

# University of Lausanne - Factsheet 2025-2026

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

<b>International Relations Office</b>	The International Relations Office draws up and implements exchange agreements.	
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## STUDENT EXCHANGE

<b>Social Affairs and Student Mobility Service (SASME)</b>	The Social Affairs and Student Mobility Service is in charge of all practical issues regarding exchange students.	
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Reception for exchange students	Ms Katarina CHOLLET Ms Frédérique AUGER	<a href="mailto:studentmobility@unil.ch">studentmobility@unil.ch</a> +41 21 692 21 13
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## IMPORTANT DATES 2025-2026

### Autumn semester

Welcome day for exchange students	11 September 2025 <i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Period of Courses	15 September – 19 December 2025
Christmas Holidays	20 December 2025 – 8 January 2026
Exams *	9 – 31 January 2026

### Spring semester

Welcome day for exchange students	13 February 2026 <i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Period of Courses	16 February – 29 May 2026
Easter Holidays	7 April – 10 April 2026
Exams *	8 June – 4 July 2026

\* Each Faculty arranges its exam sessions within the period mentioned above

### Nomination deadline for SEMP exchange agreements

For the autumn semester	30 April 2025
For the spring semester	15 October 2025
Deadline for Medical Students (autumn and spring semesters)	30 March 2025

### Nomination/application deadlines for other exchange agreements

For the autumn semester	Nomination: 15 March 2025, Application: 5 April 2025
For the spring semester	Nomination: 30 September 2025 Application: 15 October 2025

Full academic calendar	<a href="#">More information</a>
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## TEACHING LANGUAGE

Most courses are taught in French. **Students' French language skills must be at least equivalent to level B2 of the CEFR.** Students who do not meet this requirement shall enrol in the courses of French as a foreign language (see below).

At Bachelor level, several courses are taught in English at the Faculty of Business and Economics and at the School of Biology. At Master level, programmes taught in English are offered in Geology, Environmental Geosciences, Business, Finance, Economics and English Literature. A PDF list of courses taught in English is available [on our website](#). **Students wishing to attend these courses must have sound academic skills, and English language skills at least equivalent to the level B2 of the CEFR.**

It is recommended for students wishing to attend courses taught in English to have at least a basic knowledge of French for daily life and social integration.

## COURSES IN FRENCH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

<b>Le FIL de l'EFLE (intensive courses in French language)</b>	Le <i>FIL de l'EFLE</i> offers 4-week intensive and semi-intensive courses in French language during the summer and winter breaks (A0-C1 levels). It is possible to get 5 ECTS credits for the <u>intensive</u> courses only (special conditions apply). <b>Students must pay for these courses, unless included in the exchange agreement.</b>	
Address	Le FIL de l'EFLE Anthropole UNIL-Chamberonne CH-1015 Lausanne	<a href="http://www.unil.ch/lefil">www.unil.ch/lefil</a> <a href="mailto:lefil-admin@unil.ch">lefil-admin@unil.ch</a> +41 21 692 30 90

<b>Ecole de français langue étrangère (School of French as a foreign language)</b>	<p>The School of French as a Foreign Language offers courses in French language during the autumn and spring semesters for beginners to advanced students. Students can freely choose the number of courses they attend and study full-time or part-time, and take content courses in addition. Credits can be obtained. The courses are free of charge for exchange students. In addition, a 3-week course in French as a foreign language is offered free of charge just before the start of the autumn semester. This course is offered only to incoming exchange students staying for the autumn semester.</p>	
Address	EFLE Anthropole UNIL-Chamberonne CH-1015 Lausanne	<a href="http://www.unil.ch/fle">www.unil.ch/fle</a> <a href="mailto:efle@unil.ch">efle@unil.ch</a> +41 21 692 30 80
Online learning or testing platforms	<a href="#">website</a>	

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION AND TRANSCRIPTS

Courses not open to exchange students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School of Medicine (except specific SEMP agreements)</li> <li>• Courses of the School of Criminal Justice (<b>except</b> courses of the Master of Law in Criminology and Security; for courses of the Bachelor and Master in Forensic Sciences, a written request must be sent to the Direction of the School).</li> <li>• All MSc offered by the School of Biology</li> <li>• MSc in Accounting, Control and Finance</li> <li>• MSc in Human Taphonomy</li> <li>• Some courses may require specific prerequisites and the approval of the Master programme's director</li> <li>• Executive programmes (EMBA, MAS, etc.)</li> </ul>	
Credits and grades	UNIL uses ECTS credits. The grading scale is from 0 (lowest grade) to 6 (highest grade). Passing grade is 4.	
Course load	We expect our exchange students to complete at least 15 ECTS during their exchange semester at UNIL and recommend that they do not exceed 30 ECTS per semester.	
Transcripts	<p>Bilateral agreements: the original transcript is sent to the exchange office of the partner institution at the end of February for the fall semester and at the end of August for the spring semester.</p> <p>Contact: Ms Frédérique Auger  <a href="mailto:studentmobility@unil.ch">studentmobility@unil.ch</a> (+41 21 692 60 31)</p>	
Info for incoming exchange students	<a href="#">website</a>	

## HOUSING

<b>University housing office</b>	<p>UNIL cannot guarantee housing for all exchange students. Priority is given to overseas exchange students. University halls of residence are open to bachelor and master students only. Advanced studies and continuing education students (Master of Advanced Studies) have not access to university halls of residence. Students who did not get a room through our office can ask for a room rent list.</p> <p><a href="#">More information</a></p>	
Address	Social Affairs and Student Mobility Service (SASME) Unicentre UNIL-Centre CH-1015 Lausanne	<a href="mailto:Logement@unil.ch">Logement@unil.ch</a> +41 21 692 21 13

## INSURANCE

Foreign students **must** have a health and accident insurance coverage that complies with Swiss regulations. If a foreign health and accident insurance does not offer the minimum coverage required by Swiss law, the exchange student will have to contract a Swiss health and accident insurance for international students. European students can benefit from the minimum coverage required by Swiss law if they have a European Health Insurance Card. [More information](#)

## IMMIGRATION

### Visa

Students should apply to the Swiss diplomatic representation in their own country in order to complete the necessary administrative procedure. It is very important that these formalities are started within the time limits set, i.e. 2 to 3 months before their arrival in Switzerland. Students coming from the countries of the European Union do not have to complete these formalities. **Important:** It is impossible to change a tourist visa into a student permit once the student has arrived in Switzerland. Thus, the exchange student must apply for a national visa (Visa D) designed for a stay of more than 90 days.

### Residence permit

Upon arrival in Switzerland, the student must go personally to the Foreign Registration Office (*Bureau des étrangers*) of his/her town of residence.

[More information](#)

## COST OF LIVING

The cost of living in Lausanne for students all included is around CHF 2,100 per month (incl. accommodation: CHF 700 to 900). [More information](#)

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

<b>Services available to exchange students</b>	General advising and support	Ms Frédérique Auger or Ms Maria Velasco <a href="mailto:studentmobility@unil.ch">studentmobility@unil.ch</a> , +41 21 692 21 13
	Academic counselling	<a href="#">Website</a>
	Peer programme	ESN-UNIL: <a href="http://unil.esn.ch/">http://unil.esn.ch/</a>
	Life on campus	<a href="#">website</a>
	Culture	<a href="#">website</a>
	Sports	<a href="http://sport.unil.ch">http://sport.unil.ch</a>
<b>Student card and Student ID</b>	Each student will receive a student card (Campus card), an ID (username and password), and an email address. <a href="#">More info</a>	
<b>University Library</b>	<a href="http://www.bcu-lausanne.ch">www.bcu-lausanne.ch</a> The Campus card is required to borrow a book.	
<b>Recommended arrival dates</b> (arrival date depends from the Housing Contract students receive about one month before the beginning of the semester)	Autumn semester:	First week or beginning of the second week of September
	Spring semester:	Second week of February

## USEFUL WEBSITES

International relations	<a href="#">website</a>
Programmes and courses	<a href="#">website</a>
Information for exchange students	<a href="#">website</a>

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