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## **General information for visiting students at UTE Lucerne**

### **Accommodation**

We help visiting students with the accommodation search. We have some rooms reserved for international students at student accommodation at Gerliwilstrasse in Lucerne. Also, we can help to find shared flats or guest families for international students. The following links may also be helpful in finding accommodation:

- [Students.ch](https://www.students.ch)
- [WG Zimmer](https://www.wgzimmer.ch)
- [WG 24](https://www.wg24.ch)
- [Immobilien Scout](https://www.immobilienscout24.ch)
- [Studentroom.ch](https://www.studentroom.ch)
- [Verein Studentisches Wohnen Luzern](https://www.verein-studentisches-wohnen-luzern.ch)

### **Health, liability and accident insurance**

You are responsible for securing suitable insurance coverage. If you stay in Switzerland for more than three months, you are legally required to have health insurance. Only a very few exemptions are made, for example students completing a semester exchange in Switzerland provided that they have equivalent insurance coverage which would cover equivalent health costs in Switzerland. Please find out whether your health insurance covers all that is included in the Swiss basic mandatory health insurance.

Request that your health and accident insurance provider in your home country issue a certificate proving that you have adequate coverage. Students from inside the European Community who have statutory insurance coverage must provide the new European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). If the benefits of your insurance coverage conform to Swiss standards then you will not be subject to compulsory insurance. If not, you must take out Swiss basic health insurance.

We also advise you to take out liability insurance which covers you abroad.

### **Financial matters**

You can receive a subsidy from your home university within the framework of the ERASMUS Programme. At the moment students from our European partner universities receive a grant directly from our university, as Switzerland is currently not part of the Erasmus + programme. Living

expenses are relatively high in Switzerland and amount to at least CHF 1500 (EUR 930) per month, depending on your individual needs and activities.

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### **Visa and entry regulations**

You are responsible for complying with visa and entry regulations. If a visa is required, you will need to submit the respective application to the Swiss representation in your home country as early as possible. EU citizens require a residence permit but no visa. You will therefore have to register at your place of residence within 14 days of entering into Switzerland. You will receive a residence permit if you have sufficient financial means and adequate accident and health insurance coverage. Before exiting the country, you will have to deregister with your municipality. Please note that there are fees for registering ranging between CHF 50 to CHF 100.

General information on entry regulations for Switzerland is available at the Federal Administration Office. Detailed information, leaflets and forms are available at the relevant [Office of the Canton of Lucerne](#).

### **Travel and transport**

Public transport in Switzerland is outstanding. Almost any place can be reached with public transport. This, however, means that prices for public transport are also rather high. If you stay for a longer period of time, you are well advised to purchase a combined ticket. Information on the various options can be found [here](#).

General information on a residing in Switzerland can be found in the [ENS Switzerland brochure](#).

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