

Information about the MSc Theses in the HWRM Group

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Research fields

- Hydrological processes in Alpine environments
- Fluvial systems and riverine processes
- Ecohydrology
- Hydrological extremes and natural hazards
- Climate change impacts
- Water resources management
- Sustainable water use

Research methods

- Numerical watershed modelling
- Lab and field measurement and monitoring
- Stochastic processes
- Statistical data analysis and interpretation

Aims of the MSc Thesis

- Address a scientifically and societally relevant problem in hydrology and water resources management in Switzerland or globally.
- Formulate research hypotheses and exercise methodologically appropriate investigations from which conclusions are drawn.
- Use advanced state-of-the-art analysis methods (models, data) and in-depth interpretation to advance knowledge in the field.
- Provide an engineering-relevant synthesis addressing how the results can be used in practice.
- Foster skills of independence, innovation, interpretation, and professional presentation.

Process of selecting a MSc Thesis

1. Select a topic from the list of current MSc theses and meet the indicated supervisor for a more detailed description. Do this early in the selection process. Variations in the proposed topics are permitted and your own input is invited and encouraged.
2. Prepare a 2 page MSc Thesis research plan which broadly outlines: (a) the definition of the problem; (b) the methods which will be used to address it; (c) the expected results.
Discuss/improve this document with the supervisor.
3. Once you have the agreement of the supervisor sign up in ETH MyStudies for the Thesis with a supervising professor and upload your research plan.
4. Start date: Flexible (talk to your supervisor)
Duration: 6 months (excl. holidays)
Presentation: in the last 2 weeks
Poster and Report: due at the end of the assigned Thesis window

For further information contact the teaching assistants.