological heritage and ethnographic museums offering opportunities to develop knowledge and know-how in these fields of conservation.

The research team of the HE-Arc CR collaborates with the other departments and research institutes of the HE-Arc and other universities and heritage institutions in Switzerland and Europe.

1.3.4 Dipartimento ambiente costruzioni e design (DACD), SUPSI Scuola universitaria professionale della Svizzera italiana

The Department for Environment Construction and Design (DACD) is part of the University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI), together with the Department of Education and Learning, the Department of Business Economics, Health and Social Care, and the Department of Innovative Technologies. Three schools are associated: the Fernfachhochschule Schweiz in Brig, the Conservatorio della Svizzera italiana in Lugano and the Accademia Teatro Dimitri in Verscio.

SUPSI operates in the fields of first and second level university education, continuing education and applied research as well as providing consulting services to private partners and public institutions. DACD offers Bachelor degree courses in Architecture, Interior Design, Civil Engineering, Conservation and Visual Communication and Master degree courses in Conservation Restoration and in Interaction Design. The continuing education programme consists of more than sixty courses in the fields of design, construction, energy and the environment. The applied research projects enhance the transversal nature of the different areas of expertise, providing stakeholders with support and innovation services. An active presence in a large number of national and international research cooperation networks, and constantly developing synergies with Swiss and foreign universities, allows the Department to act as a reference scientific pole in its areas of competence. Collaboration between degree courses and research institutes is fostered by the development of joint projects. Collaboration with other SUPSI Departments is also encouraged, improving both the students' and lecturers' ability to work in an interdisciplinary environment.

2. Competences and professional profiles



2.1 Bachelor of Arts in Conservation

2.1.1 Competences

Graduates have the following competences, in particular in the specialisation stated on the diploma:

- Document museums' collections, identify and monitor potential threats to cultural heritage and plan preventive conservation measures and actions to avoid or minimize future damage, deterioration and loss, and consequently any invasive intervention to a cultural object.
- Describe and document in a written, graphical and photographic form a cultural object, presenting its cultural, historical and artistic context, its changes over time (conservation history), its materials and techniques, its alteration and degradation phenomena, and the current risks for its conservation.
- Critically assess a conservation-restoration intervention in relation to the culture and the time in which it was done.
- Collaborate in the scientific investigations that are necessary to the understanding of a cultural object and of its condition.
- Carry out, under the supervision of a conservator-restorer, remedial and conservation-restoration interventions with regard to their respective specialisation.
- Use a technical vocabulary in a national language and/or in English for writing preliminary studies, intervention reports and for oral communication and presentations.
- Quote the legal framework on cultural heritage and apply the ethical codes in the field of conservation-restoration.

2.1.2 Professional profile

The Bachelor's degree in Conservation allows graduates to:

- continue the studies with a Master of Arts in Conservation-restoration;
- work in private or public institutions in the field of conservation and to collaborate in remedial conservation-restoration projects;
- continue the studies in a related field of activity (e.g. museology and managing of cultural heritage).

2.2 Master of Arts in Conservation-Restoration

2.2.1 Competences

Graduates have the following competences, in particular in the specialisation stated on the diploma:

- Define the concept for the long-term preservation of a cultural object with an interdisciplinary approach, considering its cultural significance, its condition, environmental factors, the requirements of stakeholders and the theoretical and ethical principles of conservation.
- Plan indirect and direct actions, defining the criteria for choosing materials and methods of intervention and for the assessment of their performances.
- Carry out the planned treatments with a critical and systematic approach.
- Identify future actions for post-treatment, monitoring and maintenance.
- Improve and develop processes of conservation-restoration treatments and research in this field, including preventive measures and conservation-restoration actions.
- Document, communicate and archive the technical and scientific results obtained during preliminary studies, preventive and direct interventions, monitoring and maintenance, and research in conservation-restoration.
- Organise the work considering health and safety, legislation, insurance, project planning, finance and equipment facilities.
- Work with different professionals involved in the management, research and conservation of cultural heritage.

2.2.2 Professional profile

The Master`s degree in Conservation-Restoration allows graduates to:

- work in public or private institutions as a fully qualified professional in the field of conservation-restoration;
- work as an independent professional and to manage projects in the field of conservation-restoration according to international standards;
- continue studies on a doctoral level.

2.3 Positioning on national and international level

The programmes in conservation-restoration are designed according to Swiss and European guidelines. The title is recognized at international level, it complies with the European standards for education in conservation and conservation-restoration which agree that only a Master's degree in conservation-restoration, achieved by a period of full-time study of no less than 5 years at a university or at a recognised equivalent level, qualifies an individual for the independent practice of the profession. The universities of applied sciences partner of the Swiss CRC are all members of ENCoRE.

The professional competence profiles developed at both Bachelor and Master levels respect the following guidelines:

- **European Network for Conservation-Restoration Education (ENCoRE):** Clarification of Conservation/Restoration Education at University Level or Recognised Equivalent, ENCoRE 3rd General Assembly (Munich, 19-22 June 2001).
- **European Confederation of Conservator-Restorers' Organisations (E.C.C.O.) Professional Guidelines (III):** Basic Requirements for Education in Conservation- Restoration, Promoted by the European Confederation of Conservator-Restorers' Organisations and adopted by its General Assembly (Brussels, 1 March 2002). Updated at the General Assembly (7 March 2003).
- **E.C.C.O. – ENCoRE joint Paper on Education and Access to the Conservation-Restoration Profession**, approved by the General Assembly of E.C.C.O. (Brussels, 7 March 2003) and by the General Assembly of ENCoRE (Torun, 9 May 2003).
- **E.C.C.O. Brochure Competences for Access to the Conservation-Restoration Profession** (2011)
http://www.ecco-eu.org/fileadmin/assets/documents/publications/ECCO_Competences_EN.pdf
- **Profession outline of the Swiss Association of Conservation-Restoration SKR**
https://restaurierung.swiss/images/Verband/Grundlagen/Statuten%20und%20Reglemente/2012-01-03_Berufsbilder_SKR_DE.pdf

3. Specialisations



3.1. Archaeological and Ethnographical objects (HE-Arc CR)

The conservation and restoration of Archaeological and Ethnographical objects refers both to artefacts and remains discovered during archaeological excavations in various environments or to objects coming from all cultures either European or extra-European. Besides being able to deal with the most current issues encountered on this kind of heritage, students have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge further during their master thesis.

Through internships and workshops in heritage institutions, students are prepared to collaborate within research teams, public offices or museums specialised in Archaeology or Ethnology.

For that purpose, the programme comprises workshops and theoretical courses devoted to the degradation and conservation of objects made of various materials such as ceramic, glass, metals, wood, leather and other organic materials. Stone objects and mosaics are also part of the curriculum as much as fragile objects made of feather or ivory.

The programme includes other topics such as colour and retouching, infography, archaeology (including numismatic), scientific analysis in conservation (microscopy: crystallography and metallography) and chemical and electrochemical techniques for stabilisation and cleaning.

3.2. Architecture and Furnishings (HKB)

The conservation and restoration of our built heritage makes up the main focus of this specialisation. Courses deal with buildings' structures, technologies and materials, including their furnishing, decoration, inventories and uses throughout time. A very broad approach to a large variety of materials, technologies, objects and conservation-restoration treatments allows individual students to lay a personal stress within their learning practice. Major importance is given to the development of appropriate preventive or interventive conservation-restoration treatments and maintenance concepts as well as to collaborative approaches and professional teamwork. A 50:50 mix of theory courses with practical exercises and building site practice referring to the corresponding theoretical inputs prepares students to work for heritage protection services, for specialised conservation-restoration companies within the field or as freelance specialists.

3.3. Books, Graphic and Photographic objects (HKB)

Libraries, private and public archives, photographic collections and similar entities contain important witnesses of our collective memories and history. Conservator-restorers in the field must be able to profoundly understand materials such as paper, leather and organic binders as well as the corresponding objects' technologies, uses and meanings. The specialisation maintains close relationships to relevant partner institutions within the field in order to introduce students to their professional career. Courses cover the relevant materials, technologies, objects and conservation-restoration practices as well as specific examination and documentation methods.

3.4. Modern Materials and Media (HKB)

The late 19th, the 20th and early 21st centuries have brought a large diversity of new materials and technologies to the art sector. Among many others, electronic devices, time-based media, kinetic installation, synthetic polymers or ephemeral materials require appropriate examination, documentation and preservation approaches, based on comprehensive knowledge about their materials, technical background, degradation - and alteration processes, their meanings as well as their uses, con- and subtexts. In their workshop practice, students of this specialisation gain profound insight into the technical and humanistic conditions of contemporary art, use adapted documentation techniques and systematically develop and carefully execute optimised conservation-restoration measures. Courses cover the specific materials, techniques, examinations and documentation strategies for Modern Materials and Media.

3.5. Paintings and Sculptures (HKB)

From the contemporary fine art museum object to an old, venerable ecclesiastical artwork still in active use: conservation-restoration specialists for paintings and sculptures must know and understand a lot of different materials, techniques, degradation processes, art genres and meanings. Dedicated workshop practice projects allow students to develop custom-designed conservation and restoration interventions and preventive measures on the basis of a thorough examination of individual artworks' materiality, condition and meanings. Most advanced conservation-restoration treatments are developed and executed to preserve the object's meaning and values. Theory courses include introductions to polychromy, painting supports, consolidation techniques, as well as to specialised examination methods. Graduates of this specialisation work as independent professionals as well as in Museums or other institutions caring for art objects.

3.6. Scientific, Technical and Horological objects (HE-Arc CR)

This specialisation allows students to deal with a large scope of objects related to scientific, technical and even industrial heritage. From tiny horological mechanisms to aircraft or industrial machines, not forgetting animal or plant specimens of natural science, these objects are very different in size or weight, complexity or sensitivity, to various degradation factors.

The programme aims to give students both knowledge of a wide variety of heritage objects and to let them practice a methodology to understand conservation issues and to bring about comprehensive treatments taking into account material properties and the significance of heritage objects.

Special attention is devoted to the issue of maintaining or regaining working order. This implies both examining the pros and cons of this objective from a technical and ethical point of view.

Each semester, workshops are dedicated to different heritage objects. Students may choose to specialise further during their master thesis.

Hereafter are indicated the contents of the main master modules: conservation of scientific objects and naturalia, objects used in public transport and horological / electrical objects, introduction to tribology in conservation-restoration, polymers and modern alloys used in heritage objects, history of sciences and techniques, horology history and styles, functional description of mechanisms, infography, scientific analysis in conservation (microscopy : crystallography and metallography) and chemical and electrochemical techniques for stabilisation and cleaning.

3.7. Textiles (Abegg-Stiftung)

The Abegg-Stiftung offers a specialised programme in textile conservation-restoration. It is an international centre of excellence specialised in the research of historic textiles and in textile conservation and restoration as well as a museum with a large textile collection. Two separate display locations; the museum and the Villa Abegg plus an annual special exhibition as well as its own textile collection require permanent care and a variety of activities in the fields of preventive conservation and conservation-restoration. In addition, the Abegg-Stiftung undertakes conservation work for external institutions or supports their efforts in textile conservation as a consultant or by assisting them. All these facets offer the students a wide variety of activities in preventive conservation and textile conservation and restoration, and an in-sight into different fields of the profession.

The students' activities in the textile conservation workshop are usually linked to applied research projects in conservation or textile technology and the history of textile arts. The staff of the textile conservation workshop supervise the students during the practical modules, and – depending on the projects – they are also coached by the curators of the institute. For specific projects, the Abegg-Stiftung collaborates with external laboratories and other institutions as well as external experts. Theory modules by internal and external lecturers on selected topics in textile conservation, textile technology and the history of textile arts provide a comprehensive view of the specialisation.

3.8. Wall paintings, stone, stucco and architectural surfaces (DACD)

The SUPSI programme trains students to become professional conservators-restorers in the field of wall painting, plaster, stucco and monumental stone. Drawing on the experience of international conservators, architects, art historians, chemists and geologists who teach

at the school, and benefitting from advanced technical and analytical facilities in the campus, the course aims at providing students with the tools to recognise an object's cultural value, develop a well-founded conservation intervention following a methodological decision-making process, which involves understanding the object and its conservation issues, developing and testing preventive and remedial treatments, evaluating and implementing them and developing a programme for its subsequent monitoring and maintenance.

Situated in the southern part of Switzerland, near the Italian border, the SUPSI offers its students the privileged opportunity –through its contacts with cantonal, national and international heritage institutions– to develop their research and practical skills on prestigious conservation projects, supervised by leading conservation professionals. During their studies students also practice communication skills in order to work in an efficient manner with professionals from other disciplines and institutions and with the stakeholders involved in conservation-restoration projects.

4. Studies



4.1 General overview of the study structure

The **Bachelor's programme in conservation** lasts three years and corresponds to 180 ECTS¹ credits. During the first two years, students follow a common curriculum defined by the four collaborating institutions. In the third year students attend courses on their chosen field of conservation at the institution responsible for that specialisation.

The **Master's programme in conservation-restoration** lasts two years and corresponds to 120 ECTS credits.

Both programmes can be carried out full or part time.

| Basic structure of the Bachelor's (BA) and Master's (MA) programmes: | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Semester | | ECTS credits | Content / focus | Programme |
| 01 | BA1 | 30 | Introduction to conservation Highly co-ordinated multilingual programme with common, well-defined learning outcomes | Bachelor's programme 180 ECTS credits |
| 02 | BA2 | 30 | | |
| 03 | BA3 | 30 | | |
| 04 | BA4 | 30 | | |
| 05 | BA5 | 30 | Specialisation in conservation-restoration • 8 individual programmes at the 4 Swiss CRC institutions • 4 common modules of the Swiss CRC | Master's programme 120 ECTS credits |
| 06 | BA6 | 30 | | |
| 07 | MA1 | 30 | | |
| 08 | MA2 | 30 | | |
| 09 | MA3 | 30 | | |
| 10 | MA4 | 30 | | |

4.2 Bachelor's programme

4.2.1 Admission requirements

Candidates seeking admission must hold a Federal Vocational Baccalaureate, a Swiss General Baccalaureate "Matura", a recognised Professional Baccalaureate, or have completed another equivalent general education at secondary school (level II) qualifying for university study. Admission is subject to passing an aptitude test (for details see each school's website).

¹ 1 ECTS credit = 25-30 hours of workload for the students (including lessons, exercises and self-study)

Candidates without a vocational education must complete a work placement or an internship to prepare for admission, advisably in the vocational fields of conservation and restoration. Candidates with a vocational education do not need to complete a work placement to start their studies, but as with any career choice it is still useful to have some experience in the professional field first. This can be achieved through short or long-term internships.

4.2.2 Programme structure

The first two years are an introduction to conservation and preventive conservation. They are based on a simultaneous training of practical skills and knowledge.

In the third year, students will focus on a specialised field of conservation at the institution responsible for it, possibly leading to a change of school. They will progressively increase the amount of practical experience and the structure of the study is similar to that of the Master programme. Theory courses support the students' work and will prepare them for their training at the Master's level. At the end of the Bachelor's programme, students will write a Bachelor's thesis coached by one of their teachers or pass a Bachelor's assessment.

4.3 Master's programme

4.3.1 Admission requirements

Candidates seeking admission must hold a Bachelor's degree or an UAS (Universities of Applied Sciences) diploma or an equivalent academic degree in Conservation. They must have a specific qualification for their chosen specialisation and pass the aptitude test as specified in the common Master's regulations (see www.swiss-crc.ch).

4.3.2 Programme structure

The Master's programme consists of workshop practice and theory modules. The Master's thesis is a written documentation of an independent piece of scholarly research or a complex professional project.

| Workshop practice modules | Modules on methods and techniques | Master's thesis |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Collaboration on current conservation and conservation-restoration projects, either internships or externships | Block courses on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methodology, ethics and specific techniques in conservation-restoration • Scientific analysis • Technology and materials of artefacts • Materials and methods used in conservation-restoration | Independent work of applied research in conservation-restoration either problem oriented or object oriented |

5. Common activities



The four partner institutions of the Swiss CRC share several activities, mainly at Master level. From the very beginning of the Bachelor, the students of the first and second year have the opportunity to visit the different schools and learn about programs offered and resources available in each institution (Students' exchange days).

5.1 Moodle platform

Information about the courses and activities of the partner schools and the Swiss CRC are available for all Swiss CRC students and collaborators on the common Moodle learning platform.

»<https://moodle.bfh.ch/course/index.php?categoryid=110>

5.2 Common Master modules

The Swiss CRC organises four common courses, one per semester, which are mandatory for all students in the Master specialisation programmes. The topics of the courses are of interest for all students and aim at improving their future professional activities and enhance their approach to life-long learning.

They allow students of the partner schools to study together, develop team working skills and improve their competence in using English as a working language.

The topics of the 4 courses are:

- Research Skills for Conservation-Restoration
- Managing Conservation-Restoration Projects
- Principles to Practice: The Role of the Conservator-Restorer
- Sustainability in the Conservation-Restoration Practice

More information is to be found in the **brochure** on the common courses and on Moodle:

»<https://moodle.bfh.ch/course/index.php?categoryid=1656>

5.3 Follow courses at other schools

Students can follow courses at the partner schools according to their module plans. The participation in courses at other schools is free of charge. The reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs must be clarified with the head of studies before registering. The ECTS credits will be confirmed on the registration form and will be recognised as equivalent by the school of the student.

The procedures and the registration form can be found on Moodle:

»<https://moodle.bfh.ch/course/view.php?id=4258>

5.4 Master's theses and Graduation Ceremony

The four Swiss CRC partner schools organise a common Master Graduation Ceremony, usually at the end of October. The date is published on the Swiss CRC website.

To present the variety of the different specialisations, approaches and projects, a common brochure with the abstracts of the theses is published yearly on the Swiss CRC website.

»www.swiss-crc.ch/studies/master-theses

5.5 Master Award

The Master Award aims to give students who have completed a high quality project with their Master's thesis the opportunity to present it to a public of professionals.

The Master's board of each school designates one student's thesis and the jury, consisting of the Directing Board of the Swiss CRC and the President of the Swiss Association of Conservation and Restoration, will designate the winner according to the following criteria:

- Usefulness for future students
- Usefulness for professionals
- Originality
- Use of Swiss CRC resources

»<http://www.swiss-crc.ch/common-projects/ma-award/>

6. Resources



Each institution has a variety of resources, such as laboratories and libraries according to their specific activities in teaching and research. They carry out specialised analyses with a variety of methods and a wide range of instruments. These resources are open to all students and collaborators of the campus.

6.1 Teachers & researchers

Students or the teaching and research staff can ask other schools for collaboration (e.g. for Master's thesis or research projects). Occasional collaboration is free of charge. Collaboration in larger projects will be defined case by case.

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| Specialisation Paintings and sculpture | Karolina Soppa Responsible for specialisation |
| Specialisation Architecture and furnishing | Christel Meyer-Wilmes, Jonas Roters Responsibles for specialisation |
| Specialisation Modern materials and media | Martina Haidvogel, Martina Pfenninger Lepage Responsible for specialisation |
| Specialisation Books, graphic and photographic objects | Elke Mentzel Responsible for specialisation |
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| Research | Sebastian Dobruskin Head of Research Area Materiality in Art and Culture |
| Arts lab | Anne Krauter Professor of history of art and culture |

» Profiles of HKB CR collaborators

- HE-Arc CR

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| Conservation and restoration of poly- chromed or painted objects | Anouk Gehrig |
| Conservation and restoration of ceramic and glass objects | Hortense de Corneillan (also Continuing Education coordi- nator) Karen Vallée |
| Conservation and restoration of metal objects | Régis Bertholon (CRAE) Valentin Boissonnas (CRAE) Christian Degriigny , Teacher & Research project leader Guillaume Rapp (CROSTH) Tobias Schenkel (CROSTH) |
| Preventive conservation | Thierry Jacot |
| Conservation-restoration history ethics and methodology | Régis Bertholon Nathalie Ducatel |
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| Research Unit project leaders and analysis specialists | Laura Brambilla Christian Degriigny Edith Joseph Julie Schröter |
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- **SUPSI**

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| Preventive conservation | Giulio Zaccarelli |
| Wall Paintings and Stucco | Alberto Felici Jacopo Gilardi Daniela Murphy Stefania Luppichini Giovanni Nicoli |
| Stone | Francesca Piqué Stefano Volta Giovanni Cavallo |
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| Scientific laboratory | Francesca Piqué Marta Caroselli Giovanni Cavallo Patrizia Moretti |
| Biological laboratory | Cristina Corti-Fragoso |

» Profiles of SUPSI/DACD collaborators

6.2 Scientific facilities and equipment

Students or teaching and research staff can request the services of labs in other schools (see available services and contacts below). The person responsible for the chosen lab will decide if the service can be carried out free of charge or not.

- **HKB**

- » <https://www.hkb.bfh.ch/de/konservierung-und-restaurierung/dienstleistungen/>

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- **HE-Arc CR**

- » <https://www.he-arc.ch/conservation-restauration/prestations-service>

Contact : Tobias Schenkel, T +41 32 930 19 34, tobias.schenkel@he-arc.ch

- **SUPSI**

- » <http://www.supsi.ch/imc>

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6.3 Research projects

Research in conservation-restoration is a major topic for CRC Master's lecturers and students: Master's courses include the adoption and discussion of current research results and Master's theses have to actively contribute to conservation-restoration research. The majority of the lecturers, teaching at the Master level, are simultaneously active in current research projects.

All institutions have their individual research collaboration networks and projects. Annual teacher's and research meetings are organized by the Swiss CRC in order to promote collaboration and exchange of knowledge.

- **Abegg Stiftung**

- » <https://abegg-stiftung.ch/textilkonservierung/>

- **HKB**

- » <https://www.hkb.bfh.ch/de/forschung/forschungsbereiche/forschungsschwerpunkt-materialitaet-kunst-kultur/>

- **HE-Arc CR**

- » <https://www.he-arc.ch/conservation-restauration/unite-recherche>

- » <https://www.he-arc.ch/conservation-restauration/projet-recherche>

- **SUPSI, DACD**

» <http://www.supsi.ch/dacd/bachelor-master/conservazione/progetti-di-ricerca.html>

6.4 Libraries

- **Abegg-Stiftung**

Information: <https://abegg-stiftung.ch/en/library/>

Online catalogue: <https://abegg-stiftung.ch/en/online-catalogue/>

Contact: Bibliothek, Abegg-Stiftung, Werner Abeggstrasse 67,
CH-3132 Riggisberg
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- **HKB**

Information: <https://www.hkb.bfh.ch/de/ueber-die-hkb/standorte-infrastruktur/bibliotheken/bibliothek-hkb-mediothek/>

Online catalogue: https://swisscovery.sls.ch/discovery/search?vid=41SLSP_NETWORK:VU1_UNION

Contact: Mediothek, HKB, Fellerstrasse 11, CH-3027 Bern,
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- **HE-Arc CR**

Information: <https://www.he-arc.ch/bibliotheques>

Online catalogue: https://swisscovery.sls.ch/discovery/search?vid=41SLSP_NETWORK:VU1_UNION

Contact: Bibliothèque, Haute École Arc, Campus Arc 2,
Espace de l'Europe 11, CH-2000 Neuchâtel
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- **SUPSI**

Information: www.supsi.ch/biblioteca/biblioteche-supsi/dacd.html

Online catalogue: https://swisscovery.sls.ch/discovery/search?vid=41SLSP_NETWORK:VU1_UNION

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