# FACTSHEET - INCOMING EXCHANGE

## University Information

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<th>Portrait</th>
<th>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.</th>
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<td>Location</td>
<td>The School of Engineering is located in Winterthur, 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.</td>
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| Websites | **Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW)**  
**School of Engineering (SoE)**  
**International Office SoE** |

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### General information for exchange students

#### Semester dates BACHELOR

**Autumn semester – Bachelor study**
- Deadline for application: **May 1st**
- Introductionary days: Week 37
- Start semester: Week 38
- Christmas holiday: Week 52-1
- Exam Preparation: Week 2
- Exam: Week 3-4 *(no repetition possible)*
- End semester: Saturday, Week 4

**Spring semester – Bachelor study**
- Deadline for application: **November 1st**
- Introductionary days: Week 7
- Start semester: Week 8
- Exam Preparation: Week 22-24
- Exam: Week 24-26 *(no repetition possible)*
- End semester: Saturday, Week 26

#### Semester dates MASTER

**Autumn semester – Master study**
- Deadline for application: **May 1st**
- Start semester: Week 38
- Christmas holiday: Week 52-1
- Exam Preparation: Week 2-4
- Exam: Week 5-6 *(resit exam week 25)*
- End semester: Saturday, Week 6

**Spring semester – Master study**
- Deadline for application: **November 1st**
- Start semester: Week 8
- Exam Preparation: Week 23-25
- Exam: Week 26-27 *(resit exam week 37)*
- End semester: Saturday, Week 27*
  *Exception: Block course week 29

#### Language requirements

For Bachelor Programs:
- English: Level B2 *(for courses in English)*
- German: Level B2 *(for courses in German)*

For Master Programs:
- English: Level C1

Certificate or confirmation of home university as proof of skills.

#### Information on courses

**Bachelor programmes**

**Master programmes**

#### Swiss Grading System

- 6 = very good
- 5 = good
- 4 = sufficient / passed
- 3 = failed
- 2 = poor
- 1 = not measurable

More information about [Swiss Education System](https://www.education.org.ch/)

A passing grade of 4.0 in the Swiss grading system is required to receive ECTS *(European Credit Transfer System)*.

#### Study Load per Semester

- Full – Time Students: 30 ECTS
- Minimum Study Load for Incoming Students: 15 ECTS

#### Application procedure

### Accommodation, Cost of Living and Student Support

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<th>Accommodation</th>
<th>Various possibilities for student housing are available. Please note that the students are responsible for accommodation. For further information see: <a href="#">Student Accommodation</a>.</th>
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<td>Estimated Cost of Living</td>
<td>Information on the expected cost of living you can find <a href="#">here</a>.</td>
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<td>Student Support</td>
<td>Support and Social Events will be organized by <a href="#">ESN</a> (Erasmus Student Network)</td>
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### Scholarship and SEMP/Erasmus

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<th>SEMP/Erasmus+ Funds</th>
<th>Students of our SEMP/Erasmus+ partner universities receive SEMP funds during their stay at the School of Engineering (SoE).</th>
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<td>SEMP (ERASMUS+) ID Code</td>
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| 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.  
  **Amount of the scholarship:**  
  for students from within Europe: max. CHF 2'000  
  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 / Insurance | For information on visa requirements, residence permit and insurance coverage please read [here](#). |

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**Ready for an exchange semester in Switzerland?**  
**We are ready for your nomination!**