

Fact Sheet: Student Exchange 2027/28



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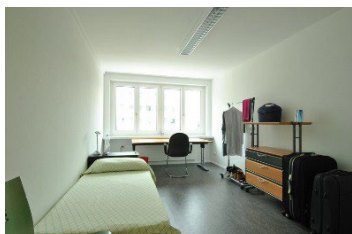
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Accessibility	The SML is wheelchair-accessible
Promotional Videos	Watch what our Incomings have to say



Academic Calendar and Application Procedure		
Structure of Academic Year	Fall Semester 2027/28 (compulsory) Orientation Week: 13 - 17 September Start of Instruction: 20 September Exam preparation: 24 December - 16 January Exam period: 17 January - 05 February Publication of Grades: End of February Spring Semester 2028 (compulsory; dates are subject to change) Orientation Week: 14 - 18 February Start of Instruction: 21 February Exam preparation: 29 May - 11 June Exam period: 12 June - 1 July Publication of Grades: End of July	
Nomination and Application	Students need to be nominated by their home institution through our nomination and application platform, Mobility-Online. Email nominations are no longer accepted. The link to the platform changes each academic year and will be provided to all partner institutions. Should you not receive the nomination link, or have any related inquiries, please contact the ZHAW SML International Office at incoming.area1.sml@zhaw.ch. Once nominated and approved, students will receive a welcome email containing a link to complete their application on Mobility-Online. Nominations and applications should be submitted by the deadlines below.	
Deadlines	Nomination deadline	Fall Semester: 15 May / Spring Semester: 15 October
	Application deadline	Fall Semester: 31 May / Spring Semester: 20 October
	<i>Late nominations for students who do not require a visa may be accepted following prior consultation with the International Office.</i>	
Language Requirements (English and/or German)	The expected language proficiency level is B2+ (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). While a B2+ level is sufficient for admission, a C1 level for modules taught in German is strongly recommended. Applicants must provide official certification of their English or German language skills. The ZHAW SML accepts <u>only</u> the following certificates: - TOEFL iBT 83/4.5 and iBT Home (valid for 2 years) - Cambridge First (FCE) - Cambridge Advanced (CAE) - Cambridge Business (BEC) - Cambridge Linguaskill (min B2) - Duolingo min. 115 (valid for 2 years) - IELTS 5.5 (valid for 2 years) - TOEIC Listening and Reading (combined score 450) - Official confirmation letter of language proficiency from home institution - Successfully completed International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma in English	
Further Requirements	- A minimum of two completed semesters prior to the start of the exchange (at bachelor's level) - No minimum GPA required	
Module Registration	Students should independently review the academic year's module offerings and check the syllabi to ensure their preferred modules meet the home institution's requirements. The module registration is finalized in person during the Orientation Week, with the opportunity to modify the selection during the add and drop period at the start of the first week of classes. Module placements cannot be confirmed before the final module registration.	

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Languages of Instruction	English (German speakers may also choose from modules taught in German)																
Bachelor's Degree Programs	Business Administration with majors (specializations) in - Banking and Finance - Behavioral Design - Financial Management - General Management - Insurance Management - Marketing - Politics and Management International Management Business Information Technology - Business Information Systems - Data Science Business Law Applied Law																
Master's Degree Programs	Business Administration with majors (specializations) in - Innovation and Entrepreneurship - Marketing - Public Management - Enterprise Development Accounting and Controlling Banking and Finance Circular Economy Management International Business Management and Law Business Information Technology																
Module Offer for Incoming Students	Incoming students can choose from over 100 modules taught in English. In addition, some modules in English are offered exclusively to incoming students, including two language modules (German Beginner and German Intermediate). ➔ The module offer for the current academic year can be accessed here																
Credit System	ECTS (European Credit Transfer System)																
Grading System	Parallel grading system: Swiss grades and ECTS grades. A passing grade of 4.0 in the Swiss system is required to receive ECTS credits. <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Swiss Grade</th><th>ECTS Grade</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>6.0 Excellent</td><td>A</td></tr> <tr> <td>5.5 Very good</td><td>B</td></tr> <tr> <td>5.0 Good</td><td>C</td></tr> <tr> <td>4.5 Fair</td><td>D</td></tr> <tr> <td>4.0 Pass</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr> <td>< 4.0 Fail</td><td>FX Fail: more work required</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>F Fail: much more work required</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Swiss Grade	ECTS Grade	6.0 Excellent	A	5.5 Very good	B	5.0 Good	C	4.5 Fair	D	4.0 Pass	E	< 4.0 Fail	FX Fail: more work required		F Fail: much more work required
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Study Load per Semester for Full-Time Students	30 ECTS																
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Maximum Study Load for Incoming Students	45 ECTS																
German Language Training* *Free of charge for incoming students	Intensive language module in Orientation Week (2 ECTS) German modules of different levels during the semester (3 ECTS)																
Transcript of Records	The transcript will be sent directly to the home institution approximately one month after the end of the final exam period. However, all grades will be available online during the third week of February (fall semester) and the fourth week of July (spring semester).																

General Information																										
Housing (only off-campus) 	Option 1: Student Residence AXA Camp A number of single, furnished rooms are reserved for our incoming students at AXA Camp, a student residence in Winterthur. How to reserve one of these rooms will be communicated after the application process has been finalized. Further options are available through WOKO, an organization offering student accommodation. Details, such as room types, rents, and location, can be found at: - WOKO Due to limited room availability, early application is strongly recommended. Option 2: Private Housing Listings of other accommodation options available in Winterthur and Zurich can be found at: - Livit - www.wgzimmer.ch - www.homegate.ch - www.students.ch - www.ums.ch Option 3: Subletting or Homestay Some outgoing Swiss students sublet their rooms or apartments during their exchange. In addition, a limited number of rooms with host families may be available. All these accommodation offers are collected on a dedicated platform. Information on how to access the platform will be sent out once the application process has been completed.																									
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Financial Aid (SEMP) The Swiss Federal Council provides financial support to students from European partner institutions. Depending on the home institution's country, students can receive a grant of either CHF 1900 or CHF 2200 per semester.																										
Arrival Information - Zurich Airport (Kloten): 15 minutes by train to Winterthur main station - Basel Airport (EuroAirport): 2 hours by bus and train to Winterthur main station - Geneva Airport: 3.5 hours by train to Winterthur main station ➔ <i>The ZHAW SML is just a 5-minute walk from the Winterthur main station</i>																										
Student Support Buddy Program: Incoming students are paired with a local student. Whenever possible, the buddy welcomes the incoming student upon arrival and assists them in getting to their accommodation. International Officer: A local student supporting the International Office and incoming students throughout the semester. ESN (Erasmus Student Network): Organizes social events and activities for international and incoming students.																										

Visa and Health Insurance	
Visa and Residence Permit	Non-EU citizens need a student visa and are advised to apply early (immediately after receiving their letter of acceptance). Students from Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, and the United Kingdom do <u>not</u> need a visa, but they are required to apply for an assurance of residence permit (referred to as “<i>Zusicherung der Aufenthaltsbewilligung</i>” in German) through the SML International Office. All exchange students must apply for a residence permit (L-Permit) upon arrival. Applications for both the visa and residence permit require proof of financial means (minimum of CHF 1,750 per month). The International Office will provide detailed guidance on the visa and/or residence permit once the application process has been completed.
Health Insurance	Basic health insurance is mandatory by law in Switzerland and can be obtained after the student’s arrival. Detailed information will be provided during Orientation Week. Non-EU residents are required to purchase Swiss health insurance (plans starting as low as CHF 61 per month); international health insurance obtained in the student’s home country is usually not sufficient. EU residents with a valid EHIC or UK residents with a valid GHIC may be exempt from the standard Swiss health insurance requirement. However, they are required to apply for an exemption with the relevant Swiss health authority.

