**IMPORTANT NOTE**

Before applying for any summer/winter programme, read the GRO website and i-SP Application Guide for important information on:

- General Eligibility Requirements and Application Process
- Module Mapping

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**University of Zurich (Online) Summer School 2021: What Defines a Country's Success? Switzerland's Experience in Comparison**

*(Updated as of 8 January 2021)*

Programme Website: [https://www.summerschools.uzh.ch/programs/countrys-success/](https://www.summerschools.uzh.ch/programs/countrys-success/)

Programme Dates: 4 - 23 July 2021

Application Deadline: 25 April 2021

No. of Placements: To be determined by the host university

**COVID-19 related updates:**

Due to the COVID-10 situation, University of Zurich has announced that the summer programme will be offered 100% online for 2021.

Students may apply for module mapping and transfer a maximum of 8 MCs (this is applicable only to online summer programmes 2021). Some Faculties/Schools (including School of Computing) will not approve module mapping for online courses. Please check with your home faculty’s Dean’s Office to determine if module mapping can be approved for online courses before applying to the partner university.

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**ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION**

| 1 | Programme Fee | The regular fee for this summer school is CHF 1500. Discounts worth CHF 500 available to students from NUS, allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Students will only have to pay a reduced fee of **CHF 1000** to participate in this programme. The fee includes:  
  - Tuition and application fee  
  - Final Certificate and Transcript of Records  
  - Virtual classroom teaching  
  - A digital social programme that fosters your intercultural competence |

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**PROGRAMME DETAILS**

| 2 | Academic Content | Each online summer school course taken at UZH Summer School is worth 6 ECTS credits. Students should refer to the website for the latest list of courses available and its descriptions. |
This online Summer School looks at the development of Switzerland in comparison with other successful small countries. Students will find out how Switzerland became one of the richest and most globalized countries in the world. During the three weeks of the Summer School, you will learn about the country’s roots and how it became an international finance center. We will also study its worldwide successful industries like watchmaking, pharmaceuticals, and food processing, through talking to leading experts.

We will then compare Switzerland to other successful small and open countries in today’s world. Together we will explore their singularities, similarities and remarkable differences. This will help us to understand whether there is one recipe for political survival and economic success, or if there are many different development paths.

By doing so, we will examine which historical, sociological, and political factors have to be taken into account when explaining a country’s success. Last but not least, this will also help us to understand why countries react differently to crises such as the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

During the online course, you will:

- Understand the different preconditions and historic experiences in economic development of small countries, based on a comparative, interdisciplinary approach.
- Analyse the Swiss success stories and identify singularities and commonalities with other countries.
- Discuss strengths and weaknesses of the different “national models” and how their elements fit together.
- Draw conclusions for ongoing debates on the relevant factors for successful economic and crisis management of countries.

The teaching and learning methods include:

- Podcasts and Livestreams: Interact with lecturers and classmates during live sessions or watch them again if they have been recorded
- Q&A and mentoring sessions: Ask your questions to your Course Director
- Group work: Interact with other students and work together on your projects
- Individual presentations: Improve your presentation skills, discuss your project and get immediate feedback from classmates and your Course Director
- Comparative analysis and discussion of recent topics: Benefit from a diverse classroom and discuss about commonalities of different countries

Eligibility Requirements

NUS’ generic eligibility requirements apply, please see GRO website for details.

UZH Summer School encourages students who fulfilled the following requirements to apply for the programme:

- Have good grades in the undergraduate studies
- Completed their first year of study
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- This course is open to students from all subject areas
- Applicants must possess a sufficient command of English. This needs to be visible from your motivation letter, previous studies or work experience.

### Application Procedure

You are **REQUIRED TO** apply via NUS’ [EduRec-GE AND](http://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/global-programmes/summer-and-winter-programmes/i-sp-application-guide) the host university’s **online application** concurrently.


Please note that you must accept both internal offer from EduRec (to proceed with online module mapping) and external offer from the host university (and with payment of programme fees to the host university) for the online summer programme before you can participate in the programme.

### Module Mapping

Students interested in obtaining credit can start the module mapping process after you apply in EduRec and accept the offer for the programme. Module mapping request is subject to approval from the Faculties.

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### Contact Information

- Questions about the programme? > Contact the host university at: [summer@int.uzh.ch](mailto:summer@int.uzh.ch)

- Questions about module mapping? > Visit this [webpage](http).

- Questions specific to NUS GRO? > Contact us at: [askGRO](mailto:askGRO)