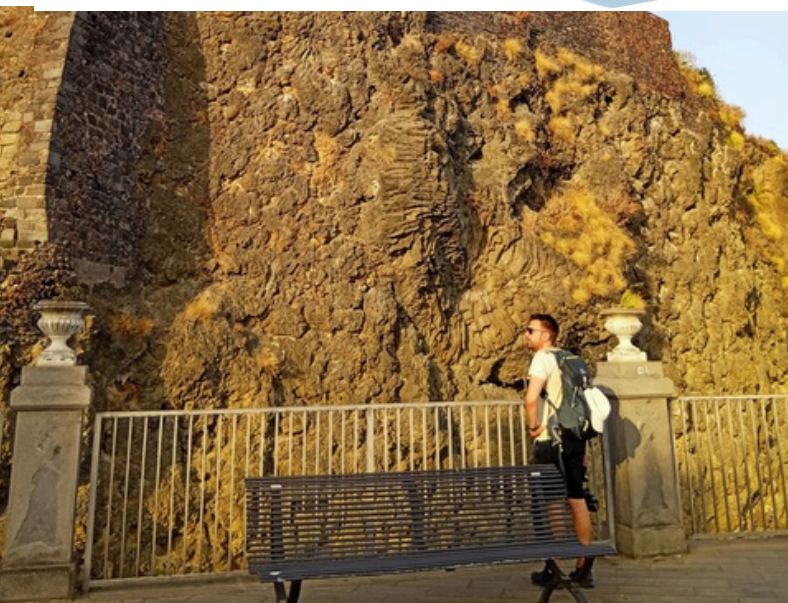


Etna: Reading Landscapes, Risks and Heritage in a Volcanic Region

From 26 to 30 August 2026

Nicolosi, Sicily (IT)

"Explore Mount Etna, read its landscapes, and see how life thrives beside an active volcano—where science, heritage, and adventure meet."



COURSE LEADERS

Dr. Joël Ruch, Associate Professor, Faculty of Science, University of Geneva

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TARGET AUDIENCE

Bachelor's and master's students, PhD candidates, and junior professionals from all walks of life who are curious about Earth's inner workings and how people live with – and benefit from – the powerful forces of Mount Etna, one of the world's most iconic volcanoes.

TUITION FEES

1,400 CHF (full-board accommodation & local travel expenses included)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This 5-day field course explores Mt. Etna as a living laboratory where geology, heritage, and policy converge. Participants examine volcanic landscapes and hazards, see how societies adapt in high-risk environments, and relate field observations to global frameworks on risk, heritage, and sustainability.

The program blends hands-on fieldwork with interdisciplinary insights to build practical academic and professional skills.

Learning Objectives:

- Interpret volcanic landscapes
- Understand Etna's geology and geomorphology
- Identify major natural hazards
- Explore risk, mitigation, and resilience
- Recognize the benefits of living near an active volcano
- Connect geology with Etna's cultural and archaeological heritage

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