

Exchange semester at PH Zug Webinar

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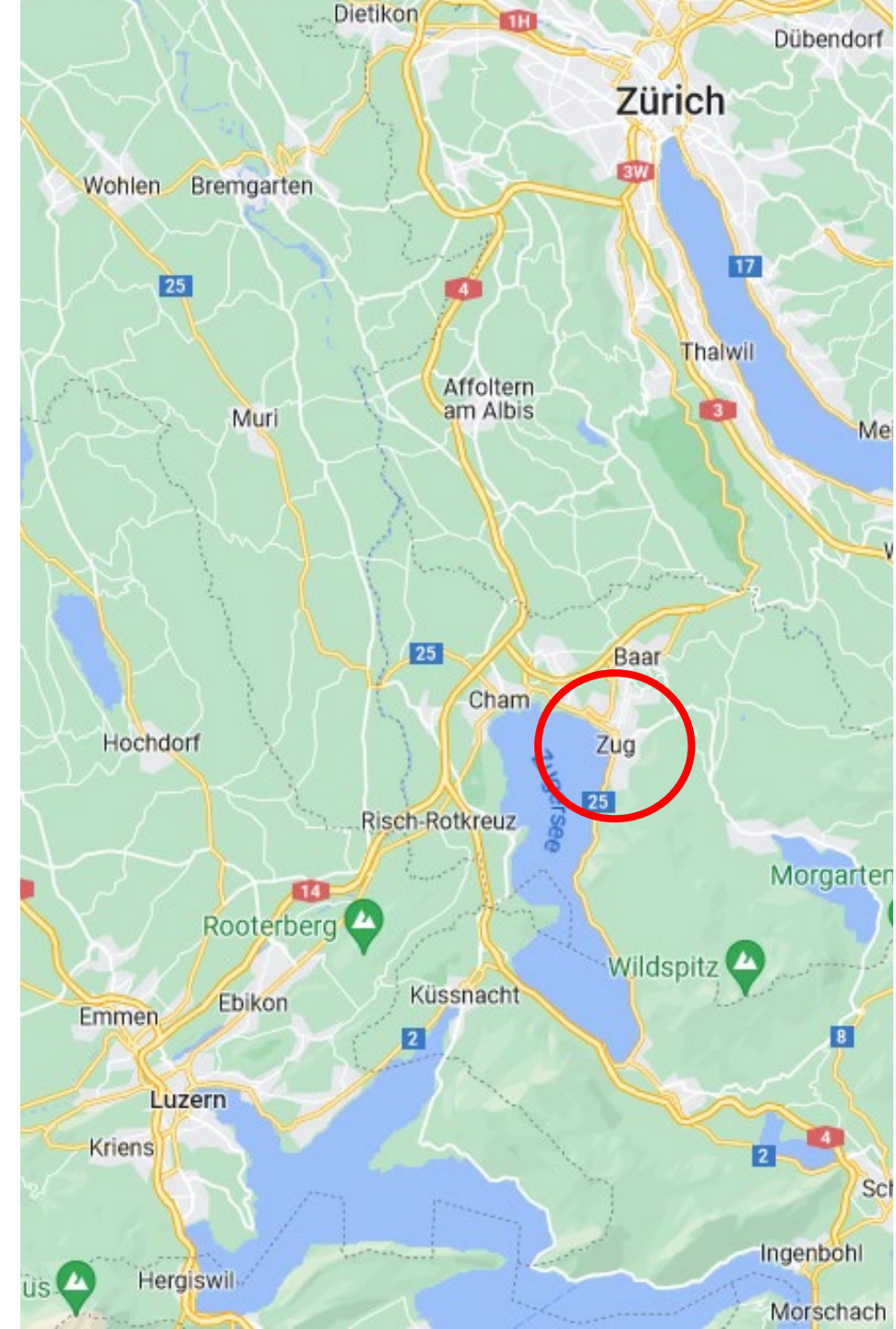
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The University of Teacher Education Zug (PH Zug)

PH Zug

- Is situated at an idyllic place in the city of Zug, in the heart of Switzerland between Zurich and Lucerne (20-25 mins by train)
- Zug hosts many international companies and many Expats from all over the world. English is a common language in everyday life.
- With about 600 (450) students, we have a very personal atmosphere. Life on campus is marked by short distances and unbureaucratic processes.
- Strong connection to schools (30% placements)





PH Zug has these study programs:

- BA Primary Education (for children from 6-12 years)
- BA Pre-Primary/Lower Primary (for children from 4-9 years)
- MA Special Needs Education (4-15 years)





Exchange semester

Semester 1: 7. September – 11. December 2026

Semester 2: 22. February – 21. May 2027

→ English courses are available on Primary level and in **Semester 1** only
(September-December)

Introduction week (31.8. - 4.9.2026)

- Welcome meeting (probably 2.9.26)
- Campus tour and meeting with buddies
- ICT infrastructure setup
- Guided City tour
- Support with registration of residence permit
- Introduction day about sustainability with first year students
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Buddy system

- We assign student buddies to help you accommodate
- Buddies are other PH Zug students who will support you with daily aspects of life in Switzerland. They are there to help you with whatever you may need and take you on sightseeing trips as well 😊
- Join ESN (Erasmus student network) Zurich or Lucerne for sightseeing trips, parties and more



Accommodation

- Accommodation nearby is usually possible and very affordable (550-600 CHF per month)
- For female students, there are furnished single rooms in the guest area of the nearby monastery “Maria Opferung” (2 min. walking distance from PH Zug)



Accommodation

- PH Zug has a so-called “Studi-WG” (rooms in a shared apartment for students) next to the PH.
- If rooms are still available, these can also be used. However, six months' rent would have to be paid regardless of the actual length of stay.
- We also have contacts to host families in the city. We are happy to share them with you.
- If you prefer to make your own living arrangements, you will need to budget between CHF 600 and CHF 900 per month for a room in a shared flat.



Finances

- Students will get a grant of 1900/2200/2500 CHF (depending on country) per semester from the Swiss-European Mobility program (SEMP)
- Additionally we support you with 250 CHF for public transport. We recommend buying a half-fare travelcard (“Halbtax”) with this.
- If Green Travel is possible (travelling to Zug by train or bus) we support you with another 200 CHF which would cover an Erasmus+ interrail pass.
- For using PH’s infrastructure, you must pay 20 CHF (+ 25 CHF in *addition* if you choose “Art & Design”) at the end of your stay.
- No tuition fees

Living expenses

- Switzerland is expensive but other Incoming students said they could manage with expenses between 800 CHF and 1000 CHF per month due to the affordable housing in the monastery and travel support.



Course programme

- In autumn semester, we are able to offer English and bilingual courses with regular students
- Placement at an International School every week plus mentoring by PH Zug, so teaching in all subjects is possible
- Join English courses at PH Zurich, PH Lucerne or PH Schwyz to broaden your experience
- Possibility to learn a new instrument: 1:1 teaching piano/guitar
- Choir and sports courses

Professional Knowledge / Professional Practice

Module Number	Module Name	ECTS
BEPX IN A 24	Teaching Practice (1 full day per week)	6
BEMN IN A 16	Mentoring Teaching Practice	2
BEPK IN A 16	optional: Teaching Practice (2 weeks in January)	4
BEPK IN B 16	optional: Teaching Practice (4 weeks in January)	8

Methodology

Module Number	Module Name	ECTS
GEV1 GM A 16	Art and Design: The Fascination of Space 1	2
MKIU GM E 16	Teaching and Learning Music 5 ➤ <i>this course will only take place if there are at least three Incoming in this module</i>	1
ENF1 KU A 16	English Methodology 1	2
MKF1 PS A 16	Music Methodology 1	1
MKIU IN A 16	Instrumental Instruction – Guitar or Piano ➤ <i>please bring your own guitar</i>	1
MKGS IN A 23	Voice Instruction – Singing	
NGF1 PS A 16	Experiments in natural science and engineering	2
BSF1 PS A 22	Physical Education and Sports Methodology	2

Interdisciplinary Studies

Module Number	Module Name	ECTS
WLBM GM C 16	Studying abroad – stretching boundaries – teaching diversity	2
WLCO IN A 24	Communication: From Theory to Teaching Practice	2
USFE GM A 16	Research or development project: Strengthening self-(efficacy)! - But how? ➤ <i>this course will only take place if there are at least three Incoming in this module</i>	2
NMG.I100	Switzerland – Nature, Culture and Society (seminar and excursions, offered by PH Zurich)	4

Education and Schooling

Module Number	Module Name	ECTS
EZHP GM A 16	Special Needs Education	2
MO91.03-GM	Practice oriented and theory based Classroom Management (offered by PH Luzern)	2

Focus Week (block course 6.10.25 - 10.10.25)

Module Number	Module Name	ECTS
WLSO GM A 16	Study trip to Orléans/Tours (France)	3
WLKO GM A 22	Study trip to Kosova	2
ENST PS W.H25.301	EN Storytelling (offered by PH Schwyz)	2

Focus Week (block course 15.12.25 - 19.12.25)

Module Number	Module Name	ECTS
WLKO GM B 22	Visit from Kosova – Study week in Zug	3

Additional Offers

Module Number	Module Name	ECTS
DESP IN A 22	Speech and Voice Training	1
WLCH GM A 16	Choir	1
DESK IN A 16	German Language Course	2
WLCS GM A 16	Campus Sport activities	1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
08:20 to 09:50		Teaching Practice BEPX IN A 24 6 ECTS			English Methodology 1 ENF1 KU A 16 Andrea Lustenberger 2 ECTS		
10:10 to 11:40	Experiments in natural science and engineering NGF1 PS A 16 Nicole Müller 2 ECTS			Mentoring Teaching Practice BEMN IN A 16 10:00-12:00 Andrea Lustenberger 2 ECTS	Special Needs Education EZHP GM A 16 Rico Pfaffhauser 2 ECTS		
11:50 to 13:20	Choir WLCH GM A 16 Bilingual Simone Baumann			Lunch Break/sports	Lunch Break/sports	Lunch Break/sports	
13:30 to 15:00	Design: The Fascination of Space 1 GEV1 GM A 16 bilingual (27.10.-5.12.25) Erika Wagner/Tina Mülchi 2 ECTS		Alternating (both modules can be chosen):			Physical Education and Sports Methodology BSF1 PS A22 Bilingual Carole Reichlin 2 ECTS	Switzerland – Nature, Culture and Society (seminar and excursions) NMG.I100 4 ECTS
		Studying abroad - stretching boundaries - teaching diversity WLBGM GM C (4 dates: 24.9., 1.10., 15.10., 26.11. (last session until 16:45) Carola Mantel 2 ECTS	Communication: From Theory to Teaching Practice WLCO IN A 24 (8 dates: 17.9., 8.10., 22.10., 29.10., 5.11., 12.11., 19.11., 3.12.) Olena Abramicheva 2 ECTS				
15:15 to 16:45			Speech and Voice Training DESP IN A 15:15 - 16:15 Judith Kreuz 1 ECTS	Practice oriented and theory based Classroom Management 15:00-17:00 PH Lucerne 2 ECTS	Teaching and Learning Music 5	Music Methodology 1 MKF1 PS A 16 Bilingual Henk Geuke 1 ECTS	
16:55 to 18:25				Strengthening self-(efficacy)! - But how? USFE GM A 16 Cousin/Green 2 ECTS	MKIU GM E 16 16:00 - 17:30 Helen Büchler 1 ECTS		

Offers outside the regular curriculum:

Focus weeks

You can choose **one** of the options for each week. There are no other regular courses during these weeks.

Focus week 6.10.-10.10.25:

- **Study trip to Orléans** (WLSO GM A 16) (3 ECTS)
- **Study trip to Kosova** (WLKO GM A 22) (2 ECTS)
- **Storytelling (PH Schwyz)** (ENST PS W.H25.301) (2 ECTS)

Focus week 15.12.-19.12.25:

- **Visit from Kosova – Study week in Zug** (WLKO GM B 22) (3 ECTS)

Additional offers

These offers take place at individual times that you agree on with the lecturers.

- **Instrumental Instruction – Guitar or Piano** (MKIU IN A 16)
- **Voice Instruction – Singing** (MKGS IN A 23)
- **German Language Course** (DESK IN A 16)

On-campus Sport activities

The on-campus sport activities usually take place during the lunch break. We will provide a detailed programme for these activities.



Facilities

- Our excellent Mensa/cafeteria offers lunch for 10 CHF for students
- Students can use equipment (laminator, spiral binding machine, etc.) and materials
- Media resource centre featuring specialised literature in pedagogy and materials on didactics.
- Working spaces for students, music rooms, freely accessible teaching materials
- Furthermore, we have an attractive sports programme, a gym, a choir, a vocal ensemble, a theatre workshop and a range of leisure offers that students and staff members can join

Quotes

→ reports from students on our website incoming.phzg.ch

«Overall 100 percent go on Erasmus to Zug its incredible.»

Student from Marino Institute of Education Dublin, Autumn semester 2022

«PH Zug is a wonderful place to study. All teachers are very friendly and helpful with everything you need even though you don't speak their language. All the students speak very good English as well and they are not shy to speak with foreign students not only during the lectures. Lectures are effectively planned and well managed – teachers focus on the practical experience, they offer a lot of teamwork and active exercises during classes. School is well equipped, so the conditions for studying are perfect!»

Student from Charles University Prague, autumn semester 2022

Incoming students are very welcome!

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Questions?



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