



## **Information Sheet 2018/19**

valid until further notice

Contact Information		
University	ETH Zurich - Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich	
University website:	www.ethz.ch/en.html	
Student Exchange Office website: Website for Incoming Students with worldwide exchange programmes:  Campus map:	www.incoming.ethz.ch www.ethz.ch/en/studie visiting-studies/program programmes/worldwide www.ethz.ch/en/campu	e-programmes.html
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Departmental Exchange Coordinators	Each department at ETH Zurich has one or more departmental exchange coordinators, who are the points of contact for all academic questions related to an exchange. For a complete list of all departmental exchange coordinators see <a href="https://www.ethz.ch/en/studies/non-degree-courses/exchange-and-visiting-studies/contact/departmental-exchange-coordinators.html">www.ethz.ch/en/studies/non-degree-courses/exchange-and-visiting-studies/contact/departmental-exchange-coordinators.html</a> For any academic questions or queries, faculty members of our partner universities are welcome to get in touch directly with the respective departmental exchange coordinators.	
Application		
Application deadline	Fall Semester	1 April
Application deadline	Spring Semester	1 September
When does the application open, i.e. from when are applications possible?	Fall Semester	Beginning of February
	Spring Semester	Beginning of July
Online application process		I to announce the students nominated I Zurich before the deadlines above by



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	can be found at <a href="www.ett">www.ett</a> <a href="www.ett">www.ett</a> <a href="www.ett">www.ett</a> <a href="www.ett">courses/exchange-and-programmes/worldwide-</a>	cords with full details of previous and el education, including grading key
Required application documents	<ul> <li>Photograph (JP</li> <li>CV</li> <li>Motivation letter</li> <li>List of course ur (template will be</li> <li>In case of a rese</li> </ul>	nits planned until the exchange available in the application guidelines) earch project: confirmations of project supervisors at ETH Zurich and
Notification regarding application outcome	Generally around 2 mon electronic mail to studer Autumn Semester: until Spring Semester: until n	mid-June
Academic Information		
	Spring Semester 2018	19 Feb 2018 – 01 Jun 2018
Semester dates (not including	Autumn Semester 2018/19	17 Sep 2018 – 21 Dec 2018
examinations, see below)	Spring Semester 2019	18 Feb 2019 – 31 May 2019
	www.ethz.ch/semester-o	<u>dates</u>
Examination dates	Spring Semester 2018	End-of-semester exams: 21 May – 15 Jun 2018 Examination session: 06 Aug – 31 Aug 2018
	Autumn Semester 2018/19	End-of-semester exams: 10 – 21 Dec 2018 / 07 – 18 Jan 2019 Examination session: 21 Jan – 15 Feb 2019
	Spring Semester 2019	End-of-semester exams: 20 May – 14 Jun 2019 Examination session: 05 Aug – 30 Aug 2019
Examinations / Performance	www.ethz.ch/students/en/studies/performance-	
Assessments at ETH Zurich	assessments/exchange.html  Exams at ETH Zurich may overlap with the start of the	
Rescheduling / preponement of examinations	semester at partner university for incoming exchange sexaminations under spe	ay overlap with the start of the versities. Therefore it may be possible students to reschedule/prepone certain cific conditions. Further information on minations can be found at:





	www.ethz.ch/students/en/studies/performance-
	assessments/preponement.html
Course catalogue	www.courses.ethz.ch
Preparing a study plan	General information on preparing a study plan can be found at <a href="https://www.ethz.ch/en/studies/non-degree-courses/exchange-and-visiting-studies/about-the-study-programmes/preparing-a-study-plan.html">www.ethz.ch/en/studies/non-degree-courses/exchange-and-visiting-studies/about-the-study-programmes/preparing-a-study-plan.html</a>
	In general no, but please check our course catalogue (www.courses.ethz.ch) for individual course restriction. If courses are restricted, it is indicated in the course description. Students should follow the instructions in the course description and/or contact the lecturer if they wish to participate in such a course.
	Courses ending with –AAL are not open to exchange students.
	Please see here for further information by every department.
Possible course restrictions	The Department of Biosystems Science and Engineering (D-BSSE): Note that the department of Biosystems Science and Engineering (D-BSSE) is located in Basel, a city approximately 100 km away from Zurich. Hence our services are slightly limited, housing can only be provided in Zurich. Should a student want to do a research project (in addition to coursework or exclusively) they would need to declare this from the start of their application – projects cannot be arranged in Basel later on as a work permit is required! This department only offers Master's courses. Therefore only Master's degree students may enrol. Further details can be found in a factsheet.
	The Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences (D-GESS): No enrolment is possible in this department, incoming students may only take individual courses (max. 1/3 of all courses/ECTS) as electives.
	The Department of Mathematics (D-MATH) only accepts students, who are enrolled in Mathematics at their home university.
	The Department of Management, Technology and Economics (D-MTEC) only accepts students who have completed their Bachelor degree in engineering disciplines, please see here for details.
Courses with additional tuition fee	For the intensive German course before the semester and the regular language course during the semester a registration fee of CHF 100 applies.
	Special excursions/seminar weeks might charge additional fees that will be announced by the lecturers.
Course registration deadline	Online registration for courses closes 2 weeks after the semester commences.





Academic structure at ETH Zurich	Bachelor's degree = 3 years  Master's degree = 1.5 – 2 years (3-4 semesters, including final Master thesis which usually takes 6 months)
Credit system	ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) Workload of a regular full-time student: 30 ECTS per semester; 60 ECTS per academic year
Minimal and maximal number of courses	There is no maximum number of courses, but students need to obtain at least 20 ECTS per semester (excluding language courses). Two thirds (for example 16 out of 24 ECTS credits) should be acquired in the department of enrolment. Exceptions are possible for interdisciplinary study programmes such as Environmental Sciences, Earth Sciences, Health Sciences and Technology, etc. and must be approved by the department.
Grading system	www.ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/main/education/rechtliches- abschluesse/grading.pdf
Level of study	Undergraduate or graduate, depending on exchange agreement.
Language of instruction / Language requirements for courses	Students must have sufficient knowledge of English. German would be a benefit for some (mainly undergraduate) courses.  As a rule:
	<ul> <li>Bachelor programmes are mainly in German*</li> <li>Master programmes are mainly in English**         (see course catalogue)</li> </ul>
	There is an offer by the language learning center for intensive German courses and semester German courses:  www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch/index_en.php
	Students do not need to provide a language certificate, but we do require incoming students to have at least a B2 level in the teaching language(s), i.e. English and/or German, depending on their choice of courses. However, a C1 level is highly recommended.
	*The undergraduate courses of the 1st and 2nd year Bachelor studies are normally taught in German at ETH Zurich, but many courses of the 3rd year are taught in English.
	**Undergraduate exchange students are allowed to choose courses of Master programmes (taught in English) if they fulfill the prerequisites (usually only junior or senior students). To check their qualification for a Master programme course they should contact their <a href="Departmental Exchange Coordinator">Departmental Exchange Coordinator</a> at ETH Zurich before registering for the course.
Transcripts	Transcripts are ready approx. 2 weeks after the examination session ends.
	Note: Transcripts of records are not sent automatically but are only issued upon request.





	Students must request an official transcript at the Student Administration Office (Studiensekretariat) in their department of enrolment prior to leaving ETH Zurich (the Student Exchange Office does not issue any transcripts).  Students must let the Student Administration Office know in time about their address and the number of transcripts they need. If they need transcripts to be sent directly to the International Office at their home university they must indicate the latter's address and explicitly request the transcripts to be sent there.
Additional Information	
German language courses Offered by the joint Language Centre of the University and ETH Zurich	Intensive German courses: Scheduled 2 weeks prior to semester commencement. Course fee: course registration fee CHF 100; the course itself is free of charge.
	Semester courses: Held during the semester (2 hours/week). Course fee: CHF 100 per semester.
	There might be an additional charge for copies and other course materials.
	Students must register online at: www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch/index_en.php
Accommodation managed by the Housing Office of the University of Zurich/ETH Zurich	Housing is not guaranteed, but we have been able to find accommodation in one of our dormitories for all overseas exchange students who registered by the given deadline with our Housing Office. Students will receive information on registering for accommodation in a separate email after their official acceptance email. They should read this information carefully and apply online within the set deadlines. Students may insert housing preferences in the comment field during their housing application.
	Costs: CHF 450 for shared double room up to 850 for private room see:  www.wohnen.ethz.ch/en/search-accommodation/international-students/properties.html
	Please note:  - Students coming for research projects can only apply for housing if they are staying for the regular semester dates.  - Students older than 28 years cannot be accommodated in our student housing.
Health Insurance	Basic health insurance is mandatory in Switzerland. ETH Zurich does not provide any insurance. Students may be exempted from taking out a Swiss health insurance policy, if their foreign health insurance coverage is accepted by the Swiss authorities. For further information on exemption please consult: <a href="https://www.gd.zh.ch/internet/gesundheitsdirektion/de/themen/bevoelkerung/krankenversicherung/formulare_obligatorische_kranken">www.gd.zh.ch/internet/gesundheitsdirektion/de/themen/bevoelkerung/krankenversicherung/formulare_obligatorische_kranken</a>





	versicherung.html. Please read the English version of "Allgemeine Informationen", "Antragsformulare", "Bestätigungsformulare - Studierende - Form A". Usually students cannot be exempted and will have to take out a health insurance with a Swiss health insurer of their choice. Special offers for foreign students are available and will be provided upon arrival at ETH Zurich.  Basic coverage for students is around CHF 100 – 200 a month.
Personal Liability Insurance	ETH Zurich is insured against material and property damage, though with a high franchise (amount retained from one's own account). Should instruments and equipment belonging to ETH be damaged by students through negligence (e.g. in practical courses, during semester projects or a thesis), ETH Zurich can make the persons involved accountable for the damage costs. ETH Zurich therefore highly recommends its students to take out a personal liability insurance to cover any unforeseen risks. Such an insurance also covers risks outside of ETH Zurich where expensive damage may occur, e.g. in rented rooms or flats, involvement in accidental bodily injury, etc. Likewise recommendable is a householder's comprehensive insurance including theft/burglary, e.g. for laptops, bicycles, etc.
Visa requirements/ applying for a residence permit	The visa authorization is processed by ETH Zurich.  Students will be informed after their acceptance about the further visa process by email.  See: <a href="https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/usa/en/home/visa/entry-ch/more-90-days/where-to-apply-national.html">www.eda.admin.ch/countries/usa/en/home/visa/entry-ch/more-90-days/where-to-apply-national.html</a> for the Swiss visa desks in the US.  Information regarding the residence permit application are given after arrival at ETH Zurich.  Visa and residence permit fees usually amount to approx. CHF 360.
Cost of living	<ul> <li>General ETH fees: none for exchange students</li> <li>Study materials (books, chemicals,): CHF 50 to CHF 100, depending on field of study</li> <li>Excursions: up to approx. CHF 50</li> <li>Room rent: CHF 450 to CHF 850, or more</li> <li>Food (if using ETH facilities): approx. CHF 500</li> <li>Public transport (buses, tramways within the city of Zurich): approx. CHF 61 to 90, depending on age</li> <li>Health insurance: roughly between CHF 100 and CHF 200</li> <li>→ Total approx. CHF 1400 per month</li> <li>Individual expenses, such as clothes, leisure, travel, telephone, etc., are not included.</li> </ul>
	Students should budget approximately CHF 1750 per month (requirement of migration authorities)





	see also section 'expenses per month' at www.ethz.ch/en/studies/non-degree-courses/exchange-and- visiting-studies/living-in-zurich.html
Scholarship	The Heyning-Roelli-Foundation ( <a href="www.heyning-roelli-stiftung.ch/zweck_zielgruppe_en_page3.html">www.heyning-roelli-stiftung.ch/zweck_zielgruppe_en_page3.html</a> ) supports talented students who want to study for one or two semesters within an exchange at ETH Zurich and who would not be able to afford an exchange without financial assistance.

Useful Websites	
General information on living in Zurich	www.ethz.ch/en/studies/non-degree-courses/exchange-and-visiting-studies/living-in-zurich.html
General information on studying at ETH Zurich	www.ethz.ch/en/studies/non-degree-courses/exchange-and-visiting-studies/about-the-study-programmes.html
Course Catalogue	www.courses.ethz.ch
Examinations at ETH Zurich:	www.exams.ethz.ch
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Incoming Exchange Students	www.ethz.ch/en/studies/non-degree-courses/exchange-and-visiting-studies/faq.html
Student Handbook for International Students	www.ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/main/education/internationales/pdf-en/handbook.pdf
Disability Advisory Service at ETH Zurich	www.ethz.ch/en/studies/prospective-bachelors-degree- students/student-advisory-service/disability-advisory-service.html
ETH Zurich's food facilities	https://www.ethz.ch/en/campus/gastronomie.html
ETH Zurich visual tour	www.ethz.ch/en/the-eth-zurich/portrait/eth-zurich-virtual-tour.html or www.ethz.ch/en/studies.html
ESN Student Network	http://zurich.esn.ch/
ASVZ Academic Sports Association Zurich	https://asvz.ch/en/
VSETH	www.vseth.ethz.ch
Other campus resources	www.ethz.ch/en/campus.html
Psychological Counseling Service	www.pbs.uzh.ch/index_en.html
In Case of Illness	www.doctor.ch/doctor.html www.permanence.ch/
Health Insurance	www.ethz.ch/health-insurance-for-students
Zurich Airport	www.zurich-airport.com/
MySwitzerland - Tourism	www.myswitzerland.com/en-ch/home.html
SwitzerlandMobility - Tourism	www.schweizmobil.ch/en/schweizmobil.html
Switzerland - Education, Politics, Society, History and Economy	www.swissworld.org/