

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	ETH Zurich (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology) http://www.ethz.ch/
B. Country	Switzerland
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	<p>Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange.</p> <p>Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.</p>
ii) Academic Calendar	<p>Semester 1: Mid September to End December (excluding examinations) Semester 2: Mid February to Early June (excluding examinations)</p> <p>https://www.ethz.ch/en/studies/non-degree-courses/exchange-and-visiting-studies/about-the-study-programmes/academic-calendar-and-exam-schedule.html%20</p>
iii) Exchange Duration	<p>One semester</p> <p>For more student exchange information, please refer to https://www.ethz.ch/en/studies/non-degree-courses/exchange-and-visiting-studies/programmes/exchange-programmes/worldwide-programmes.html</p>
iv) Examination	<p>Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at the host university.</p> <p>If the exams overlap with the start of the new semester at NUS, you may request rescheduling or preponing certain exams under specific conditions. For more information on the preponement of exams, please refer to https://www.ethz.ch/students/en/studies/performance-assessments/preponement.html.</p>
v) Curriculum Structure	<p>Students need to obtain at least 20 ECTS per semester (excluding language courses). Two thirds (for example 16 out of 24 ECTS credits) must be acquired in the department of enrolment. Exceptions are possible for interdisciplinary study programmes such as Environmental Sciences, Earth</p>

	<p>Sciences, Health Sciences and Technology, etc. and must be approved by the department.</p> <p>If students plan to take more than 25 ECTS credits per semester, they should discuss this with their departmental exchange coordinator, because they may have problems with the workload. The academic pace at ETH Zurich is high and students are expected to work a lot during the semester and for the exams. Taking more than 30 ECTS per semester is not recommendable.</p> <p>Online registration for courses closes 2 weeks after the semester commences.</p> <p>For more course information, please refer to: Course catalogue: http://www.courses.ethz.ch Detailed information on preparing a study plan: https://www.ethz.ch/en/studies/non-degree-courses/exchange-and-visiting-studies/about-the-study-programmes/preparing-a-study-plan.html</p>
<p>vi) Entry Requirements</p>	<p>(a) registered as a full-time undergraduate student of NUS</p> <p>(b) have successfully completed at least four (4) semesters of study at NUS upon admission to the host university;</p> <p>(c) not eligible for exchange in the graduating year</p> <p>(d) a student of good standing at NUS with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a minimum upper division second class honours or; b. a minimum B average grade or ; c. a CAP of at least 3.0 (out of 5) for NUS students
<p>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</p>	<p>Students must have sufficient knowledge of English. German would be a benefit for some (mainly undergraduate) courses. Information about the language of instruction of each course can be found in the course catalogue of ETH Zurich.</p> <p>As a rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bachelor programmes are mainly in German* - Master programmes are mainly in English** (exception: Architecture and Civil Engineering may offer very few courses in English only – if any) <p>(see course catalogue)</p>

	<p>*The undergraduate courses of the 1st and 2nd year Bachelor studies are normally taught in German at ETH Zurich, but many courses of the 3rd year are taught in English.</p> <p>**Undergraduate exchange students are allowed to choose courses of Master programmes (taught in English, as a rule) if they fulfill the prerequisites.</p> <p>There is an offer by the language learning center for intensive German courses and semester German courses: http://www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch/index_en.php</p> <p>Students do not need to provide a language certificate, but we do require incoming students to have at least a B2 level in the teaching language(s), i.e. English and/or German, depending on their choice of courses. However, a C1 level is highly recommended.</p>
<p>viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Agriculture and Food Sciences - Department of Architecture - Department of Civil, Environmental and Geomatic Engineering - Department of Biology - Department of Biosystems Science and Engineering - Department of Chemistry and Applied Biosciences - Department of Earth Sciences - Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences - Department of Computer Science - Department of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering - Department of Mathematics - Department of Materials Science - Department of Mechanical and Process Engineering - Department of Physics - Department of Environmental Sciences
<p>ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</p>	<p>Exchange students will be enrolled in one department as non-degree students, but they may pick and choose courses from different curricula, departments and years. As a general rule, 2 thirds of the courses have to be taken in the department of enrolment. Exchange students are expected to acquire a minimum of 20 ECTS (not including the language course/s). The full workload for regular ETH students is 30 ECTS per semester. Study plans and selected courses are subject to approval by the mobility advisor of the department of enrolment at ETH Zurich. Modules from the department of Management, Technology and Economics (D-MTEC) are not open to NUS exchange students.</p> <p>In order to be accepted in the department of Mathematics (D-MATH) at ETH Zurich, a student must be enrolled for a degree in mathematics in his/her</p>

	<p>home university. Enrollment is not possible in the department of Social Sciences and Humanity (D-GESS) and students can only take the department's courses as electives (max. 1/3 of courses). Please note that the department of Biosystems Science and Engineering (D-BSSE) is located in Basel, a city approximately 100 km away from Zurich, therefore the services of the Student Exchange Office might be slightly limited.</p> <p>ETH Zurich reserves the right to reject NUS students that they feel will be unable to handle the rigours of the academic programmes at their institution.</p>
<p>D. Application</p>	
<p>i) Procedures</p>	<p>Students can apply for SEP one year in advance through their home faculty in NUS between September and June. Please look out for your faculty's announcement regarding the application period.</p> <p>Once you have been selected by your home faculty for SEP, your faculty will contact you and provide information regarding application with your host university. Please prepare the necessary documents before the start of the application period at your host university.</p>
<p>ii) Deadlines</p>	<p>All NUS student must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university</p> <p>Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>
<p>E. Accommodations</p>	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>Student accommodation in Zurich is available through the Foundation for Student Housing. The Housing Office of the University and ETH Zurich brokers accommodation on the private market. ETH Zurich has limited reserved housing for international students.</p> <p>Single rooms are common. You find offers with or without cooking facility, apartment sharing, cleaning and washing service and bedding. All student accommodation in the city and the suburbs is located no further than 30 minutes from campus by using public transportation.</p> <p>With the ETH acceptance letter, students will receive information on registering for accommodation.</p>

	<p>Housing is not guaranteed, but so far ETH has usually been able to find accommodation for all overseas exchange students who registered with ETH's Housing Office within the set deadlines. After acceptance, students will receive information on registering for accommodation by email. They should read this information carefully and apply online within the set deadlines.</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students coming for research projects can only apply for housing if they are staying for the regular semester dates. • Students older than 28 years cannot be accommodated in our student housing. <p>For more information about accommodation, please refer to http://www.wohnen.ethz.ch/index_EN</p>
<p>F. Visa</p>	
<p>Consular/Visa Regulation</p>	<p>All visa applications are processed by ETH Zurich. Students will be informed after their acceptance about the further procedures.</p> <p>See: http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/reps.html for Swiss embassies. Visa and residence permit fees usually amount to approx. CHF 350.</p>
<p>G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance</p>	
<p>i) Health/Medical Insurance</p>	<p>All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/healthservice/insurance-schemes/undergraduate-scheme.html.</p> <p>For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/InsuranceCoverforOfficialNUSTrips.html</p> <p>Health Insurance: Since 1 January 1996, basic health insurance has been mandatory for all persons living in Switzerland. If the insurer is acknowledged by the Swiss authorities, students may be exempted from having to take out compulsory health insurance in Switzerland. The application for exemption itself will be done upon the students' arrival in Switzerland and there is no guarantee that it will be accepted. Generally it is not, in that case students must take out Swiss health and accident insurance immediately - see www.ethz.ch/health-insurance-for-students for more information. Some</p>

	<p>Swiss insurance companies offer special packages for foreign students at affordable prices. Students will receive further information on health insurance matters after arrival and will be invited to attend a special information event on health insurance matters. Note that it is not necessary for students to purchase a Swiss health insurance before arrival.</p> <p>Personal Liability Insurance: Although with a high franchise (amount paid by the person involved), ETH Zurich is insured against material and property damage. If students damage instruments and equipment belonging to ETH through negligence (e.g. in practical courses, during semester projects/conducting thesis work), ETH Zurich has the right to make the persons involved accountable for the damage costs.</p> <p>ETH Zurich therefore highly recommends its students to take out a personal liability insurance to cover unintentional damages caused to third parties both inside and outside ETH Zurich Not having personal liability insurance may result in considerable expenses, e.g. damage to property in rented rooms or flats, injury or other damage to a person’s health, etc.).</p> <p>For more information on health and insurance, please refer to http://www.ethz.ch/health-insurance-for-students</p>
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<p>ii) Emergency Number at host university</p>	<p>+41 44 632 20 86</p>
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H. Cost of Living

<p>i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="470 1429 986 1464">Breakdown of Costs</th> <th data-bbox="986 1429 1366 1464">Cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 1464 986 1503">Accommodation</td> <td data-bbox="986 1464 1366 1503">CHF450 – CHF850</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 1503 986 1541">Food</td> <td data-bbox="986 1503 1366 1541">CHF500</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 1541 986 1579">Transport</td> <td data-bbox="986 1541 1366 1579">CHF61 – CHF90</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 1579 986 1617">Others (Entertainment, clothes)</td> <td data-bbox="986 1579 1366 1617">CHF425</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 1617 986 1655">Monthly Estimate</td> <td data-bbox="986 1617 1366 1655">CHF1,750</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For more details, please refer to https://www.ethz.ch/en/studies/non-degree-courses/exchange-and-visiting-studies/living-in-zurich.html</p>	Breakdown of Costs	Cost	Accommodation	CHF450 – CHF850	Food	CHF500	Transport	CHF61 – CHF90	Others (Entertainment, clothes)	CHF425	Monthly Estimate	CHF1,750
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