

Design Foundation Year

Admission process 2027

Application

Application deadline

Monday, 23.11.2026

To take part in the admission procedure, please register [here](#) by November 23, 2026

A registration fee of CHF 125.00 applies and must be paid before completing the registration.

Information session:

Monday, 30.11.2026

All registered applicants will be invited to an information session, where the homework assignments will be handed out and explained. Attendance is recommended but not 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 on Monday, 30.11.2026.

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, 18.01.2027

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 28.01.2027

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

12.02.2027

For all applicants invited to the second part of the admission procedure, the exam half-day will take place on Friday, 19.02.2027. 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 2027

Admission decision

Final admission decisions will be communicated in writing, on a rolling basis, by the end of March 2027.

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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