



# Fact Sheet for Student Exchange at the University of Zurich 2025/2026

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Promotional Video	<a href="https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/program.html">https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/program.html</a>

## Nomination / Application

The responsible person at the home institution provides the nominee's data in the excel sheet sent by UZH (including first name and last name, e-mail address, home university, year and level of study, major / minor field of study, contact details of the home university's coordinator in charge, subject to study at UZH, and semester/s of exchange) and sends the completed file to [incoming@int.uzh.ch](mailto:incoming@int.uzh.ch). Students will receive the link to our online application platform via e-mail once they have officially been nominated.

Information about the required application documents can be found here:

<https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/program/world/university.html>

	<i>Fall semester or academic year</i>	<i>Spring semester</i>
Nomination Deadline	15 March	15 September
Application Deadline	30 March	30 September
Notice of Acceptance	End of April	End of October

## Requirements

Study Requirements	Bachelor/undergraduate students must have completed at least 2 semesters or equivalent before the exchange stay. Students must complete their degree at their respective home university after the exchange program.
GPA	No GPA requirement but applying students are expected to have a good academic standing.
Language Proficiency	For courses taught in English (only for students of non-English speaking partner universities): Certification of English skills at about level B2 (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – CEFR), e.g. IELTS 6.5, TOEFL iBT 90, CPE or CAE. Can also be provided by the Language Center of the home university (by a native speaker). Requirements for courses at UZH's English Department (English Language and Literature): <a href="https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies/stayabroad/inboundstudents/guidelineinbounds.html">https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies/stayabroad/inboundstudents/guidelineinbounds.html</a>  For courses taught in German: A proof of proficiency in German at about level C1 (according to CEFR) issued by the Goethe Institute or the German language department of the home university (by a native speaker).

## Academics

Academic Calendar	Exams: Depending on the faculty, at the end of or after the lecture period (January/June) <a href="https://www.uzh.ch/cmsssl/en/studies/dates/dates.html">https://www.uzh.ch/cmsssl/en/studies/dates/dates.html</a> <i>Fall semester</i> 15.09.2025 – 20.12.2025 <i>Spring semester</i> 16.02.2026 – 30.05.2026
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Course Load	Exchange students are expected to choose courses amounting to around 20 ECTS in the same or a similar subject they study at their home university.
Online Course Catalogue	<a href="https://courses.uzh.ch/">https://courses.uzh.ch/</a>
Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cross-faculty course booking is allowed; however, students should attend most courses in their major and minor(s).</li> <li>- Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: no cross-level booking.</li> <li>- English Department (English Language and Literature): Students who are not enrolled in English Language and Literature at their home university can only take lectures offered by the English Department.</li> <li>- Department of Biology: Only students who study Biology, Biochemistry or Biomedicine at their home university are allowed to take courses in Biology, Biochemistry or Biomedicine. Also, Block Courses in these subjects are closed to exchange students.</li> <li>- Department of Psychology: Only students who study Psychology as a major at their home university are allowed to take courses offered by the Department of Psychology.</li> <li>- Faculty of Law: Students taking courses at the Faculty of Law must have completed 4 semesters at their home university before the begin of their exchange stay at UZH.</li> </ul>
Language Courses	<p>The Language Center of the University of Zurich and ETH offers language courses for students from all fields of study for a fee between CHF 80.- and 150.-. There are also courses for international and exchange students like "German as a Foreign Language". Exchange students also have the possibility of taking a German course during the two weeks before the lectures start. A fee of CHF 120.- applies for this non-semester intensive German course.</p> <p>Information about the exact dates, duration and application deadlines will be available several weeks before the beginning of the semester at <a href="https://www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch/en.html">https://www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch/en.html</a></p> <p>Exchange students who start their exchange at UZH in the fall semester can also apply for a summer school in Constance, Germany, on the border to Switzerland. The summer school is organized by IBH (International Lake Constance University) and is held in August.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fee (including accomm.): € 1,360 (summer 2024)</li> <li>- Places are limited (priority for exchange students)</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-office/in-konstanz-studieren/akademisches-angebot-fuer-internationale-studierende/lake-constance-arts-and-science-association/lake-constance-summer-school-language-history-and-culture/">https://www.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-office/in-konstanz-studieren/akademisches-angebot-fuer-internationale-studierende/lake-constance-arts-and-science-association/lake-constance-summer-school-language-history-and-culture/</a></p>

Transcript of Records	Students can download their official electronic transcript of records after the end of their exchange on their UZH Student Portal account (Mid-March for the fall semester and beginning of October for the spring semester).
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## Additional Information about UZH

UZH Memberships	<p>UZH is member of the following organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Universitas 21, the leading global network of research universities for the 21st century</li> <li>- The League of European Research Universities (LERU)</li> <li>- The European University Foundation (EUF)</li> <li>- Una Europa</li> </ul>
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## Living in Zurich

Housing	<p>UZH does not own on-campus student dormitories. However, there is a limited number of rooms reserved for UZH students which are managed by the ETH/UZH Housing Office. Exchange students will receive more information and an application link from Global Student Experience after their acceptance. Please note that the Housing Office is in charge of allocating rooms.</p> <p>Additional information:  <a href="https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/organization/living.html">https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/organization/living.html</a> </p>																		
Living Expenses	<p><b>Estimated monthly Budget</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Rent</td><td><b>up to</b> CHF 790.- (room* provided by UZH's Housing Office)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Utilities</td><td>CHF 50.-</td></tr> <tr> <td>Health and other insurances</td><td><b>around</b> CHF 100.-**</td></tr> <tr> <td>Food, household</td><td>CHF 450.- (when eating at UZH's cafeteria/cooking your own meals)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Transport</td><td>CHF 100.-</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clothes, laundry, toiletries</td><td>CHF 100.-</td></tr> <tr> <td>Study materials</td><td>CHF 0.- to 50.-</td></tr> <tr> <td>Miscellaneous</td><td>CHF 150.-</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL</b></td><td><b>CHF 1790.-</b></td></tr> </table> <p>*Furnished rooms, the rent includes overhead costs (internet connection, electricity and heating).  **Some students might be exempted from the mandatory health insurance if the health insurance from their home country meets the requirements from the Swiss public authorities (case-by-case decision).</p>	Rent	<b>up to</b> CHF 790.- (room* provided by UZH's Housing Office)	Utilities	CHF 50.-	Health and other insurances	<b>around</b> CHF 100.-**	Food, household	CHF 450.- (when eating at UZH's cafeteria/cooking your own meals)	Transport	CHF 100.-	Clothes, laundry, toiletries	CHF 100.-	Study materials	CHF 0.- to 50.-	Miscellaneous	CHF 150.-	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>CHF 1790.-</b>
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Insurance	<p>For anyone staying in Switzerland longer than three months, it is compulsory to buy Swiss health insurance. If the insurance at the home country is equivalent, students can apply for an exemption from this obligation. Students are required to await a letter from the cantonal Department of Health they will receive after the registration at the so-called "Personenmeldeamt" (Zurich's resident's registration office). Liability insurance is recommended but not mandatory.</p> <p>Additional information:  <a href="https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/organization/arrival.html">https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/organization/arrival.html</a></p>
Visa	<p>Nominated students from countries with visa obligation will receive a form for immigration and further information directly from Global Student Experience at UZH. The visa fee has to be paid also in the event of a cancellation.</p>