HEC Lausanne

HEC Lausanne, the Faculty of Business and Economics of the University of Lausanne (UNIL), is located in a unique and safe environment by Lake Geneva with the Swiss Alps as a backdrop. Public transport connects the campus to the city centre in just 10 minutes. The campus also has exceptional sporting and leisure facilities as well as fast and easy transport connections to Geneva’s international airport and all major European cities.

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**Languages**

**Language of instruction**
Bachelor programs are taught in French with a selection of courses in English. At the Master level courses are mostly in English.

**Language requirements**
Students are not required to pass any language proficiency test. A minimum level of B2 according to the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages” is expected in French and/or English depending on the language of instruction of the courses attended by the student.

**French courses**
School of French as a Foreign Language: [www.unil.ch/fle](http://www.unil.ch/fle)
Cours de vacances: [www.unil.ch/cvac](http://www.unil.ch/cvac)

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**nomination deadlines**

**For coordinators** | **Application deadlines for exchange students**
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**autumn semester**
Faculty / UNIL agreements, QTEM overseas | 
March 31, 2021 | June 30, 2021

SEMP (Swiss-European Mobility Program, Ex-Erasmus), Swiss Mobility, QTEM Europe | 
May 31, 2021 | June 30, 2021

**spring semester**

All agreements | 
October 15, 2021 | October 31, 2021

Exchange students should be nominated by the exchange coordinator at their home university using our nomination form sent from hec.incoming@unil.ch. Then, students will receive our online application and the relevant information for their exchange at HEC Lausanne by email.

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**academic calendar 2021-2022**

**autumn semester**
Welcome day (compulsory) | Thursday, September 16, 2021
First day of classes | Tuesday, September 21, 2021
Last day of classes | Friday, December 24, 2021
Examination session | Friday, January 14 to Saturday, February 5, 2022

**spring semester**
Welcome day (compulsory) | Friday, February 18, 2022
First day of classes | Monday, February 21, 2022
Easter break | Friday, April 15 to Friday, April 22, 2022
Last day of classes | Friday, June 3, 2022
Examination session | Monday, June 13 to Saturday, July 9, 2022
Examination session | Monday, August 22 to Saturday, September 10, 2022

More information: [www.unil.ch](http://www.unil.ch) (select: Academic Calendar)

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**More information**

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course registration
and academic information

Courses
Bachelor exchange students are allowed to take courses only in the 2nd and/or 3rd year of the Bachelor program (undergraduate). In order to attend Master courses (graduate), exchange students must have completed a Bachelor’s degree or a minimum of 3 years’ specialized study (a minimum of 180 ECTS credits). Some courses may require specific prerequisites and the approval of the Master programs director.

General course catalogue
http://hec.unil.ch/hec/timetables/index_html

Lists of courses for exchange students
www.unil.ch/hec/exchange/choice-of-courses

Courses outside HEC Lausanne
An exchange student registered at HEC Lausanne is allowed to take courses in the other faculties of the University. A limited number of courses at the EPFL (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne) are also open to students on request at the beginning of the semester.

Registration
Students do not have to register to attend the courses, except for a few mentioned in the syllabus. However registration for exams is mandatory. Registration dates for exams: www.unil.ch/hec/exchange/exams
Exchange students are expected to take their exams during the official exam session in the same conditions as regular students.

Format of examinations
Written, oral or seminar

Full time course load
30 ECTS credits per semester (14 weeks of classes)

Transcripts
An official transcript is sent by email to the exchange coordinator of the home university approximately two weeks after the end of the examination session.

grading system

| UNIL UNIL | ECTS ECTS | UNIL UNIL |
| grades | grades | grades |
| 6 | A | Excellent |
| 5.5 | B | Very good |
| 5 | C | Good |
| 4.5 | D | Satisfactory |
| 4 | E | Pass |
| 3/3.5 | FX | Fail |
| 1/1.5/2/2.5 | F | Fail |
| 0 | Unjustified absence at the exam or cheating |
The minimum cost of living for a student is approximately CHF 1'950 per month. This includes food and personal care, housing, health insurance, books and school supplies.

Accommodation: Residence halls on/off-campus, rooms in private homes and shared apartments with other students. The cost is minimum CHF 600 to 800 per month.

More information: [www.unil.ch](http://www.unil.ch) (select: Admissions > FAQ & useful information > Pratical > Living costs and study costs)

UNIL has a new student residence on-campus; the Vortex opened in the Summer of 2020. It is a vibrant area with many facilities.

Students who wish to live in an on/off-campus residence should contact the Fondation Maisons pour Etudiants ([www.fmel.ch/en/](http://www.fmel.ch/en/)), and indicate that they are exchange students.

Students may ask for information about other housing options at the Social Affairs and Student Mobility Service (SASME) of the UNIL ([www.unil.ch/sasme](http://www.unil.ch/sasme)).

We recommend that exchange students try finding a room as soon as possible as there is a shortage in accommodation in the Lausanne area.

CHF 150 - CHF 300 per month.

Foreign students in possession of a residence permit for more than 3 months must be insured with one of the health insurance companies officially recognised by the Swiss authorities. However, if a student already has foreign health insurance, a request for exemption can be addressed to the “Office vaudois de l’assurance-maladie OVAM” (www.vd.ch/ovam). This request can be made only in cases where contracting Swiss health insurance would impose a double financial burden on the student and as long as the foreign health insurance guarantees identical coverage to that prescribed by the Swiss law on health insurance (LAMal).

Upon arrival in Switzerland, students should be able to certify that they have successfully completed this procedure; otherwise, they will have to take out an insurance policy in Switzerland.

Information for exchange students: [www.unil.ch/international](http://www.unil.ch/international)

Xchange (International exchange Erasmus student network) organizes trips and social activities: [http://unil.esn.ch](http://unil.esn.ch) / email: xchange@unil.ch

Computer facilities including WiFi: [www.unil.ch/ci](http://www.unil.ch/ci)

Sport facilities: [http://sport.unil.ch](http://sport.unil.ch)

Libraries: [www.bcu-lausanne.ch](http://www.bcu-lausanne.ch)