

# **PH LUZERN** UNIVERSITY OF TEACHER EDUCATION



University of Teacher Education  
Lucerne, Switzerland (UTE)  
Fact Sheet for a Mobility Semester

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## Institution

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## Academic Year

### Spring Semester

Classes begin: End of February  
Classes end: Beginning of June

### Autumn Semester

Classes begin: Mid of September  
Classes end: End of December  
(before Christmas)

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International students should arrive several days before the start of the semester. Usually there will be an introduction event on Friday before the official start of the semester. There is a two-week break period during each semester, where students can attend specialized courses or take the time off to travel through Switzerland and Europe.

[Exact dates for each semester](#)

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## Nomination Deadline

### For Spring Semester

November 1st

Submit to [internationaloffice@phlu.ch](mailto:internationaloffice@phlu.ch)

### For Autumn Semester

May 1st

Submit to [internationaloffice@phlu.ch](mailto:internationaloffice@phlu.ch)

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## Student Application Deadline

### Spring Semester

November 15th

### Autumn Semester

May 15th

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[Online Application](#)

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## Language Skills

The international classes are held in English. Therefore, a **B2** level in English is required. A confirmation of the English level must be attached to the application form.

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## Study Programme

UTE Lucerne offers an international programme that can be supplemented by choosing courses from the regular course programme. The international classes are compulsory for all incoming students. They include courses on i.a.: Global Issues of Sustainability, Swiss and European History, Digital Learning and Classroom Management. In addition, the individual subjects offer a variety of English or bilingual courses. This means that visiting students at UTE Lucerne can easily take enough courses to achieve a total of 30 ECTS per semester.

Please refer to the International Office website for more detailed information on our [course offerings](#).

On request, UTE Lucerne will be able to organize school practicum experiences in public or private schools (half a day per week, 4 ECTS).

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## Enrolment Requirements

- ▶ Students must complete a minimum of 15 ECTS per semester.
  - ▶ A minimum of 80 % attendance is required to pass a module.
  - ▶ The international course programme is repeated every semester. Therefore, it is not possible for non-German-speaking students to study at UTE Lucerne for more than one semester.
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## Credit System

UTE Lucerne follows the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). One ECTS is equivalent to 25-30 hours of student workload.

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## Accommodation

UTE Lucerne does not have on-campus housing and international students will need to make their own housing arrangements. However, our office will gladly assist with information about low-priced housing options.

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## Support and Cultural Experience

Receiving a manageable number of incoming students per semester allows the UTE Lucerne International Office to take care of our guest on a very personal basis. The International Office organizes several events per semester (e.g. Welcoming Event, Swiss Dinner, Day Trip, etc.).

On request, incoming students will be supported by a buddy who helps them to find their way around UTE Lucerne and to socialise with other students. Besides that, UTE Lucerne works closely with [ESN Switzerland](#).

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## Health Insurance

Insurance complying with the Swiss Obligatory Healthcare Insurance Law is compulsory for anyone wanting to stay in Switzerland. For students from EU countries, the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will be accepted.

Students from Non-EU countries can try to exempt themselves from Swiss insurance by proving that they have a contract with an adequate insurer, which covers all health costs that might occur while staying in Switzerland. For everyone else we recommend a student insurance by [Swisscare](#).

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## Visa

### **Students from EU/EFTA countries: No Visa required.**

Students from non-EU/EFTA countries: They must apply for a Swiss Student Visa with the Swiss Embassy (Swiss diplomatic/consular mission) in their country of residence. Please note that it takes at least 8 weeks for a visa to be issued.

For the visa application, they must bring along or submit: a valid passport; a Letter of Acceptance from UTE Lucerne which states the duration of their planned stay in Switzerland; a Curriculum Vitae; a copy of a health insurance policy that includes accident coverage and a liability insurance valid for Switzerland; proof of adequate financial resources to cover the cost of living in Switzerland during the exchange (e.g. bank excerpt) Visa proposals cost around CHF 250.

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## Costs

Students from our partner universities do not have to pay any tuition or semester fees. If the mobility semester is completed within the Swiss-European Mobility Programme, exchange students generally receive a financial grant.

Estimated living costs for Lucerne:

- ▶ Student accommodation: app. CHF 650/month
- ▶ Books and supplies: app. CHF 50/month
- ▶ Internet: free at university and student houses
- ▶ Mobile: depending on individual use, app. CHF 20/month
- ▶ Local transportation (not necessary if you buy a bike): CHF 70/month
- ▶ Health Insurance (if no EHIC): app. CHF 150/month
- ▶ Liability Insurance: CHF 100
- ▶ Food (self-prepared): app. CHF 300-400/month
- ▶ Lunch at student Cafeteria: CHF 10
- ▶ Dinner at a restaurant: app. CHF 30-40
- ▶ Beer / coffee / soft drink: CHF 5-6
- ▶ Student Visa (only non-EU/EFTA): app. CHF 250

Overall, we estimate that a student needs around CHF 1500-2000 per month. (Everything included).

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# We are looking forward to greeting you at UTE Lucerne!

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