

Studienabschluss: ETH MSc Umwelting., 2019
Kantonschule: Gymnase de Nyon
Arbeitgeber/Funktion: Romande Energie, Morges,
Projektleiter erneuerbare Energien,

Why did you choose this study program?

When I was finishing my Matura, I was really concerned about the problems of the environment so I wanted to study in a field where I could make a difference. I traveled to Tanzania (Zanzibar) after my Gymnasium and I was shocked because we were on this beautiful Island and there were open dumps everywhere, sometimes right next to a village or in the middle of the forest. This experience confirmed my choice.

Looking back, what was the biggest challenge for you during your studies?

Time management. Finding the right balance between studying-sport-socializing-resting has been challenging, especially in the 1st semester where we had no holidays to take a break. This helped me a lot to learn how to organize myself better and to prioritize.

Do you have any personal strengths or weaknesses that you have increasingly encountered during your studies?

I wasn't particularly well organized when I was in high school so it helped me a lot to improve on this weakness.

What are your interests and hobbies?

Basketball, hiking, music

What was the best and what was the most difficult experience during your time at ETH?

My best experience was the field trip for the Groundwater lecture. It was a great opportunity to bond with my classmates and make interesting experiments. The toughest experience was the first exam session as I had to catch up with a couple of lectures which I did not have during my Bachelor degree at EPFL and I had to adapt to a new school.

Are you still in contact with people from your student days?

Yes, even if we do not see each other so often as I live close to Geneva and most of them are working in the Zurich area.

Where do you work and what does your day-to-day work look like?

I work as a project manager at Romande Energie. My goal is to invest in new photovoltaic installations so I have to manage the contracts with the customers and suppliers, orders, planning, ... I work mostly in the office, but I have to visit construction sites from time to time. The solar energy field is very dynamic and changing rapidly so the highlights would be that I can take part in innovative projects.

Did you have a concrete idea at the start of your studies of where and in what function you would like to work later on?

I was interested in many things so I changed my mind 1000 times. Even at the end of my studies, I considered various options.

Where do you see yourself professionally in the next years?

I am happy with my current employer so I would still see myself there with a more active role in business development.

What would you say to someone who is interested in studying environmental engineering?

Go for it! There is a high need and demand for environmental engineers and many interesting jobs in our field.

What tips would you give future students in their search for the right degree course?

I would strongly recommend to do at least one internship and exchange with alumni about their own experiences.