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Factsheet for international incoming students

2026/2027





Important information at a glance

Academic Information

Course Catalogue

The course catalogue provides important information about the course, including general course descriptions, course dates, class rooms and exam dates.

Module Booking in Three Steps

1. Search and select in the [course catalogue](#).
2. Book or request in the [student portal](#) (login required) at "Noted Items & Module Booking".
3. Review and modify in the student portal at "My Modules".

Seminars are modules with a limited number of participants and special entry requirements. Students should always check the course catalogue and the website of the professor for more information. Students should book modules according to their level of studies. Students may choose to enroll in two courses offered by other faculties or ETH. Information on the module booking tool, the module booking period and more useful information about the process is available at the following [website](#).

ECTS Credits

1 ECTS credit is equivalent to a workload of 30 hours (including attendance in courses, self-study, preparing for and taking examinations). Fulltime studies correspond to 30 ECTS credits per semester.

Application Documents

- Current transcript of records
- Passport/ID copy
- Passport photo (face close-up, 400x533 pix. minimum)
- Language certificate* (Level CEFR B2: TOEFL iBT 4.5 or 90 (updated scale since 2026: 1.0 - 6.0, previous scale: 0 - 120), IELTS 6.5, Cambridge Proficiency (CPE), Cambridge Advanced Certificate (CAE).

- BA graduation certificate (graduate students)
- Tentative study plan* ([Faculty agreements](#), [university-wide agreements](#))
- CV*
- Letter of motivation*

* Not required for SEMP/ERASMUS/European applications; required for all IS:link applications

Language Courses

Students can participate in an intensive German course that takes place two weeks before the beginning of the semester. Other courses are offered during the semester. The application deadlines are binding and the number of participants is limited. For more information, check out the [Language Center](#).

Grading System

Examination results at UZH are evaluated with grades from 1 to 6. Quarter grades are permitted. The grades have the following meanings:

UZH grades	meaning
6.00	excellent
5.50	very good
5.00	good
4.50	satisfactory
4.00	sufficient
< 4.00	fail

Transcript of Records in English and German

The [transcripts of records](#) are issued online in the student portal for download by the student at the end of week 8 (fall) and at the end of week 38 (spring). For security reasons, UZH does not send official documents by e-mail. If necessary, transcripts can be [digitally verified](#). [Hard copies](#) can be ordered online for a small fee.

Staying in Zurich

Accommodation

The University of Zurich does not provide student dormitories on campus. However, the [Global Student Experience Office](#) may be able to help students find accommodation. For more information, visit the following [website](#).

The following agencies also help students find accommodation:

- [Housing Office](#) of the University of Zurich and ETH Zurich
- [Woko](#) Student Housing Cooperative

Insurance

Health insurance is compulsory for anyone staying in Switzerland longer than three months. Students from an EU member state who are legally insured in their home country can apply for exemption from this obligation using the European Health Card or a provisional certificate issued by the health insurance company in their home country.

Estimated Monthly Budget

On this [website](#) you can find an overview of the approximate monthly study and living expenses for students.

Academic Calendar

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Nomination Deadline	15 March 2026 (non-EU/EFTA students) 15 April 2026 (EU/EFTA students)	15 September 2026
Application Deadline	30 March 2026 (non-EU/EFTA students) 30 April 2026 (EU/EFTA students)	30 September 2026
Beginning of classes	14 September 2026	22 February 2027
Welcome Event	14 September 2026	22 February 2027
End of classes	19 December 2026	4 June 2027
Exam period	December: cw 51 / January: cw 2-3	June: cw 23-25
Module booking period	12 Aug - 6 Oct 2026	20 Jan - 16 March 2027

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