

**Fact Sheet 2020-2021**

<b>Institution</b>	<p><b>Pädagogische Hochschule Luzern</b> (PH Luzern/UTE Lucerne)</p> <p>ERASMUS Code: <b>CH_LUZERN02</b></p> <p>International Office Pfistergasse 20; Postfach 7660 CH-6000 Luzern 7</p> <p>☎ +41 41 203 04 07    ✉ internationaloffice@phlu.ch</p> <p>🌐 <a href="https://www.phlu.ch/faecher-und-schwerpunkte/international-studies/en-international-studies/international-office.html">https://www.phlu.ch/faecher-und-schwerpunkte/international-studies/en-international-studies/international-office.html</a></p>	
<b>Academic Year</b>	<p><b>Spring Semester</b> Classes begin: <b>End of February</b> Classes end: <b>Beginning of June</b></p>	<p><b>Autumn Semester</b> Classes begin: <b>Mid of September</b> Classes end: <b>Before Christmas</b></p>
	<p>International students should arrive several days before the start of the semester. There will be an introduction event the Friday before the official start of the semester. Semester dates: <a href="https://cdn.phlu.ch/Resources/Persistent/6eda6260090e3c98f343ef7d2bc3803694d2a78e/AB_Semesterdaten-PHLU-Ausbildung-2018-2024_20181213.docx.pdf">https://cdn.phlu.ch/Resources/Persistent/6eda6260090e3c98f343ef7d2bc3803694d2a78e/AB_Semesterdaten-PHLU-Ausbildung-2018-2024_20181213.docx.pdf</a></p> <p>There is a two-week break period during each semester. During the break, students can attend specialized courses or take time off to travel through Switzerland and Europe.</p>	
<b>Nomination to International Office</b>	<p><b>For Spring Semester</b> Until November 1<sup>st</sup> Submit to: internationaloffice@phlu.ch</p>	<p><b>For Autumn Semester</b> Until April 15<sup>th</sup> Submit to: internationaloffice@phlu.ch</p>
<b>Student Application Deadlines</b>	<p><b>Spring Semester</b> November 15<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Autumn Semester</b> May 1<sup>st</sup></p>
	<p>Student Online Application link: <a href="https://evento-web.phlu.ch/index.php?id=2031">https://evento-web.phlu.ch/index.php?id=2031</a></p>	
<b>Language Skills</b>	<p>A <b>B2</b> level in English or German is required.</p>	
<b>Study Programme</b>	<p>PH Luzern offers a special programme for its international students. These International Courses are held in English and are, in general, mandatory for all Incoming Students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MO91.01 Swiss History (4 - 6 ECTS)</li> <li>• MO91.04 Human Rights Education in Theory and Practice (3 ECTS)</li> <li>• MO91.08 Teaching and learning for sustainable development in the 21st century (3 ECTS)</li> <li>• MO91.11 Teaching and learning in the 21st century - Exercises and methodology</li> <li>• MO91.09 Pedagogical perspectives on global issues in the 21st century (3 ECTS)</li> </ul> <p>Please refer to the IO website and to the online course catalogue <a href="https://evento-web.phlu.ch/index.php?id=149">https://evento-web.phlu.ch/index.php?id=149</a> for course details and other course offerings.</p> <p>Students are allowed to add classes from the regular course programme to their schedules. Upon request, PH Luzern will organize school experiences in public or private schools (up to 6 ECTS).</p>	
<b>Accommodation</b>	<p>PH Luzern does not have on-campus housing and international students will need to make their own housing arrangements. However, PH Luzern has access to a limited number of student rooms for international students; our office will also gladly assist with information about other moderate-priced housing options.</p>	

<b>Support and Cultural Experience</b>	<p>Receiving a small number of Incoming Students per semester allows the International Office to take care of our guests on a very personal basis. The IO organizes two to three events per semester for its international students.</p> <p>By signing up through <a href="http://www.buddysystem.eu">www.buddysystem.eu</a>, incoming students can find a local student buddy who assists with getting to know university life and the new environment. Luzern has a local chapter of ESN Switzerland (<a href="http://esn.ch">http://esn.ch</a>). It offers numerous events during the semester for all incoming students.</p>
<b>Swiss Mobility Grant</b>	<p>The federal Swiss European Mobility Programme (SEMP) supports students from partner institutions in Erasmus+ countries with a grant equivalent to the stipend paid through the Erasmus+ programme. Stipends are between CHF 380-440/month, depending on the country. More information on the SEMP Programme here: <a href="https://www.movetia.ch/en/programmes/swiss-programme-for-erasmus/higher-education/mobility/">https://www.movetia.ch/en/programmes/swiss-programme-for-erasmus/higher-education/mobility/</a></p>
<b>Health Insurance</b>	<p>Anyone staying in Switzerland must have insurance that fulfills the requirements of the Swiss Obligatory Healthcare Insurance Law. For students from EU countries, the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will be accepted.</p> <p>Students from Non-EU countries can apply for an exemption from compulsory Swiss insurance once they are here, by providing proof that their health insurance fulfills all the requirements set by Swiss law. Exemptions are rare, however, and students may have to purchase a policy that is accepted by Swiss authorities. A low-cost option student insurance policy that fulfills the requirements is offered by Swisscare: <a href="https://swisscare.com/">https://swisscare.com/</a></p>
<b>Visa Residence Permit</b>	<p>Nationals of EU/EFTA-countries: No visa required to enter Switzerland.</p> <p>Nationals of non-EU/EFTA countries: Check visa requirements with the Swiss Embassy in your country of residence (<a href="https://www.ch.ch/en/swiss-missions-abroad/">https://www.ch.ch/en/swiss-missions-abroad/</a>). The embassy site generally posts a list of documents to bring along to the visa appointment. Schedule visa appointments early.</p> <p>Once in Switzerland, all students need to register with local authorities and get a Residency Permit from the Office of Migration of the Canton of Lucerne. (Cost: Registration with local authorities: CHF 35; Residence Permit: EU/EFTA nationals 70 CHF, Non-EU/EFTA CHF 250)</p>
<b>Living Costs</b>	<p>Students from partner universities do not pay tuition or semester fees.</p> <p>Estimated living costs for Lucerne, around 1500 CHF/month all included.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Registration with local authorities: CHF 35</li> <li>- Residence Permit: EU/EFTA nationals 70 CHF, Non-EU/EFTA CHF 250</li> <li>- Student accommodation: app. CHF 650 / month</li> <li>- Books and supplies: app. CHF 50 / month</li> <li>- Internet: free in university buildings and Student Houses</li> <li>- Mobile: depending on individual use, app. CHF 20 / month</li> <li>- Local transportation (not necessary if you buy a bike): CHF 80 / month</li> <li>- Health Insurance (not EU/EFTA): app. CHF 150 / month</li> <li>- Liability Insurance (may be required by lease): CHF 100</li> <li>- Food (self-prepared): app. CHF 300-400 / month</li> <li>- Lunch at student Cafeteria: CHF 10</li> <li>- Dinner at a Restaurant: app. CHF 30</li> <li>- Beer / Coffee / Soft Drink: CHF 5-6</li> </ul>

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