Information for Students on Exchange

| A. University | University of Lausanne  
| B. Country    | Switzerland            |
| C. Academics  |                        |
| i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer | Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange. 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. |
| ii) Academic Calendar | **Semester 1:** September to early February  
|                | **Semester 2:** February to early July  
|                | [https://www.unil.ch/central/calendar](https://www.unil.ch/central/calendar)  
|                | Fall semester’s final exam session takes place in January. However, students taking all their courses in the Faculty of Arts (Lettres) and the School of French as a Foreign Language (EFLE) have no final exams. |
| iii) Exchange Duration | One semester  
|                | The Social Affairs and Student Mobility Service (SASME) is in charge of all practical issues regarding exchange students. For more student exchange information, please refer to [https://www.unil.ch/international/incoming](https://www.unil.ch/international/incoming) |
| iv) Examination | Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at the host university.  
|                | **Semester 1:** Mid-January to early February  
|                | **Semester 2:** Mid-June to early July |
| v) Curriculum Structure | ECTS credits are used at the UNIL. 60 ECTS credits represent one year of full-time study. Credits linked to a teaching unit (course, module) are awarded only if the student obtains a pass at the evaluation of the unit (examination, written assignment, continuous assessment, etc.). Exchange students are not obliged to take a minimum number of credits. However, we do not recommend taking more than 30 ECTS credits per semester. |
During your stay at UNIL, you may:

- Attend regular courses taught in French
- Attend regular courses taught in English (see below)
- Study French full-time during the academic year at the School of French as a foreign language and/or the summer or winter break at the Cours de vacances *
- Study French part-time and attend regular courses taught in French or English. (see section vii on Language Proficiency Requirements)

* Please note that the Cours de vacances is a fee-paying programme.

Courses taught in English are offered in the following disciplines:

**Bachelor**

- Biology
- Business and Economics

**Master**

- Biology
- Life Science
- Geology and Environment
- Business and Economics
- English Literature

For more course information and list of English-taught courses, please refer to:
https://www.unil.ch/international/studyatunil

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<td>a. a minimum upper division second class honours or;</td>
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<td>c. a CAP of at least 3.0 (out of 5) for NUS students</td>
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**vii) Language Proficiency Requirements**

Most courses are taught in French. **Students’ French language skills must be at least equivalent to level B2 of the CEFR.**

A PDF list of courses taught in English is available on: https://www.unil.ch/international/studyatunil. **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.

The Cours de vacances offers intensive courses in French language during the summer and winter breaks. Students must pay for these courses. www.unil.ch/cvac

- 3-week courses (A1-C1 level)
- 6-week courses (A1-C1 level)
- 6-week courses for complete beginners (summer only)
- Possibility to get 5 ECTS credits for 3-week courses and 10 credits for 6-week courses (special conditions apply)

The School of French as a Foreign Language offers courses in French language during the autumn and spring semesters for beginners to advanced students. These courses are free of charge for exchange students. www.unil.ch/fle

**viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students**

- Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies
- Faculty of Law and Criminal Justice
- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Social and Political Sciences
- Faculty of Business and Economics
- Faculty of Geosciences and Environment
- Faculty of Biology and Medicine

**ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites**

The follow areas are restricted from exchange students:

- School of Medicine (except specific SEMP agreements)
- School of Criminal Justice (except Master of Law in Criminology and Security; for courses of the Bachelor and Master in Forensic Sciences, a written request must be addressed to the Direction of the School).

- MSc in Medical Biology
- MSc in Accounting, Control and Finance

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### D. Application

**i) Procedures**

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.

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.

**ii) Deadlines**

All NUS students 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.

Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.

### E. Accommodations

**i) University Accommodation**

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 no access to university halls of residence. Students who did not get a room through our office can ask for a room rent list.

For more information about accommodation, please refer to [https://www.unil.ch/international/comingtolausanne](https://www.unil.ch/international/comingtolausanne)

### F. Visa

**Consular/Visa Regulation**

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. It is impossible to change a tourist visa into a student permit once the student has arrived in Switzerland. If you need to apply for a visa:

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1. Go to the nearest Swiss embassy or consulate
2. Bring with you:
   a. A general outline of your study project with the length of your studies
   b. A valid passport
   c. An acceptance letter from University of Lausanne
   d. An official guarantee of your ability to finance your studies in Switzerland

Please apply for your visa as soon as you receive your acceptance letter from UNIL. The visa procedure can take up to 3 months to complete.

Upon arrival in Switzerland, the student must go personally to the Foreign Registration Office (Bureau des étrangers) of his/her town of residence to get a Residence Permit. The cost of a Residence Permit is CHF 150 – 280 for students from non-EU countries, depending on the municipality of residence. There is also a residence tax of CHF 30 – 37/month depending on the town of residence.

For more information on visa:
https://www.unil.ch/international/comingtolausanne

G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

i) Health/Medical Insurance

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/general-health/billing-insurance/insurance-matters

For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/

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 more information on health and insurance, please refer to http://www.unil.ch/international/insurance

ii) Emergency Number at host university

+41 21 692 21 17 (office)
### Website on COVID-19 updates

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### H. Cost of Living

**i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses**