

Design Foundation Year

Admission process 2026

Application	To take part in the admission procedure, please register here by November 24, 2025	A registration fee of CHF 125.00 applies and must be paid before completing the registration.
Application deadline Monday, 24.11.2025		
Information session: Monday, December 1, 2025	All registered applicants will be invited to an information session, where the homework assignments will be handed out and explained. Attendance is recommended but <u>not</u> mandatory.	
	Programme: 4:00 – 5:30 PM: Opportunity to attend classes 5:45 – 7:45 PM: Information event on the admission procedure and discussion of the homework assignments	
Part 1 Homework portfolio	The homework assignments will be sent to all participants by email after the information session.	
	Applicants with a Swiss high school diploma (Matura) that includes a specialization in visual arts ("Bildnerisches Gestalten") - in accordance with nationwide Matura requirements - undergo a simplified admission process. The aptitude assessment takes the form of an interview, which takes place already in mid-December. The final admission decision follows shortly thereafter.	
Submission of homework portfolio Monday, January 19, 2026 3:00–7:00 PM in the foyer	Submission of the homework portfolio Portfolios must be submitted to the following address: Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts – Design Film Art, Nylsuisseplatz 1, 6020 Lucerne-Emmenbrücke	
Notification of decision Part 1 By January 29, 2026	If your application is successful, you will receive an invitation to the second part of the entrance exam. If not, we will inform you when your portfolio will be ready for collection.	

Part 2

Exam half-day

February 20, 2026

For all applicants invited to the second part of the admission procedure, the exam half-day will take place on Friday, February 20, 2026.

Location: Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts – Design Film Art, Nylsuisseplatz 1, 6020 Lucerne-Emmenbrücke

Notification of final admission decision

By the end of March 2026

Admission decision

Final admission decisions will be communicated in writing, on a rolling basis, by the end of March 2026.

Further information

<https://www.hslu.ch/en/lucerne-school-of-design-film-and-art/degree-programmes/foundation-course-art-and-design/>

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact the Foundation Course Office:

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