



HEC LAUSANNE

international exchanges fact sheet 2020-2021



HEC Lausanne

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HEC Lausanne, the Faculty of Business and Economics of the University of Lausanne (UNIL), is located in a unique and safe environment by Lake Geneva with the Swiss Alps as a backdrop. Public transport connects the campus to the city centre in just 10 minutes. The campus also has exceptional sporting and leisure facilities as well as fast and easy transport connections to Geneva's international airport and all major European cities.

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academic calendar

autumn semester	Welcome day (compulsory) First day of classes Last day of classes Examination session	Thursday, September 10, 2020 Monday, September 14, 2020 Friday, December 18, 2020 Friday, January 15 to Saturday, February 6, 2021
spring semester	Welcome day (compulsory) First day of classes Easter break Last day of classes Examination session	Friday, February 19, 2021 Monday, February 22, 2021 Friday, April 2 to Friday, April 9, 2021 Friday, June 4, 2021 Monday, June 14 to Saturday, July 10, 2021
retakes	Examination session	Monday, August 23 to Saturday, September 11, 2021

More information: www.unil.ch (select: Academic Calendar)

deadlines

Nomination deadlines for coordinators Application deadlines for exchange students

autumn semester	Faculty / UNIL agreements, QTEM overseas March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020
	SEMP (Swiss-European Mobility Program, ex-Erasmus), Swiss Mobility, QTEM Europe May 31, 2020	June 30, 2020
spring semester	All agreements October 15, 2020	October 31, 2020

Exchange students should be nominated by the coordinator of international programs at their home university by using our nomination form sent by hec.incoming@unil.ch. Afterwards, students will receive our online application and the relevant information for their exchange at HEC Lausanne by email.

Languages



Language of instruction

Bachelor programs are taught in French with a selection of courses in English. At the Master level courses are mostly in English.

Language requirements

Students are not required to pass any language proficiency test. A minimum level of B2 according to the "Common European Framework of Reference for Languages" is expected in French and/or English depending on the language of instruction of the courses attended by the student.

French courses

School of French as a Foreign Language: www.unil.ch/fle

Cours de vacances: www.unil.ch/cvac



course registration and academic information



Study programs

BSc in Management
BSc in Economics

MSc in Actuarial Science
MSc in Economics
MSc in Finance
MSc in Information Systems
MSc in Management
MLaw in Law and Economics
MLaw in Legal Issues, Crime and
Security of Information Technologies

QTEM program

Courses

Bachelor exchange students are allowed to take courses only in the 2nd and/or 3rd year of the Bachelor program (undergraduate). In order to attend Master courses (graduate), exchange students must have completed a Bachelor's degree or a minimum of 3 years' specialized study (a minimum of 180 ECTS credits). Some courses may require specific prerequisites and the approval of the Master programs director.

General course catalogue

<http://hec.unil.ch/hec/timetables/index.html>

List of courses for exchange students

www.unil.ch/hec/exchange/choice-of-courses

Courses outside HEC Lausanne

An exchange student registered at HEC Lausanne is allowed to take courses in the other faculties of the University. A limited number of courses at the EPFL (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne) are also open to students on request at the beginning of the semester.

Registration

Students do not have to register to attend the courses, except for a few mentioned in the syllabus. However registration for exams is mandatory.

Registration dates for exams: www.unil.ch/hec/exchange/exams

Exchange students are expected to take their exams during the official exam session in the same conditions as regular students.

Format of examinations

Written, oral or seminar

Full time course load

30 ECTS credits per semester (14 weeks of classes)

Transcripts

An official transcript is mailed to the Exchange Coordinator of the home university approximately two weeks after the end of the examination session.

grading system

UNIL grades (0-6 scale)	ECTS grades	Definition
6	A	Excellent
5.5	B	Very good
5	C	Good
4.5	D	Satisfactory
4	E	Pass
3/3.5	FX	Fail
1/1.5/2/2.5	F	Fail
0		Unjustified absence at the exam or cheating



Living costs



The minimum cost of living for a student is approximately CHF 1'950 per month. This includes food and personal care, housing, health insurance, books and school supplies.

Accommodation: Residence halls off-campus, rooms in private homes and shared apartments with other students. The cost is minimum CHF 600 to 800 per month.

More information: www.unil.ch (select: Admissions > FAQ & useful information > Practical > Living costs and study costs)

accommodation

UNIL has a new student residence on-campus. Rentals at Vortex will be available from mid-August 2020. The other student residences are located off-campus.

Students who wish to live in an on/off-campus residence should contact the Fondation Maisons pour Étudiants (www.fmel.ch), and indicate that they are exchange students.

Students may ask for information about other housing options at the Social Affairs and Student Mobility Service (SASME) of the UNIL (www.unil.ch/sasme).

We recommend that exchange students try finding a room as soon as possible as there is a shortage in accommodation in the Lausanne area.

health insurance

CHF 150 - CHF 300 per month.

Foreign students in possession of a residence permit for more than 3 months must be insured with one of the health insurance companies officially recognised by the Swiss authorities. However, if a student already has foreign health insurance, a request for exemption can be addressed to the "Office vaudois de l'assurance-maladie OVAM" (www.vd.ch/ovam). This request can be made only in cases where contracting Swiss health insurance would impose a double financial burden on the student and as long as the foreign health insurance guarantees identical coverage to that prescribed by the Swiss law on health insurance (LAMal).

Upon arrival in Switzerland, students should be able to certify that they have successfully completed this procedure; otherwise, they will have to take out an insurance policy in Switzerland.

student services

Information for exchange students: www.unil.ch/international

Xchange (International exchange Erasmus student network) organizes trips and social activities: <http://unil.esn.ch> / email: xchange@unil.ch

Computer facilities including WiFi: www.unil.ch/ci

Sport facilities: <http://sport.unil.ch>

Libraries: www.bcu-lausanne.ch