

One semester in Sicily

Practical semester, Bachelor thesis, Master thesis or voluntary service at Mount Etna.



Dear Students,

we offer you the possibility to come to Sicily for one semester to become active with us: Giacche Verdi Bronte and the Manfred-Hermsen-Stiftung. We are small non-profit associations working on environmental projects.

A brief insight: In the small rural river valleys between Etna and the Nebrodi Mountains, the migration corridor of certain animal species, we are working on the establishment of a biosphere reserve and carry out various environmental education projects with children as well as practical, planning and experimental nature conservation activities and surveys on biodiversity.

Erasmus+ your support for going abroad: The Erasmus+ education programme enables students to finance a stay abroad within the European Union. The participation of your university in an Erasmus+ scholarship programme is necessary. Many students have already taken advantage of this support to participate in our projects in Sicily.

A new project for diverse forestry/biodiversity studies: Ancient arboreal cultivations such as the olive tree and the tradition of grazing in the woods have favoured the longevity of the individual trees in the valleys of the Simeto and Alcantara rivers and have reached hundreds of years in age. These trees are not only rare natural monuments, but also an often irreplaceable habitat for many animal and plant species, mosses, fungi and lichens. Unfortunately, many landowners who have monumental oaks, maples, chestnut trees, olive trees or other trees on their land are unaware of their value. They are too often felled or mutilated for the production of firewood. The aim of the study is to help persuade landowners actively to conserve and protect the trees and, in addition, to accomplish the basis for their registration in the register of monumental trees in the region of Sicily.



If you would like to know more: visit our website [<http://www.giaccheverdibronte.it>] or send a short e-mail to [gvbronte@gmail.com] or to the Manfred-Hermsen-Stiftung [info@m-h-s.org]. It is also possible to contact the present volunteers just mention this in your message. **If you want to apply:** simply send us a CV with a picture of you and a motivation letter in which you tell us about your intentions.