

Factsheet preliminary work placement programme for the MSc in Life Sciences in Agricultural Science (MSLS-AS)

Getting started		
What	How	When
Find a suitable farm	Follow the 'Guide to finding a suitable work placement'	As early as possible, latest in December
Register for the programme	Complete the 'Pre-MSLS-AS work placement registration form' and send it to msc-as.hafl@bfh.ch	January (deadline CW 2)
Finalise and sign the placement contract	Discuss the modalities of the placement with the farmer based on the document ' <i>Lohnrichtlinien pre-MSLS-AS work placement programme</i> ', send the signed contract to msc-as.hafl@bfh.ch	February (deadline CW 6)
Kick-off day at BFH-HAFL	Meet the MSc core team and discuss final issues before starting your placement	February CW 6
Start your placement	We wish you all the best!	March CW 9
Kick-off day blended learning course	Meet online to clarify any issues concerning the 'Agriculture in Switzerland' Moodle course	May CW 20
'Agriculture in Switzerland' course		
1: Natural basis of Swiss agriculture		
1.1 Self-study	Go through the available material on Moodle *	May CW 21
1.2 Self-study		June CW 22
1.3 Case study	Training day / Excursion / Face-to-face**	June CW 23
2: Crop production in Switzerland		
2.1 Self-study	Go through the available material on Moodle	June CW 24
2.2 Self-study		June CW 25
2.3 Self-study		June CW 26
2.4 Case study	Training day / Excursion / Face-to-face	July CW 27
3: Animal production in Switzerland		
3.1 Self-study	Go through the available material on Moodle	July CW 28
3.2 Self-study		July CW 29
3.3 Case study	Training day / Excursion / Face-to-face	July CW 30
4: Social basis of Swiss agriculture		
4.1 Self-study	Go through the available material on Moodle	August CW 31
4.2 Case study	Training day / Excursion / Face-to-face	August CW 32
5: Swiss agricultural policy and farm economics		
5.1 Self-study	Go through the available material on Moodle	August CW 33
5.2 Self-study		August CW 34
5.3 Case study	Training day / Excursion / Face-to-face	Sept. CW 35
Wrap-up preliminary work placement programme & start of the MSLS programme		
<i>(optional Pre-MSc days)</i>	Develop or refresh useful skills required for our MSLS programme (eg teaching and exam modalities, scientific competencies and much more).	Sept. CW 35
Wrap-up and reports	This can be online or face-to-face, depending on students' needs	Sept. CW 37
Welcome day for MSc students (mandatory)	Introduction to key processes and people as well as the features of each specialisation. A workshop about scientific skills is also planned, plus activities to get to know each other.	Sept. CW37

*You need about 7h per week to go through each block, make sure you find the time (partially in your free time and partially in your working time, to be discussed with the farmer) in order to be prepared for the case-study sessions organised by the relevant lecturers (CW 23, 27, 30, 32, 35).

** The modalities of the case-study session can vary based on the number of students and on lecturers' preferences.