

Master Design

Admission process 2026

Master of Arts in Design

Design, Digital Ideation, Eco-Social Design, Service Design

Application

Application deadline

01.03.2026

If there are places available,
we accept further applications
after the deadline.

In order to participate in the
admission process, please
register [here](#) until 1st March
2026 and select your major.



A registration fee of CHF 200.00
will be charged and must be paid
before completing your application.

Part 1

Application documents

Please include the documents below with your online application:
All documents must be uploaded in the online application form (max.
file size 50 MB).

Education

- Degree certificate of upper-secondary level (Higher Secondary Education, A-Level, High School) and tertiary education
- Diplomas, school reports, certificates from previous education and further training
- Confirmation of exmatriculation (from previous studies at other Swiss universities)
- Language certificates
- Employer references and confirmations regarding your professional activities/experience/work

For foreign diplomas, an official translation in German or English must be submitted in addition to the original scan.

Enclosures

- Passport, residence permit (if available)
- CV
- Statement of Educational Objectives: 2-3 pages including reasons for applying for the MA Design studies in Lucerne, career goals after your MA studies as well as a brief description of your potential thesis project you like to explore. Be as specific as possible.
- Portfolio (documentation of your past and current creative work)

Notification of decision

18.03.2026

After your documents have been reviewed, you will be informed about the next steps. If the decision is positive, you will receive an email invitation with the date and time for an aptitude interview. In the case of a negative decision, you will also be notified by email.

Part 2

Interview

Interview periods

31.03.–02.04.2026

07.04.–10.04.2026

During a personal interview with the acceptance committee, we will go through the submitted dossier. Please make yourself available for the mentioned period, as the invitation will be sent shortly before. The interview lasts about 25 minutes and can be conducted online.

Decision on admission

Notification of acceptance

27.04.2026

Positive decisions and definitive rejections will be communicated until 27th April 2026. To confirm acceptance of a study place, the student agreement must be returned within 7 days of receiving the acceptance notification. Applicants who meet the admission requirements but cannot be offered a place due to limited capacity will be placed on a waiting list and informed via e-mail. You will be notified as soon as a study place becomes available. Please note that all communication regarding the waiting list will be handled exclusively via e-mail. We are unable to provide updates by phone.

Decision waiting list

Until the end of June 2026

The final decisions on the waiting list will be sent out at the end of June 2026.

Costs / Study fees

According Study Fees

2026–2027

According to "[Study Fees 2026–2027](#)", an already accepted studyplace can be cancelled **until 31st July 2026** without any further costs.

Further information



[Degree Programme](#)
[Master Design](#)



Please refer to the [general information section](#) on our website for details on admission criteria and the application procedure.

Contact

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For specific questions regarding the MA design programmes, please do not hesitate to contact **Prof. Jan-Christoph Zoels**, Head of Master Design programmes: jan-christoph.zoels@hslu.ch