

**FACT SHEET  
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**ZHAW School of Life Sciences and Facility  
Management Wädenswil (LSFM)**

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Wädenswil is a delightful small town with 22,000 inhabitants. Although Zurich is only a short distance away, Wädenswil has its own identity with a broad range of activities and cultural events. Its advantageous location on the left bank of the Lake of Zurich and its proximity to leisure areas of national importance make Wädenswil an attractive place to live and study.

“ The School of Life Sciences and Facility Management at Wädenswil is one of the leading centres of expertise for food, health, society, and the environment. Its researchers are actively involved in international networks in these fields and frequently participate in EU projects. Exchange students from all around the world profit from its attractive study programmes and summer schools. ”

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**ERASMUS CODE: CH WINTERT03**

**ZHAW LSFM Websites:**

[www.zhaw.ch/lsfm/international/en](http://www.zhaw.ch/lsfm/international/en)

<https://www.zhaw.ch/en/lsfm/>

## Student exchange information

**COST OF LIVING.** The cost of an academic year depends on several factors. Based on the experiences of previous incoming exchange students the cost of living average is between CHF 900 and CHF 1200 per month.

**VISA.** Depending on their nationality, visitors must fulfil different conditions. If they intend to work, they need a work permit. All foreign students are required to register with the Residents' Registration Office within 14 days of their arrival. More information read [here](#).

**INSURANCE.** Visiting students from abroad who are interested in spending an exchange semester or doing an internship at the ZHAW take personal responsibility for all matters related to insurance, including health, accident and liability insurance. The ZHAW accepts no liability. More information see [here](#).

**HOUSING.** In Wädenswil and surrounding area, various organisations offer reasonably priced accommodation for ZHAW students. The WOKO Student Housing Cooperative has the widest range and is the first place to look.

**Note:** ZHAW LSFM exchange students may rent out their shared rooms while abroad for incoming students. You find these ad's [here](#).

More links please see on the LSFM [marketplace](#) area.

**LANGUAGE.** The recommended level is B2 for bachelor's students and B2+ for master's students. The international coordinator at the home university is responsible for confirming your ability in the language(s) required.

### EVENTS FOR STUDENTS/SERVICES.

Welcome morning (orientation and introduction morning)  
Get together-, Fondue- (winter) and Feedback- event  
Buddy service (from ESN)  
German language course - free of charge (2 ECTS)  
Fitness and cardio centre  
Library, Canteen and Microwaves

### GRADING SCALE.

ZHAW grades versus ECTS grades:

6	A	Excellent
5	B	Very good
5	C	Good
4.5	D	satisfactory
4	E	Sufficient
3.5	FX	fail
<3.5	F	fail, very poor or incomplete

### Application deadlines:

Autumn semester: **30 April**

Spring semester: **31 October**

### Terms / semester dates:

Spring term starts: Calendar Week 8 – CW 26

Fall term starts: Calendar Week 38 – CW 5

### Nomination to:

[international.lsfm@zhaw.ch](mailto:international.lsfm@zhaw.ch)

### Online application:

After nomination by the home university, all students will have to apply online. The International Office (IO) of the ZHAW LSFM will get in touch with the nominated student and send him/her the link for the application as well as additional, important information (e.g. housing, insurance etc.).

### English study programme Bachelor and Master Level:

[www.zhaw.ch/lsfm/international/en/](http://www.zhaw.ch/lsfm/international/en/)

### Transcript of Records ToR:

The ZHAW LSFM will issue the Transcript of Records (ToR) no later than 6 weeks after the assessment period has finished. The ToR will be sent to the student and his/her home institution by e-mail only (unless original is requested).