



BIO 266 Blockkurs FS2025 – 02–06 June 2025

Fieldwork in Swiss Palaeontology and Natural History Museums: Ice Age



2 ECTS Credit points / Max. student participants 12 / FS 2025

Palaeontology and Natural History in Switzerland

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After lectures and demonstrations in Zürich (at the Department of Paleontology), excursions and visits to local Swiss museums, research collections and field sites aim at developing an understanding of the evolution of biotic communities. Diverse geological formations are visited, including collection and identification of fossils (invertebrates and vertebrates). Practical activities include introduction to fossil preparation and museum curatorial tasks. The course runs Monday through Friday 8:15am-18:00.

Prerequisites: BIO 113, other course(s) in one or all of these disciplines: Zoology / Evolution / Geography / Palaeontology.

Costs: Transportation cost costs (train, tram) will be covered by each participant and will include the transport trips to Aargau/Bern/Basel/Niederweningen/Schaffhausen, among others. The research lab will subsidize Museum entrance costs.

Registration If there are more applications than places, we will inform before the semester about acceptance or not, so students can find an alternative course.

Requirements Language: English. Compulsory student activities involve a short talk on a site, a daily record of field and museum notes, and cataloguing of paleontological samples.

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