### Information for Students on Exchange

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<th><strong>A. University</strong></th>
<th>University of Zurich</th>
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<th><strong>B. Country</strong></th>
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**C. Academics**

**i) Course Mapping & Credits Transfer**

Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange.

Courses 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 university while you are preparing your Study Plan.

**ii) Academic Calendar**

**Lecture Period**
- **Semester 1:** Mid-September to End December
- **Semester 2:** Mid-February to Early June


Examination dates are different from each faculty and depend on the course students would like to take. Most examinations take place after the lecture period (January or June). For further information, students should contact the student advisors of the institute or faculty they choose.

**iii) Exchange Duration**

One semester

For more student exchange information, please refer to: [https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/program/world/university.html](https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/program/world/university.html)

**iv) Examination**

Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at the host university.

**v) Curriculum Structure**

At the University of Zurich, one ECTS credit corresponds to a workload of 30 hours (including presence at lectures, self-study, preparing for and taking examinations). A normal semester workload is of 30 ECTS. Exchange Students are expected to choose courses amounting to around 20 ECTS in the same or a similar subject they study at their home university.

Courses can be found through the course catalogue: [https://courses.uzh.ch/](https://courses.uzh.ch/)

Courses taught in English at the Faculty of Law:
Cross-faculty course booking is allowed. However, students should attend most of their courses in their major and minor(s).

### vi) Entry Requirements

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<td>(a) Registered as a full-time undergraduate student of NUS</td>
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<td>(b) Have successfully completed at least two (2) semesters of study at NUS</td>
<td>upon admission to the host university;</td>
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<td>(c) not eligible for exchange in the graduating year</td>
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<td>(d) a student of good standing at NUS with</td>
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<td>a. a minimum upper division second class honours or;</td>
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<td>b. a minimum B average grade or;</td>
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<td>c. a GPA of at least 3.0 (out of 5) for NUS students</td>
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### vii) Language Proficiency Requirements

Courses are mainly conducted in German. An increasing number of courses at the Faculty of Science, the Faculty of Economics, Business Administration and Information Technology, the Faculty of Law, and in Political Science are offered in English.

A proof of proficiency in German at about level C1 (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – CEFR) issued by the Goethe Institute or the German department of the home university (native speaker) has to be attached to the application if students intend to take courses taught in German.

The Language Center of the University of Zurich and ETH offers language courses for students from all fields of study for a fee of CHF 80.-. Before the beginning of the semester, it is possible to participate in an Intensive German Course. The intensive course takes place about two weeks before the beginning of a semester. For this course, a registration fee of CHF 100.- is charged. Application deadlines apply and places are limited.

Information about the exact dates, duration and application deadlines will be available several weeks before the beginning of the semester at [https://www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch/en.html](https://www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch/en.html).

We suggest students consider language training in English and/or German at their home university before beginning the studies in Zurich. Even if specific students do not need German for their studies, knowledge of German will help to learn more about local Swiss culture and deal with practical issues in everyday life. In working on their languages before their arrival here, students will find the Resource Pool at the University of Zurich/ETH Self-learning Centre of use.
During the studies in Zurich exchange students will have the opportunity to take one language course “German as a Foreign Language” at the University/ETH Language Center.

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

- Humanities (including Social Sciences)
- Theology
- Law
- Economics
- Business Administration and Information Technology*
- Natural Sciences

*courses from Business and Economics are not open to exchange students.

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

Cross-faculty course booking is allowed, however students should attend most of their courses in their major and minor(s).

**Restrictions:**

- **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**: no cross-level booking.

- **English Department** (English Language and Literature): Students who are not enrolled in English Language and Literature at their home university can only take lectures offered by the English Department.

- **Department of Biology**: Only students who study Biology, Biochemistry or Biomedicine at their home university are allowed to take courses in Biology, Biochemistry or Biomedicine. Also, Biology Block Courses are closed to exchange students.

- **Department of Psychology**: Only students who study Psychology as a major in their home university are allowed to take courses offered by the Department of Psychology.

- **Faculty of Law**: Students taking courses at the Faculty of Law must have completed 4 semesters at their home university before the begin of their exchange stay at UZH.

- Courses from Business and Economics are not open to exchange students under university-wide exchange.

- Programmes that are only on Master/Graduate level are not open to exchange students.

- Students who wish to take courses taught in German need to hand in a proof of proficiency in German at about level C1 (according to CEFR) issued by the Goethe Institute or the German language department of the home university (by a native speaker).
### D. Application

**i) Procedures**

Students may 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 one’s exchange being forfeited even if he or she has been selected by NUS for the exchange.

### E. Accommodations

**i) University Accommodation**

University of Zurich does not own student dormitories. However, the Global Student Experience provides a link to a limited number of rooms for international exchange students which are managed by the Housing Office of UZH and ETHZ.

The contract for your accommodation through the Housing Office is between you and the Housing Office / WOKO. The University of Zurich cannot interfere in these rental contracts and is not liable for any actions.

**Useful resources:**
- [https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/organization/living.html#Housing](https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/organization/living.html#Housing)
- Housing Office of University of Zurich and ETH Zurich: [https://www.wohnen.ethz.ch/en](https://www.wohnen.ethz.ch/en)
- Student Housing Cooperative Zurich (WOKO): [www.woko.ch](http://www.woko.ch)

### F. Visa

**Consular/Visa Regulation**

Nominated students from countries with visa obligation will receive a form for immigration and further information directly from the International Relations Office of the University of Zurich.

For more information, please visit: [https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/organization/visa-entry.html](https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/organization/visa-entry.html)
# 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](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/](https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/).

For anyone staying in Switzerland longer than three months, it is compulsary to buy a health insurance in Switzerland. If the insurance at the home country is equivalent, students can apply for an exemption from the obligation. Students are required to await a letter from the cantonal Department of Health they will receive after the registration at the Kreisbüro (Zurich’s residents’ registration offices).

Please note that travel insurances will not be accepted as sufficient coverage since you will be residing in Switzerland and are no longer travelling. Additionally, no insurance policy with a maximum coverage or a coverage limit will be accepted as equivalent to Swiss health insurance (e.g. if your insurance sets a coverage limit of EUR 100'000 and you would have to cover any additional costs that arise on top of that amount in case of a severe illness). If your insurance sets such a maximum coverage or a coverage limit, you would not be eligible for an exemption from the Swiss health insurance obligation.

Please note that Swiss health insurance providers are private companies. It is advisable to compare different offers using an online comparison tool, Comparis: [https://en.comparis.ch/krankenkassen/default](https://en.comparis.ch/krankenkassen/default).

Students need to prove that your coverage is sufficient within three months after your arrival in Switzerland.

For more info on insurance, please refer to [https://www.int.uzh.ch/dam/jcr:abd92623-3c53-4c3c-934a-e021bd1bca90/Factsheet_Health_Insurance.pdf](https://www.int.uzh.ch/dam/jcr:abd92623-3c53-4c3c-934a-e021bd1bca90/Factsheet_Health_Insurance.pdf).

## ii) Emergency Number at host university

+41 (0) 44 635 41 41
### H. Cost of Living

#### i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses

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<td>Accommodation</td>
<td>CHF 790 + CHF 50 (utilities)</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>CHF 450</td>
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<td>Transport</td>
<td>CHF 100</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>CHF 100</td>
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<td>Others (Entertainment, clothes)</td>
<td>CHF 250</td>
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<td><strong>Monthly Estimate</strong></td>
<td><strong>CHF 1,790</strong></td>
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For more information, please visit: [https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/finances.html](https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/finances.html)

### I. Useful reference

- Guide for Exchange Students
  - [https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/organization.html](https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/organization.html)

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Note: All information is subjected to change.