

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 Mid of September Classes end End of December (before Christmas)
	International students should arrive several days before the start of the semester. Usually there will be an introduction event on Friday 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 to International Office	For Spring Semester November 1 st Submit to internationaloffice@phlu.ch	For Autumn Semester April 15 th Submit to internationaloffice@phlu.ch
Student Application Deadline	Spring Semester November 15 th	Autumn Semester May 1 st
	Online Application	
Language Skills	A B2 level in English or German is required.	
Study Programme	UTE Lucerne offers an international programme that can be supplemented by choosing courses from the regular course programme. The international classes are held in English and are compulsory for all incoming students. They include i.a.: Global Learning, Global Issues of Sustainability, Digital Learning, Classroom Management, Swiss and European History and Mobile Learning In addition, the individual subjects offer a variety of English or bilingual courses. This means that visiting students at UTE Lucerne can easily take enough courses to achieve a total of 30 ECTS credits per semester. Please refer to the International Office website for more detailed information on our course offerings. On request, UTE Lucerne will be able to organize school practicum experiences in public or private schools (half a day per week, up to 6 ECTS). Incoming students can also request a UTE Lucerne student as a tutor for their German lessons if they would like to learn some German.	

Accommodation	<p>UTE Lucerne does not have on-campus housing and international students will need to make their own housing arrangements. However, UTE Lucerne has access to a limited number of student rooms for international students; our office will also gladly assist with information about low-priced housing options.</p>
Support and Cultural Experience	<p>Receiving a small 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 two to three events per Semester (e.g. Welcoming Event, Swiss Dinner, Day Trip, etc.).</p> <p>On request, incoming students will be supported by a Buddy who helps them to find their way around UTE Lucerne and to socialise with other students. Besides that, UTE Lucerne works closely with ESN Switzerland.</p>
Health Insurance	<p>Insurance complying with the Swiss Obligatory Healthcare Insurance Law is <u>compulsory</u> for anyone wanting to stay in Switzerland. For students from EU countries, the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will be accepted.</p> <p>Students from Non-EU countries can try to exempt themselves from Swiss insurance by proofing that they have a contract with an adequate insurer, which covers all health costs that might occur while staying in Switzerland. For everyone else we recommend a student insurance by Swisscare.</p>
Visa	<p>Students from EU/EFTA-countries: No Visa required.</p> <p>Students from non-EU/EFTA countries: They must apply for a Swiss Student Visa with the Swiss Embassy (Swiss diplomatic/consular mission) in their country of residence. Please note that it takes at least 8 weeks for a visa to be issued.</p> <p>For the visa application, they must bring along or submit: a valid passport; a Letter of Acceptance from UTE Lucerne, which states the duration of their planned stay in Switzerland; a Curriculum Vitae; a copy of a health insurance policy that includes accident coverage and a liability insurance valid for Switzerland; proof of adequate financial resources to cover the cost of living in Switzerland during the exchange (e.g. bank excerpt)</p> <p>Visa proposals cost around CHF 250.</p>
Costs	<p>Students from our partner universities do <u>not</u> have to pay any tuition or semester fees. Estimated living costs for Lucerne:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student accommodation: app. CHF 650 / month - Books and supplies: app. CHF 50 / month - Internet: free at university and student houses - Mobile: depending on individual use, app. CHF 20 / month - Local transportation (not necessary if you buy a bike): CHF 70 / month - Health Insurance (in not EU/EFTA): app. CHF 150 / month - Liability Insurance: CHF 100 - Food (self-prepared): app. CHF 300-400 / month - Lunch at student Cafeteria: CHF 10 - Dinner at a restaurant: app. CHF 30-40 - Beer / coffee / soft drink: CHF 5-6 - Student Visa (only non-EU/EFTA): app. CHF 250 <p>Overall, we estimate that a student needs around CHF 1500 - 2000 per month. (Everything included).</p>

We are looking forward to greeting you at UTE Lucerne!