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Master's Degree in Architecture

Cooperative and regenerative architecture for the future

JMA Joint Master of Architecture

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Think regeneratively. Act collaboratively. Shape change.

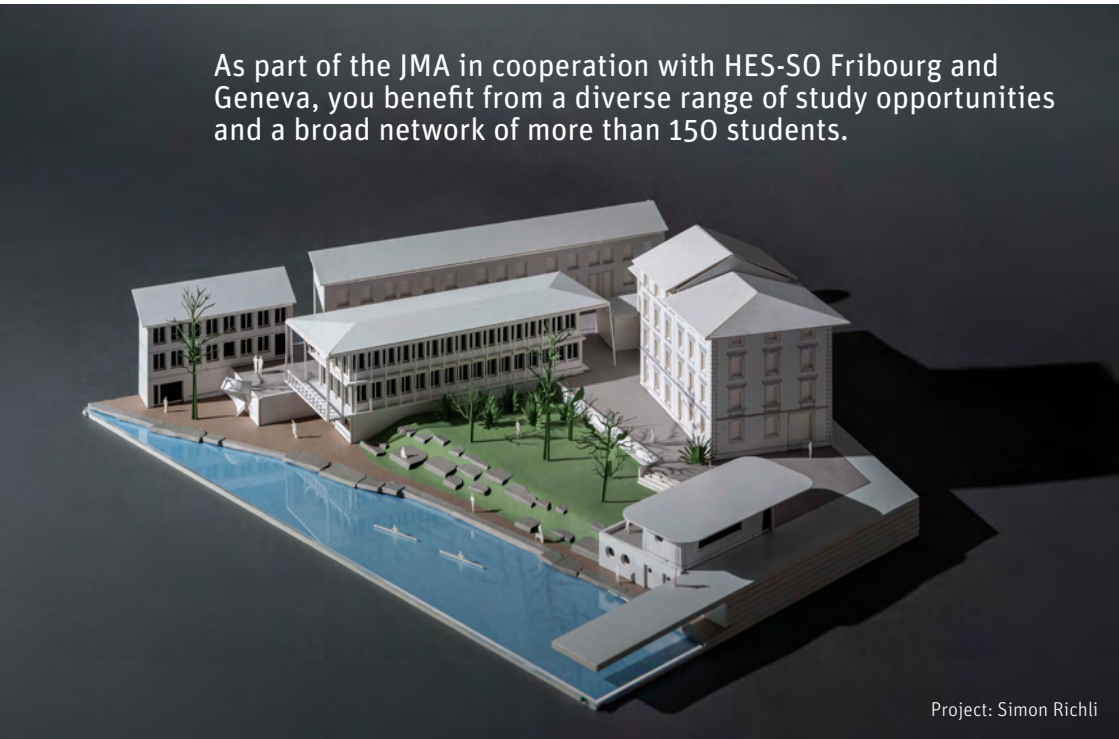
Would you like to shape the architecture of tomorrow?
The Joint Master of Architecture prepares you to understand the architectural, ecological and societal challenges of our time and to actively contribute to the transformation of the construction sector.

At the Biel/Bienne, Fribourg and Geneva locations, you combine design, research and practice to develop innovative solutions for a built environment that supports a high quality of life and is fit for the future.

Career prospects

As an architect, you help shape the built environment of tomorrow. You take responsibility for demanding architectural and planning projects and acquire the skills needed for a wide range of professional activities in architecture, planning and research.
The Joint Master opens up attractive career opportunities at both national and international level.

As part of the JMA in cooperation with HES-SO Fribourg and Geneva, you benefit from a diverse range of study opportunities and a broad network of more than 150 students.



Project: Simon Richli

Focus areas



Regenerative architecture & wood

You acquire comprehensive expertise in timber building culture and the use of wood as a material. You combine wood with resource-conserving, bio-based building materials such as clay, natural fibres and natural stone to generate sustainable building concepts.



Cooperative architecture of the open city

You develop the skills to grasp complex social, economic and environmental correlations pertaining to neighbourhood and urban development. You learn how to operate successfully within the context of dynamic urban and settlement development using cooperative and interdisciplinary practices.

Benefits

Practice-oriented program | Creative freedom | Societal impact

Programme content

Each semester, you choose an atelier linked to our focus areas. In addition, you participate in seminars focusing on socially, architecturally and culturally relevant questions and interdisciplinary topics. In elective courses, you deepen your knowledge of architectural history, heritage conservation, architectural photography, analogue and digital tools, and communication. From the first semester onwards, you develop the topic of your Master's thesis in the «Profile Search» module.

Study full-time or part-time

You can adapt your study load to your professional or personal activities. You can switch between full-time and part-time study at any time. The Master's thesis is generally completed during a full-time semester.

The degree programme at a glance

Focus	Design regenerative architecture using materials adapted to the challenges of climate change and shape cooperative urban development through practice-oriented approaches. Actively contribute to the transformation of the construction sector.
Profile	– Ateliers focusing on practical issues of relevance to society – Close exchange with practitioners and experts from academia and professional practice – Knowledge exchange and a broad range of modules, choose from six ateliers and six theory and practice seminars per semester in Biel/Bienne, Fribourg and Geneva – Academic work allowing you to explore and deepen your own architectural topics – Master's thesis with free choice of topic and experts
Focus areas	The ateliers focus on «Regenerative architecture & wood» and «Cooperative architecture of the open city»; option of obtaining a Diploma Supplement
Career opportunities	– Project manager in an architecture or planning office – Project manager or department head within a planning authority – Establishment and management of your own architecture office
Study format	Full-time studies over 4 semesters or part-time studies with an individual study structure over 5 to 8 semesters Option to change study format at any time
Language of instruction	German; individual seminars, personal coaching and assignments may also be completed in English or French
Mobility	Possibility of spending a semester abroad
Study location	Urban Lab Biel/Bienne; individual seminars in Fribourg and Geneva
Professional qualification	Yes, internationally recognised degree
Beginning of studies	February (week 8) and September (week 38)
Admission requirements	Bachelor's degree in Architecture and application dossier.
Application deadline	31 October and 31 May.
Title / Degree	Master of Arts (MA) Architecture



Good reasons for the Master's Degree programme in Architecture

- You refine your professional profile through relevant focus areas and the freedom to choose the topic of your Master's thesis
- You develop your own architectural perspective and critically engage with current technical, design and societal issues.
- You work in small groups and benefit from personalised support. You choose the experts for your Master's thesis.
- You join a broad network extending across both sides of Switzerland's linguistic divide.
- You study in a multicultural and welcoming city on the shores of Lake Biel.

Information events and individual consultations

Join an online information session, visit our Urban Lab during an Open Atelier in Biel/Bienne, or contact us for personalised advice on your choice of study programme.

Arrange an appointment for a personal consultation

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Register now for an information session

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