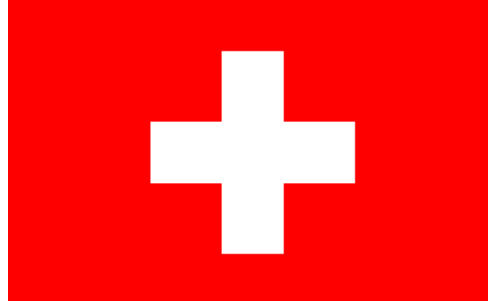




Study Abroad in Switzerland



Higher Education in Switzerland

- Swiss universities have an international atmosphere, with around 20% of students and about 50% of researchers and professors being from overseas.
- There are 12 public Swiss universities, 8 Swiss universities of applied sciences and 5 universities of teacher education. There are also several outstanding special institutes specialising in international affairs, public administration and finance and hotel management.
- A first degree requires 3 years (180 ECTS credits) of study in Switzerland.
- Private colleges are not accredited by the Swiss government but may be accredited by overseas universities including UK universities.
- The higher education academic year usually starts in April, although some courses start in October. Most courses/academic years are divided into 2 semesters.

Entry Requirements & Application Process

- There is no centralised application procedure for non-Swiss students, so apply online directly to any the institution. Swiss universities make their own decisions as to what certificates and qualifications they require/recognise from non-Swiss applicants.
- Degree courses in medicine (human medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine) and chiropractic may require entrance examinations to be taken and there are limited number of degree places in these subjects so international students, are not usually admitted.

Visa

- Students from EU/EFTA do not require a visa but must register with local authorities in the town where they will live to apply for a residence permit.
- British Citizens will have to apply for a visa to the Swiss Embassy at least three months before they plan to enter Switzerland. Applicants must prove they have health insurance and enough funds to cover living costs. They must prove they have come to Switzerland to study full-time and that they are properly enrolled at a university or a recognised college.

Working

International students in Switzerland are also allowed to work part time for up to 15 hours a week during term time. During holiday periods international students can work full time, but you'll need to make the relevant immigration authorities aware of this.

Highest Ranked Universities

ETH Zurich - Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (8)

Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) (14)

University of Zurich (70)

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2022>

Fees

Tuition fees depend on the location of the university and whether it is a private or public university but you might expect to pay at a public university CHF730/Semester. Some scholarships are available from the Swiss Government and from individual universities. Living expenses are high at £14,500-22,500 per annum.

Further Information

- Information about studying In Switzerland <https://www.swissuniversities.ch/en/service/studying/studying-in-switzerland>
- English is the fourth language with most of undergraduate courses being taught in French, German and Italian. More details <http://www.bachelorsportal.eu/countries/27/switzerland.html>
- QS guide to studying in Switzerland <https://www.topuniversities.com/where-to-study/europe/switzerland/guide>
- General guide <https://studyinginswitzerland.com/>