

PH LUZERN **UNIVERSITY OF TEACHER EDUCATION**



**University of Teacher Education
Lucerne, Switzerland (UTE)
Fact Sheet for a Mobility Semester**

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Academic Year	Spring Semester Classes begin: End of February Classes end: Beginning of June	Autumn Semester Classes begin: Beginning of September Classes end: Mid of December (before Christmas)
	International students should arrive several days before the start of the semester. Usually there will be an introduction event the week before the official start of the semester. There is a two-week break period during each semester, where students can attend specialized courses or take the time off to travel through Switzerland and Europe. Exact dates for each semester	
Nomination Deadline	For Spring Semester November 1st Submit to internationaloffice@phlu.ch	For Autumn Semester May 1st Submit to internationaloffice@phlu.ch
Student Application Deadline	Spring Semester November 15th	Autumn Semester May 15th
	Online Application	
Language Skills	The international classes are held in English. Therefore, a B2 level in English is required. A confirmation of the English level must be attached to the application form.	
Study Programme	UTE Lucerne offers an international programme taught in English. It includes courses such as Global Issues of Sustainability; Diversity, Inclusion and Equity in Schools; Swiss and European History; Digital Learning; Photo, Film and Video - Understanding Audio-visual Language; and Classroom Management. In addition, the individual subjects offer a variety of English and bilingual courses.	
	Upon request, PH Lucerne can arrange school practicum experiences in public or private schools (one half day per week, 4 ECTS). Combined with the international programme, this allows exchange students to easily reach a total of 30 ECTS per semester. The international courses are compulsory for most incoming students. However, German-speaking students enrolled in the Master's programme may, upon request, omit some of the mandatory modules of the international programme. German-speaking students may also choose courses from the German-language course catalogue of UTE Lucerne. Please refer to the International Office website for more detailed information on our course offerings .	
Enrolment Requirements	▶ Students must complete a minimum of 18 ECTS per semester. ▶ We recommend a maximum of 30 ECTS credits per semester; a higher number cannot be guaranteed. ▶ A minimum of 80 % attendance is required to pass a module. ▶ The international course programme is repeated every semester. Therefore, it is not possible for non-German-speaking students to study at UTE Lucerne for more than one semester.	
Credit System	UTE Lucerne follows the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). One ECTS is equivalent to 25-30 hours of student workload.	

Accommodation

UTE Lucerne does not have on-campus housing, and international students will need to make their own housing arrangements. However, our office is happy to assist with information about affordable housing options. In addition, we have a small number of rooms available in one of the student residences, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Support and Cultural Experience

Receiving a manageable number of incoming students per semester allows the UTE Lucerne International Office to take care of our guest on a very personal basis. The International Office organizes several events per semester (e.g. Welcoming Event, Swiss Dinner, Day Trip, etc.).

If desired, incoming students can be matched with a buddy who will help them to find their way around UTE Lucerne and make new connections with fellow students. Besides that, UTE Lucerne works closely with [ESN Switzerland](#).

Health Insurance

Anyone staying in Switzerland for more than three months must have compulsory health and accident insurance. If the health insurance policy from your home country meets the Swiss standards, you can be exempted from the insurance obligation. For students from EU countries, the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will be accepted. Otherwise, you must take out basic insurance with a Swiss student health insurance company.

Visa

Students are responsible for complying with visa and entry requirements. Please check with the Swiss Embassy in your home country regarding the visa fees. It takes at least 8 weeks for a visa to be issued. EU/EFTA citizens don't need a visa.

A residence permit is required for anyone staying in Switzerland for more than 90 days. Students must therefore register at their place of residence within 14 days of entering Switzerland.

Costs

Students from our partner universities do not have to pay any tuition or semester fees. If the mobility semester is completed within the Swiss-European Mobility Programme, exchange students generally receive a financial grant.

Estimated living costs for Lucerne:

- ▶ Student accommodation: app. CHF 650/month
- ▶ Mobile: depending on individual use, app. CHF 20/month
- ▶ Local transportation (bus, train): CHF 70/month
- ▶ Health Insurance (if no EHIC): app. CHF 50/month
- ▶ Food (self-prepared): app. CHF 200-300/month
- ▶ Lunch at student Cafeteria: CHF 10
- ▶ Dinner at a restaurant: app. CHF 30-40
- ▶ Beer / coffee / soft drink (restaurant): CHF 5-6
- ▶ Residence permit: CHF 70 (EU/EFTA countries) or CHF 250 (non-EU/EFTA countries)

Overall, we estimate that a student needs around CHF 1200-1600 per month.



We are looking forward to greeting you at UTE Lucerne!

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