

FACT SHEET - INCOMING SEMESTER STUDENTS



University Information	
Portrait	The ZHAW School of Engineering as one of the leading Engineering Faculties in Switzerland emphasizes topics which will be relevant in the future. Our 14 institutes and centers guarantee superior-quality education, research, and development with an emphasis on the areas of energy, mobility, information, and health. Courses for Bachelors / Undergraduate are available in these study fields: • Aviation • Computer Science • Data Science • Electrical Engineering • Energy and Environmental Engineering • Engineering and Management • Mechanical Engineering • Medical Informatics • Mobility Science • Systems Engineering Courses for Masters / Graduate are available in these study fields: • Aviation • Business Engineering • Civil Engineering • Computer Science • Data Science • Electrical Engineering • Energy and Environment • Information and Cyber Security • Mechanical Engineering • Mechatronics and Automation • Medical Engineering • Photonics and Laser Engineering
Location	The School of Engineering is located in Winterthur, 5 minutes from Winterthur main station and just a 20-minute train ride from Zürich. The perfect public transport connections do allow easy and comfortable travel in the country. With Switzerland located in the “centre of Europe” and Zürich airport located next to Winterthur, you can reach most destinations in Europe within 2 hours.
Websites	Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW) School of Engineering (SoE) International Office SoE

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General information for Incoming Semester Students	
Semester dates BACHELOR	Fall semester – <u>Bachelor study</u> Nomination deadline: March 15th Application deadline: April 1st Introduction days: Week 37 Start semester: Week 38 Christmas holiday: Week 52-1 Exam Preparation: Week 2 Exam: Week 3-4 (<i>no repetition possible</i>) End semester: Saturday, Week 4 Spring semester – <u>Bachelor study</u> Nomination deadline: October 15th Application deadline: November 1st Introduction days: Week 7 Start semester: Week 8 Exam Preparation: Week 22-24 Exam: Week 24-26 (<i>no repetition possible</i>) End semester: Saturday, Week 26
Semester dates MASTER	Fall semester – <u>Master study</u> Nomination deadline: March 15th Application deadline: April 1st Start semester: Week 38 Christmas holiday: Week 52-1 Exam Preparation: Week 2-4 Exam: Week 5-6 (<i>resit exam week 25</i>) End semester: Saturday, Week 6 Spring semester – <u>Master study</u> Nomination deadline: October 15th Application deadline: November 1st Start semester: Week 8 Exam Preparation: Week 23-25 Exam: Week 26-27 (<i>resit exam week 37</i>) End semester: Saturday, Week 27* *Exception: Block course week 29
Nomination and Application	The home institution nominates students using the designated nomination link. Nominated students will then receive access to our online application platform (Mobility-Online), along with all necessary documents and instructions.

	Applications must be completed and submitted by the deadlines indicated above. Late nominations may be accepted for students not requiring a visa, but only after prior consultation with the International Office.																
Language requirements	For Bachelor Programmes: English: Level B2 (for courses in English) TOEIC L&R 785 TOEIC S&W 310 TOEFL iBT new 4 (old 72) IELTS 5.5 German: Level B2 (for courses in German) For Master Programmes: English: Level C1 TOEIC L&R 945 TOEIC S&W 360 TOEFL iBT new 5.0 (old 95) IELTS 7.0 Certificate (not older than two years) or confirmation of home university as proof of skills.																
Further Requirements	GPA 2.5 out of 4.0 or a good B Level. For Bachelor Programmes: A minimum of four completed semesters equivalent of two years of studies prior to the start of the exchange. For Master Programmes: A minimum of one completed semester prior to the start of the exchange.																
Information on courses	For Bachelor Programmes All English modules are published on our website. For Master Programmes All English modules are published on our website. In addition, we offer exclusively two modules to incoming students (German for Beginners; Introduction to Swiss Society and Politics).																
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ZHAW School of Engineering Newsletter	We send out our newsletter twice a year, in August and February. If you have not subscribed yet, you are welcome to do so at the following link. In the meantime, feel free to check out our latest edition.																
Social media	Instagram LinkedIn																



Accommodation, Cost of Living and Student Support

Accommodation	Various possibilities for student housing are available (only off-campus). Please note that the students are responsible for their accommodation contracts. For further information see: Student Accommodation
Estimated Cost of Living	Information on the expected cost of living you can find here .
Student Support	Support and Social Events will be organized by ESN (Erasmus Student Network). In Buddy Program local student assigned to each incoming student.

Scholarship and SEMP/Erasmus

SEMP/Erasmus+ Funds	Students of our SEMP/Erasmus+ partner universities receive SEMP funds during their stay at the School of Engineering (SoE). The amount of the grant is either max. CHF 1'900 or CHF 2'200 per semester, depending on the country of the home institution.
SEMP (ERASMUS+) ID Code	CH WINTERT03
Scholarship for Incoming Students at ZHAW School of Engineering	Incoming Exchange Students can apply for the "Scholarship for Incoming Students at ZHAW School of Engineering". This Scholarship is based on academic merit and the financial need of the student. <u>Amount of the scholarship:</u> for students from within Europe: max. CHF 1'000 (excl. intra-Swiss students and students who are granted by ERASMUS+ and/or other funds at their home university) for students from outside Europe: max. CHF 3'000 Further information will be provided together with the letter of acceptance.

Visa and Health Insurance

Visa / Residence Permit	Non-EU citizens need a student visa and must apply early (immediately after receiving their letter of acceptance). Students from Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, and the United Kingdom do not need a visa, but they must apply for an "<i>Aufenthaltsbewilligung</i>" (residence permit) through the SoE International Office. All exchange students must apply for a residence permit (L-Permit) upon arrival. Proof of financial solvency (CHF 1'750 per month) is required for both visa and residence permit applications. After the application process has been finalized, the International Office will provide further information on how to apply for a visa/residence permit. Further information on visa requirements and residence permits please read here.
Health Insurance	Basic health insurance is mandatory by law in Switzerland and can be obtained after the student's arrival. Detailed information will be provided during Orientation Week.

	Non-EU residents must purchase Swiss health insurance (as low as CHF 61 per month); international health insurance obtained in the student's home country is usually not sufficient. EU residents with EHIC cards are exempt from this obligation. They need to submit a copy of their card, which must be valid for their entire stay in Switzerland. Further Information please read here.
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Disclosure of information

Note that student information will be disclosed to the other institution as far as required for the administration process.

Ready for an exchange semester in Switzerland?
We are looking forward to your nomination!

