Facts & Figures

The ZHAW School of Management and Law

Innovative Education – Excellent Research

With about 9,500 students domestically and abroad, the ZHAW School of Management and Law (SML) is one of Switzerland’s largest business schools. It is also currently the only business school of a Swiss university of applied sciences to feature in the prestigious Financial Times rankings, as well as meeting the demanding standards of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). As one of the university’s faculties, the SML works closely with other academic disciplines.

Our internationally recognized Bachelor’s and Master’s programs, cooperative PhD programs, and a wide range of continuing education programs use scientific evidence as a foundation and have an approach that is both interdisciplinary and practical. We are committed to addressing the social and economic challenges of today’s world. Our main principle, “Building Competence. Crossing Borders.,” underpins the high quality of our educational programs and research and reflects our global mindset. The SML has formal partnerships with over 190 universities worldwide.

The SML has been accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) since 2015. In 2020, the AACSB extended accreditation for another five years. Only about 6 percent of business schools worldwide have been awarded this seal of quality by the main accrediting body for business schools.

The SML has been in two of the prestigious Financial Times rankings since 2020. It is currently in 73rd place on the list of the best European business schools and, with the Master of Science in International Business, in 64th place on the list of the world’s best Masters in management.
4 Bachelor’s programs (BSc)
8 specialization options
1 program and
1 specialization in English

6 Master’s programs (MSc)
4 specialization options, 2 programs in English

3 cooperative PhD programs
in cooperation with Swiss universities in:
public administration, public health sciences, and data science

175 continuing education programs
1 EMBA/2 MBA/21 MAS/1 Executive Master/9 DAS/141 CAS

students in degree programs and continuing education 9,496

>25,000 graduates
since 1968; in BSc/MSc programs and continuing education

208 EU, SNF, and Innosuisse projects
since 2008

5,759 publication projects since 2010
Focused on the Future

ZHAW SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND LAW

STRATEGIC POSITIONING
The ZHAW School of Management and Law (ZHAW SML) has the following strategic focus areas, making it a national leader with an international standing:
- Banking, Finance, Insurance
- General Management
- International Business
- Law
- Public Sector

QUALITY AND EMPLOYEES
The ZHAW SML is a leading business school and meets the world’s highest quality standards. The ZHAW SML creates an environment that allows it to attract, develop, and retain qualified, motivated, and performance-oriented employees.

TEACHING AND LEARNING
The ZHAW SML offers Bachelor’s, Master’s, and cooperative PhD programs with both a national and international focus that are challenging, performance-oriented, and geared towards practical application. It promotes holistic and critical thinking among students and empowers them to assume responsibility.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
The ZHAW SML is recognized within the scientific community as an excellent business school and a competent partner for applied research and development at an internationally competitive level.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND SERVICES
The ZHAW SML positions itself as a successful national, and in some areas also international, provider of innovative and customer-oriented continuing education and services.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
The ZHAW SML positions itself as a responsible business school and contributes to the sustainable development of society.

NETWORKS AND COOPERATION
The ZHAW SML is closely involved with civil society, business, and science, fosters national and international networks, and cooperates with strategic partners.
Research with Impact

The SML develops innovative, scientifically sound solutions for the challenges faced by the private and public sectors. Research is conducted at a high international level with researchers interacting closely with organizational practitioners.

PUBLICATIONS IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020

240

105 Articles in peer-reviewed journals
12 Books and monographs
77 Chapters
46 Conference papers

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

13 European Union funding programs
10 Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF)
55 Innosuisse – Swiss Innovation Agency

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES 2020

45 professors

11.3 revenue in million CHF from third-party customers (60%) and public promotion agencies (40%)
Educational Excellence

SML study programs are scientifically sound, interdisciplinary, and geared towards practical needs. This is the perfect foundation for anyone ready to assume a demanding professional role in a company or organization with national and international business interests.

- 341 instructors at the SML
- 187 classes at the SML
- 38% modules taught in English

GENDER

- 44% women
- 56% men

STUDY MODE

- 67% part-time
- 33% full-time

“The ZHAW School of Management and Law is a highly valued global partner for UC Davis. Our faculty and students have enjoyed and benefited from this unique educational relationship.”

Prof. H. Rao Unnava, Dean, University of California Davis
### AVERAGE AGE

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- BSc students
- MSc students

### MSC

- Graduates
- New students
- All students

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<td>2020</td>
<td>293</td>
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### BSC

- Graduates
- New students
- All students

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Career Prospects with Continuing Education

High practical relevance and a strong scientific foundation characterize the continuing education programs offered at the SML. They cover a broad spectrum and lead to recognized qualifications which increase the career options of graduates significantly.
International Orientation

Teaching and research at the SML have an international orientation. We support the mobility of our students and staff and encourage our faculty to participate in international research and development projects.

STUDENT EXCHANGE
per academic year

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ORIGIN OF INCOMING STUDENTS

EUROPE

NORTH AND LATIN AMERICA

ASIA, PACIFIC REGION, AND AUSTRALIA
Partner Universities Around the World

The SML cooperates with universities, companies, government agencies, and non-profit organizations around the globe. We cultivate partnerships with carefully chosen key partners to ensure inspiring knowledge exchange and fruitful collaboration.
81 nations are represented by SML students

>190 partner universities in 52 countries

43 universities in Asia, Pacific Region, and Australia

7 universities in Africa and Middle East

Host of the EURAM 2022 conference

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International Advisory Board

The international Advisory Board advises and supports the ZHAW School of Management and Law in developing and implementing strategy. It is composed of leading representatives from the worlds of business, academia, government, and civil society.

Martin Hirzel (Chairman), President Swissmem and Vice President economiesuisse, Switzerland
Urs Berger, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Schweiz. Mobiliar Holding AG, Switzerland
Markus Binkert, Chief Financial Officer and Member of the Management Board, Swiss International Air Lines AG, Switzerland
Prof. Luiz Artur Ledur Brito, Dean at Escola de Administração de Empresas de São Paulo, FGV, Brazil
Petra Dreyfus, Co-CEO, COO and joint owner, Wirz Communications AG, Switzerland
Claudia Fässler, Chief Human Resources Officer, Maxon International Ltd., Switzerland
Lukas Gähwiler, Chairman, UBS Switzerland, Switzerland
Dr. Beat Habegger, Head of Political Risk, Swiss Reinsurance Company, Switzerland
Prof. Robert E. Kennedy, Nanyang Business School, Singapore
Armando Kraenzlin, Regional Vice President and General Manager, Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru, Republic of Maldives
Nadja Lang, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors, ZFV-Unternehmungen, Switzerland
Urs Schaeppi, CEO, Swisscom AG, Switzerland
Dr. Karin Schwab, Vice President, Deputy General Counsel, Global Product and Technology, Ebay Inc., USA
Andreas Staubli, CEO, PwC Switzerland, Switzerland
Prof. Dr. Nils Stieglitz, President and CEO, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management, Germany
Prof. H. Rao Unnava, Dean at Graduate School of Management, University of California Davis, USA
Prof. Dr. Reto Steiner (ex officio), Dean, ZHAW School of Management and Law, Switzerland
Professional Partnerships

The SML maintains close ties to leading corporations, government organizations, and professional associations to ensure a continuous exchange of knowledge between the professional world and the university.

Such partnerships generate a broad knowledge base that our experts can use to supplement their own considerable practical experience in advising companies on business management issues, conducting market research on their behalf, and helping them accomplish organizational and managerial tasks effectively. Partners benefit from our international orientation and close geographic proximity to the Zurich economic region.

63 service projects in 2020

>2,500 media articles on SML projects in 2020

“The research conducted at the ZHAW School of Management and Law helps make private and public sector companies and organizations more successful.”

Dr. Karin Schwab, Vice President, Ebay Inc.
A Wide Variety of Skills and Expertise

GENERAL MANAGEMENT
- Institute of Marketing Management
- Institute of Business Information Technology
- Institute for Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Institute for Organizational Viability

BANKING, FINANCE, INSURANCE
- Institute of Wealth & Asset Management
- Institute for Financial Management
- Institute for Risk & Insurance

PUBLIC SECTOR
- Institute of Public Management
- Winterthur Institute of Health Economics
- Center for Arts Management
- Center for Energy and the Environment
- Center for Economic Policy

BUSINESS LAW
- Center for Public Commercial Law
- Center for Social Law
- Center for Competition and Commercial Law
- Center for Corporate and Tax Law

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
- International Management Institute
- Center for Corporate Responsibility

COST DISTRIBUTION PER PERFORMANCE AREA

- 56% Degree programs
- 19% Continuing education
- 22% Research & development
- 3% Services

581 employees
A Broad Spectrum for Maximum Impact

**BACHELOR’S DEGREE PROGRAMS**
- Business Administration
  - Accounting, Controlling, Auditing
  - Banking and Finance
  - Economics and Politics
  - General Management
  - Marketing
  - Risk and Insurance
- International Management
- Business Information Technology
  - Business Information Systems
  - Data Science
- Business Law

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**
Over 150 programs in the following areas:
- Accounting and controlling
- Banking, finance, and insurance
- Business information technology
- Business law
- Corporate responsibility
- Didactics and methodology
- Digital transformation
- Health care management
- Human capital management
- International business
- Climate policy and strategies/energy
- Arts management
- Management and leadership
- Marketing
- Operations management
- Public management

**MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAMS**
- Accounting and Controlling
- Banking and Finance
- Business Administration
  - Health Economics and Healthcare
  - Innovation and Entrepreneurship
  - Marketing
  - Public and Nonprofit
- International Business
- Management and Law
- Business Information Technology

**COOPERATIVE PHD PROGRAMS**
Cooperative PhD programs in three disciplines:
- Public Administration
  (partner: University of Lausanne)
- Public Health Sciences (partner: Swiss School of Public Health)
- Data Science (partners: Universities of Zurich and Neuchâtel)

International PhD cooperations:
- University of Economics Prague (VSE)
- University of Strathclyde (School of Business)