



Information Sheet Student Exchange 2015/16 – University of Zurich

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Academic Calendar

Lectures: Fall Semester 2015: 14 September, 2015 – 19 December, 2015
Spring Semester 2016: 22 February, 2016 – 4 June, 2016

Examination dates are different in each faculty and depend on the courses students would like to take. Some examinations take place after the lecture period, will say in January/June. For further information, students should contact the student advisors of the institute or faculty they choose.

⇒ Academic Calendar: www.uzh.ch/studies/dates_en.html

⇒ Student Advisors: www.uzh.ch/studies/infoadvice/information/advisorycenters_en.html

Application Procedure and Deadline

In any case, students need to contact the International Office of the home university. We only accept applications sent by the International Relations Office.

Application Deadline: 15 March, 2015 for fall semester or academic year
30 September, 2015 for spring semester

By then, the documents have to be at the International Relations Office of the University of Zurich.

⇒ Application procedure: www.int.uzh.ch/in/program/world/university_en.html



About the University of Zurich

The University of Zurich is the largest university in Switzerland and offers the broadest range of study programs. People from many countries study, teach, and work in the university's seven faculties and more than 150 institutes. Approximately 17 per cent of our 26,000 students and almost 50 per cent of our professors are of foreign nationality. Many of our successful research projects are based on international collaboration. We see internationality as both a challenge and a mark of quality.

The university's strong commitment to the highest standards in scientific knowledge and responsible research are the fundamentals of excellence in research and teaching. As a member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU), the University of Zurich belongs to the leading European research universities. On the national level, it is the center of five strategic focal areas of research in the fields of life sciences, economics, and humanities.

Of great concern to the University of Zurich is the promotion of young academics who are encouraged and supported in their research activities and in preparing for international careers. Through a close cooperation with the ETH (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich) as well as with other institutions of higher education in Switzerland and worldwide, the University of Zurich initiates and sustains stimulating academic exchange at the highest level.

With its modern infrastructure and excellent local and international networks, the University of Zurich is well integrated into the cultural and economic metropolis and offers an attractive and stimulating working environment to more than 2,600 members of research and teaching staff from all over the world.

Courses

Cross-faculty course booking is allowed, however students should attend most of their courses in their major and minor(s).

Restrictions:

- Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: no cross-level booking.
- English Department (English Language and Literature): Students who are not enrolled in English Language and Literature at their home university may take up to two courses (must be lectures) offered by the English Department only.

Courses can be found through the course catalogue or the lecture list of the relevant degree program.

- ⇒ Course catalogue (German only): www.vorlesungen.uzh.ch
- ⇒ Degree programs: www.degrees.uzh.ch/index.php?lang=en

Language of Instruction

Courses are mainly conducted in German. An increasing number of courses at the Faculty of Science, the Faculty of Economics, Business Administration and Information Technology, the Faculty of Law, and in Political Science are offered in English.



A proof of proficiency in German at about level C1 (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – CEFR) issued by the Goethe Institute or the German department of the home university (native speaker) has to be attached to the application if students intend to take courses taught in German. Exchange students of non-English speaking partner universities who intend to take courses taught in English have to submit a proof of good English skills at about level C1 (according to the CEFR). This is equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL internet-based 90, CPE and CAE. Certification of English skills can also be provided by the Language Center of the home university (by a native speaker).

Language Courses

The Language Center of the University of Zurich and ETH Zurich offers German courses for international students free of charge. Before the beginning of the semester, it is possible to participate in an Intensive German Course. The intensive course takes place about two weeks before the beginning of the fall semester and two weeks before the beginning of the spring semester. For this course, a registration fee of CHF 100.- is charged. Application deadlines apply and places are limited.

⇒ Language Center: www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch/index_en.php

We suggest students consider language training in English and/or German at their home university before beginning the studies in Zurich. Even if specific students do not need German for their studies, knowledge of German will help to learn more about local Swiss culture and deal with practical issues in everyday life. In working on their languages before their arrival here, students will find the Resource Pool at the University of Zurich/ETH Self-learning Centre of use.

⇒ Resource Pool: www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch/slz/20_ressourcenpool_en.php

During the studies in Zurich exchange students will have the opportunity to take one language course “German as a Foreign Language” at the University/ETH Language Center free of charge.

IBH Summer School

International students can also apply for a summer school in Constance, Germany, on the border to Switzerland. The summer school is organized by the IBH (International Lake Constance University), a network of which also the University of Zurich is a member. The summer school is held in August. The fees for the summer school including accommodation are about 740 € (summer 2014), places are limited but exchange students are given priority. Further information can be obtained from the International Relations Office of the UZH on request.

ECTS

ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) has been introduced in all faculties at the University of Zurich. At the University of Zurich, one ECTS credit corresponds to a workload of 30 hours (including presence at lectures, self-study, preparing for and taking examinations). A regular semester workload is of 30 ECTS. Exchange students are advised to take a minimum of 20 ECTS per semester. Most of the courses and ECTS credits have to be taken at the faculty of enrolment. Important: The selected courses have to be attended and it is compulsory to sit the examinations. Otherwise the courses will be stated as failed and there will be no credit points assigned.



Accommodation

The University of Zurich does not own student dormitories. However, the International Relations Office might help students finding accommodation with the help of relevant internal partner offices.

- ⇒ Useful addresses: www.uzh.ch/studies/studentlife/accomodation_en.html
- ⇒ Housing Office of University of Zurich and ETH Zurich: www.wohnen.ethz.ch/index_EN
- ⇒ Student Housing Cooperative Zurich (WOKO): www.woko.ch/en/default.asp.

Approximate Living Costs in Zurich

Rent incl. heating: CHF 690.-

Utilities (telephone, internet, TV, radio): CHF 140.-

Health and other insurance: CHF 100.-

Food, household: CHF 450.-

Transport: CHF 100.-

Clothes, laundry, toiletries: CHF 100.-

Miscellaneous: CHF 150.-

Total: CHF 1'730.-

Health Insurance

For anyone staying in Switzerland longer than three months, it is compulsory to buy a health insurance in Switzerland. If the insurance at the home country is equivalent, students can be freed from the obligation. The Students' Advisory Office (ReBeKo) offers help concerning health insurance matters.

- ⇒ Students' Advisory Office: www.rebeko.uzh.ch/teaching_en.html

Student Visa

Nominated students from countries with visa obligation will receive a form for immigration and further information directly from the International Relations Office of the University of Zurich.

Further Information

- ⇒ Organization of Studies Abroad: www.int.uzh.ch/in/program/organization_en.html
- ⇒ Brochure "International Student Guide": www.int.uzh.ch/in_en.html