

University of Lausanne Factsheet 2026-2027

GENERAL INFORMATION

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

The International Relations Office draws up and implements exchange agreements.

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STUDENT EXCHANGE (SASME)

The Social Affairs and Student Mobility Service handles all practical matters for exchange students.

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IMPORTANT DATES 2026-2027

AUTUMN SEMESTER

Welcome Day for Exchange Students	10 September 2026
Period of courses	14 September - 18 December 2026
Christmas Holidays	19 December 2026 - 14 January 2027
Exams*	15 - 06 February 2027

SPRING SEMESTER

Welcome Day for Exchange Students	19 February 2027
Period of courses	22 February - 04 June 2027
Easter Holidays	26 March - 02 April 2027
Exams*	14 June - 10 July 2027

NOMINATION DEADLINE FOR SEMP EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS

For the autumn semester	20 April 2026
For the spring semester	15 October 2026
For Medical Students (autumn & spring semesters)	30 March 2026

NOMINATION/APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR OTHER EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS

For the autumn semester	<i>Nomination:</i> 15 March 2026 <i>Application:</i> 5 April 2026
For the spring semester	<i>Nomination:</i> 30 September 2026 <i>Application:</i> 15 October 2026
Full academic calendar	go.unil.ch/academic-calendar

TEACHING LANGUAGE

COURSES TAUGHT IN FRENCH

Most courses at Unil are taught in French. Students' French language skills must be **at least equivalent to level B2 of the CEFR**. Students who do not meet this requirement must enrol in the French as a foreign language courses (see below).

COURSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

- **At Bachelor level**, several courses are taught in English in the Faculty of Business and Economics, in the School of Biology, and in English literature.
- **At Master level**, programmes taught in English are offered in Geology, Environmental Geosciences, Business, Finance, Economics and English Literature.
- A PDF list of **courses taught in English** is available on go.unil.ch/incomingstudy.
- **Students wishing to attend these courses must have sound academic skills, and English language skills at least equivalent to the level B2 of the CEFR.**
- Students planning to attend courses in English are advised to have basic French knowledge for daily life and social integration.

COURSES IN FRENCH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

LE FIL DE L'EFLE (INTENSIVE COURSES IN FRENCH)

FIL offers 3-week intensive and semi-intensive courses in French language during the summer and winter breaks (A0-C1 levels). It is possible to get 4 ECTS credits for the intensive courses only. Students must pay for these courses, unless included in the exchange agreement.

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ÉCOLE DE FRANÇAIS LANGUE ÉTRANGÈRE (SCHOOL OF FRENCH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE)

The School of French as a Foreign Language offers French-language courses during the fall and spring semesters for students from beginner (A0) to advanced levels (C1). Students can study French part-time (A0 to C1) alongside courses taught in English and/or French (min. level B2 required); or can study French full-time (B1 to C1 levels only). Credits can be obtained and courses are free of charge for exchange students.

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ONLINE LEARNING OR TESTING PLATFORMS

go.unil.ch/learnfrench

ACADEMIC INFORMATION AND TRANSCRIPTS

COURSES NOT OPEN TO EXCHANGE STUDENTS

- School of Medicine (except specific SEMP agreements)
- School of Criminal Justice
 - Except the Master of Law in Criminology and Security
 - Bachelor/Master in Forensic Sciences: a written request must be sent to the Direction of the School
- All MSc offered by the School of Biology
- MSc in Accounting, Control and Finance
- MSc in Human Taphonomy
- Executive programmes (EMBA, MAS, etc.)
- Some courses may require prerequisites and approval of the Master programme's director

CREDITS AND GRADES

Unil uses ECTS credits. Grading scale is from 0 (lowest grade) to 6 (highest grade). Passing grade is 4.

COURSE LOAD

We expect our exchange students to complete at least 15 ECTS during their exchange semester at Unil and recommend that they do not exceed 30 ECTS per semester.

TRANSCRIPTS

Bilateral agreements: the original transcript is sent to the exchange office of the partner institution at the end of February for the autumn semester and at the end of August for the spring semester.

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HOUSING

UNIVERSITY HOUSING OFFICE

Unil cannot guarantee housing for all exchange students. Priority is given to overseas exchange students. University halls of residence are open to bachelor and master students only. Advanced studies and continuing education students (Master of Advanced Studies) have not access to university halls of residence. Students who did not get a room through our office can ask for a room rent list.

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INSURANCE

Foreign students must have a health and accident insurance coverage that complies with Swiss regulations. If a foreign health and accident insurance does not offer the minimum coverage required by Swiss law, the exchange student will have to contract a Swiss health and accident insurance for international students. European students can benefit from the minimum coverage required by Swiss law if they have a European Health Insurance Card.

MORE INFORMATION

go.unil.ch/healthinsurance

IMMIGRATION

VISA

Non-European students must apply for a type D visa, intended for stays of more than 90 days, at the Swiss diplomatic representation in their home country at least 3 months before their arrival in Switzerland. Students from European Union countries are not required to complete these formalities.

RESIDENCE PERMIT

Upon arrival in Switzerland, the student must apply for a residence permit at the Population Office of their town of residence. **Important:** this procedure is mandatory for any stay exceeding 3 months.

MORE INFORMATION

go.unil.ch/getsettled

COST OF LIVING

The cost of living in Lausanne for students all included is around CHF 2,100 per month (incl. accommodation: CHF 700 to 900).

MORE INFORMATION

go.unil.ch/costofliving

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

SUPPORT AND ADVISING

General advising and support

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Academic counselling

go.unil.ch/contactin

Peer programme: ESN-Unil

<https://unil.esn.ch>

CAMPUS LIFE

go.unil.ch/your-campus

- **Sports** - more than 180 disciplines
- **Culture** - exhibitions, festivals, workshops,...
- **Student Card & Student ID** - Campus card, Unil ID and email provided
- **University Library** - Campus card required to borrow books

RECOMMENDED ARRIVAL DATES

Autumn semester: first week or beginning of the second week of September

Spring semester: second week of February

USEFUL WEBSITES

International Relations

Programmes and Courses

Information for Exchange Students

go.unil.ch/international

go.unil.ch/study

go.unil.ch/incoming
